

Rev. Harold Danielson, s.d.b.

Summary of Case: Danielson was assigned in the U.S. and in Canada. He was accused of child sexual abuse in a 2005 lawsuit. The Salesians had done an investigation and concluded that the allegation was unfounded. The Salesians also stated that the San Francisco Archdiocese's Independent Review Board investigated the claims in 2004 and deemed them "unsubstantiated." A board member who resigned in January 2005 said that the case had not come before the board. Danielson continued in active ministry.

Ordained: 1966

Start	Stop	Parish/Assignment	Town/ Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1966	1967					Danielson is not indexed in the 1967 <i>Directory</i> .
1967 Los Angeles archbishop was James Francis Aloysius McIntyre (1948-1970), followed by Timothy Manning (1970-1985)	1971	St. Joseph Salesian Juniorate	S. San Gabriel/ Rosemead	CA		The Juniorate had 30-20 students.

1971	1978	St. John Bosco High School	Bellflower	CA		St. John Bosco had 750-850 students, all male. It had an intermediate school, and boarders, until those two programs were closed in the late 1970s, according to its website, Stbosco.org.
		St. Mary's School	Edmonton	Alber ta, Cana da		
		St. Dominic Savio Parish				
		St. John Bosco Parish				
		St. Elizabeth Seton School				
		St. Maria Goretti School				
		Anne Fitzgerald Catholic School				

1978	1980					Danielson is not indexed in the 1979 or 1980 <i>Directories</i>. Asked in the Spring of 1980 to go to Rome to prepare for his new appointment in vocation ministry and seminary formation, per an online bio.
1980	1984	De Sales Hall	Bellflower	CA	Administrator, Home Seminary Director 1980-1983.	This was a pre-Novitiate program for the Salesian order.
1984	1986					Danielson is not indexed in the 1985 or 1986 <i>Directories</i> .
1986	1993	Corpus Christi	San Francisco	CA	1/4 , 1/2, 1'5, 1/3	Corpus Christi had a school with 323-258 students.
1993	1997	St. Dominic Savio	Bellflower	CA	1/3, 2/4, 1/3	St. Dominic's had a school with 345-381 students, and a religious education program with 344-630 students.

1997	1998					Danielson is not indexed in the 1998 <i>Directory</i> .
1998 Monterey bishop was Sylvester Donovan Ryan (1992-2006)	2000	St. Francis Youth Center	Watsonville	CA		
1999	2002	Our Lady Help of Christians (Portuguese)	Watsonville	CA	1/2, 1/3 Vice Director of the Salesians in Watsonville 2000-2002.	Our Lady's had a religious education program with 59-141 students.
2002 Laredo bishop was James Anthony Tamayo (2000-)	2003	San Luis Ray	Laredo	TX	2/3	San Luis Ray had a religious education program with 380 students.

2003	2011	SS Peter and Paul	San Francisco	CA	5/8, 5/9, 4/9, 4/8	SS Peter and Paul had a school with 298-231 students, and a religious education program with 60-40 students.
San Francisco archbishop was William Joseph Levada (1995-2005), followed by George Hugh Niederauer (2005-)			Danielson was accused of child molestation in a 2005 lawsuit. He was kept in ministry. The allegations were investigated by the Salesians and deemed "unsubstantiated". The Salesians claimed that the archdiocesan review board also investigated and agreed that the allegations were unsubstantiated. A review board member who resigned in Jan. 2005 stated, however, that the Danielson case did not come before the board while he was there.			

Sources: Official Catholic Directory (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1967-2010)

- [SNAP Press Release](#), Giving Voice to Victims, SNAP, May 16, 2005
- [House of the Accused](#), By Ron Russell, San Francisco Weekly, January 5, 2006
- [History of St. John Bosco Parish](#)

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