

## Assignment History– Rev. Howard Joseph Richmond

**Ordained:** 1945

**Died:** January 28, 1986

Ordained for the Oratorians, after which he was assigned in the Diocese of Charleston, SC. Absent on leave 1951-1953. Re-emerged in the Diocese of Brooklyn, no longer as an Oratorian. Worked as a parish priest in Brooklyn until his retirement in 1977. Moved to San Diego CA, where he died in 1986. Accused in a 2003 lawsuit of sexually abusing a boy at Blessed Sacrament in Brooklyn, where he was assigned 1962-1973. Per the lawsuit, Richmond looked on while Fr. Richard Lewkiewicz abused him, but did nothing.

Start	Stop	Assignments	Town/ Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1945	1946	<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>Beaufort</b>	SC	<a href="#">2/2</a>	Richmond is indexed and listed in the Charleston pages of the <i>Directory</i> as "H. Joseph Richmond."
<p>Diocese of Charleston</p> <p>Bishops were Emmet Michael Walsh (1927-1949), John Joyce Russell (1950-1958).</p>						
		<b>St. Anthony's</b>	<b>Hardeeville</b>	SC		This was a

				C		mission of St. Peter's in Beaufort.
			Bluffton	S C		This was a mission of St. Peter's in Beaufort.
		St. Anthony's	Walterboro	S C		This was a mission of St. Peter's in Beaufort.
		St. James	Ritter (Catholic Hill)	S C		This was a mission of St. Peter's in Beaufort. St. James parish was noted to be "colored."
		St. Andrew's	Pritchardville	S C		This was a mission of St. Peter's in Beaufort.
1946	1951	Sacred Heart	Charleston	S C	2/2, 2/3	
1951	1953	Absent on Leave				The 1952 <i>Directory</i> shows Richmond to be a absent on leave, with no indication as to where. The 1953 <i>Directory</i> gives the address 72 Maujer St., Brooklyn

						Brooklyn, NY, which is that of Immaculate Conception of the BVM. He is not, however, listed as there in the Brooklyn pages.
1953  Diocese of Brooklyn  Bishops were Thomas Edmund Malloy (1921-1956), Bryan Joseph McEntegart (1957-1968), Francis John Mugavero (1968-1990).	1954	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Brooklyn	N Y		The 1954 <i>Directory</i> shows Richmond to be a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, his name now <b>Howard J. Richmond</b> .  Immaculate Conception of the BVM had a school with 284 boys and 303 girls.
1954	1962	<b>St. Benedict's</b>	Brooklyn	N Y	3/3, 2/2, 2/3	St. Benedict's had a school with

						school with 256-127 boys and 274-147 girls.
1962	1973	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Brooklyn</b>	N Y	3/4, 3/5, 2/3, 2/4	<p>Blessed Sacrament had a school with 562-426 boys and 620-434 girls.</p> <p>Among the priests at Blessed Sacrament from 1968 on was Richard M. <b>Lewkiewicz</b>, who was accused in a 2003 lawsuit of past abuse of a boy. The suit claimed Richmond witnessed the abuse but did nothing. The diocese said the allegation had <u>no merit</u>, and Lewkiewicz</p>

						was kept in ministry.
1973	1977	<b>St. Rose of Lima</b>	<b>Brooklyn</b>	N Y	2/4 2/5	St. Rose of Lima's had a school with 763-535 students.
1977	1986	<b>Retired</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	C A		Address given was 25-22 Clairmont Dr., 101, San Diego CA.  Richmond died January 28, 1986.

**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](#).

**Source:** *Official Catholic Directory* (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons 1946-1987)

**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

connections.

This assignment record collates Richmond's career history as it is represented in the *Official Catholic Directory* with the allegations against him, as reported in the media. We make no representation regarding the truth of the allegations we report, and we remind our readers that the U.S. legal system presumes that a person accused of or charged with a crime is innocent until proven guilty. Similarly, individuals who may be defendants in civil actions are presumed not to be liable for such claims unless a plaintiff proves otherwise. Admissions of guilt or liability are not typically a part of civil or private settlements. For more information, see our [posting\\_policy](#).

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