

Assignment Record – Rev. Michael G. Kolar

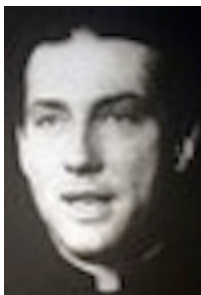
Summary of Case: Kolar was accused of sexually abusing at least three young women while he was director of the St. Paul Youth Center in St. Paul in the 1970s and 1980s. One of his victims was 15 years old when he started grooming her. Kolar admitted to having a problem with vulnerable young women, and that he was a sexual abuser. Kolar was sent to South America to do mission work in 1990. He was removed from ministry in 1991 and laicized in 1993. He went on to marry and died in 2024.

Ordained: 1969

Incardinated: St. Paul-Minneapolis

Laicized: 1993

Died: November 9, 2024



Start	Stop	Parish/Assignment	Town/Accusations	State/Country	Position	Notes
1969 St. Paul-Minneapolis archbishop was Leo Binz (1961-1975)	1971	St. Raphael's	Crystal City	MN	3/3	St. Raphael's had a school with 685-657 students. In the 1971 <i>Directory</i> Kolar is indexed as as at St. Raphael's, but is not listed there in the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocesan pages.
1971 Binz was succeeded by John Robert Roach (1975-1995)	1988	Catholic Youth Center	St. Paul • A woman filed suit in 1990 accusing Kolar of initiating unwanted sexual contact with her in 1984 during a religious retreat. She was receiving counseling from Kolar.	MN	Assistant Director 1971-1973; Director 1973-1988	

Kolar denied the allegation. Archdiocesan officials learned of this allegation in 1986, said they took remedial remedies, but allowed Kolar to stay at the youth center.

- Kolar was accused in a 1990 lawsuit of having sexually abused [a young woman](#) in 1973. The woman was staying at the youth center while receiving psychiatric care for depression. Kolar admitted to the allegation, but said the sexual contact was consensual. The allegation was reported to the archdiocese in 1988, and Kolar was removed from his post at the youth center.

- A third woman sued in 1991, accusing Kolar of [sexually abusing her over an 11 year period](#), beginning in 1972 when she was a 15 year-old high school student. She met Kolar at the youth center. In a deposition Kolar testified that he learned in treatment that he had a problem with vulnerable young women, and he admitted to being an abuser.

May 1988	1989	St. Luke' Institute	Silver Spring	MD	inpatient	Kolar is not indexed in the 1989 <i>Directory</i> , nor is he listed at his previous or next assignments.
1989	1990	Special Assignment/Chancery Pro-tem	St. Paul-Minneapolis	MN		
July 1990	Dec. 1990	Maryknoll Language School	Cochabamba	Bolivia	student	
1991		On Duty Outside the Archdiocese/Latin American Apostolate	Guyana	Venezuela	missionary	Kolar is not indexed beyond the 1991 <i>Directory</i> . He was removed from ministry in 1991 laicized in 1993 .

Sources: Official Catholic Directory (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1970-1991)

- [Two Women File Sexual Abuse Lawsuits against Priest](#), United Press International, May 17, 1990
- [Woman Alleges Priest Abused Her](#), United Press International, September 19, 1990
- [Woman Awarded \\$ 10,000 in Sex Assault by Priest](#), St. Petersburg Times, September 26, 1992
- [ABC & XYZ, Wife and Husband, Appellants, v. The archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, et al.](#), Respondents, Father Michael G. Kolar, Respondent, March 22, 1994, Findacase.com.
- [Kolar Timeline](#), andersonadvocates.com
- [Kolar Priest File](#), Jeffrey Anderson & Associates

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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