



Assignment Record– Bro. George Donnelly, c.f.x.

Summary of Case: Bro. George Donnelly, a Xaverian brother since 1964, resigned from his long-time teaching and guidance counseling positions at St. John's Prep all boys' high school in Danvers MA in December 2003 after a former student said Donnelly molested him in 1993. Donnelly later admitted to having committed "sexual misconduct" with the boy. He is known to have gone on to serve as a hospital chaplain in the Boston archdiocese in 2006, later moving to the Venice FL area, where he has continued as a "nondenominational" hospital chaplain and food bank volunteer.

Vows: 1964



Start	Stop	Assignment	Town/Accusations	State	Position	Notes
Newark archdiocese		St. Joseph Regional High School  	Montvale	NJ		Donnelly was assigned to St. Joseph's through the 1970s, and may have been there through the 1960s as well.
1984 Boston archbishop	December 2003	St. John's Preparatory School	Danvers • Donnelly was accused in December 2003 of	MA	teacher, guidance counselor	St. John's Prep is a Xaverian high school for boys.

was Bernard Francis Law (1984-2002), followed by Sean Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. (2003-).			having molested a St. John's prep. student in 1993. Donnelly admitted to two incidents of "sexual misconduct" with the student.			Donnelly "voluntarily resigned " from his position at St. John's after the allegation emerged.
December 2003	2006					
2006		South Shore Hospital	Weymouth	MA	Coordinator of Catholic Pastoral Services	
August 2006 Venice bishop was John Joseph Nevis (1984-2007), followed by Frank Joseph Dewane (2007-).		Hospital Chaplain		FL	non-denominational volunteer hospital chaplain	Per Donnelly's Linkedin page September 28, 2015.
January 2014		South Sarasota County Food Bank	Sarasota	FL	volunteer	Per Donnelly's Linkedin page September 28, 2015

Sources:

- [Teacher Resigns over Accusation; Ex-Student Claims Abuse at St. John's](#), By Dave Wedge, Boston Herald, December 31, 2003
- [Editorial: Why 'Prep' News?](#), Tri-Town Transcript [Danvers MA], January 8, 2004
- [Listen](#), newsletter, bostoncatholic.org, April 2006
- [The Missing Names from Cardinal O'Malley's List of Accused Clerics](#), Boston Globe, November 20, 2011
- [St. Joseph Regional High School website 2012](#), accessed September 28, 2015
- [George Donnelly](#), Linkedin, accessed September 28, 2015
- St. Joseph Regional High School Yearbook 1975

Priests in a Parish: We use the following convention to show a priest's place among the clergy of a parish: 1/2 means that he is the first priest listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* (usually the pastor) and that there is a total of two priests at the parish. The shorthand 3/4 means that the priest is listed third on a four-priest roster. See our [sample page from the Directory](#).

Note: The *Official Catholic Directory* aims to report the whereabouts of Catholic priests in the United States on January 1 of the *Directory's* publication year. Our working assumption is that a priest listed in the *Directory* for a given year was at the same assignment for part of the previous year as well. However, Kenedy and Sons will sometimes accept updates well into the year of publication. Diocesan clergy records are rarely available to correct this information. The *Directory* is also sometimes misleading or wrong. We have tried to create an accurate assignment record, given the source materials and their limitations. Assignment records are a work in progress and we are always improving the records that we post. Please [email us](#) with new information and corrections.

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