

## **Father Gerard Boisvert – Diocese of Fall River**

### **Assignment Record:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
1940	Ordained
1941-1955	St. Anthony of Padua's (French), New Bedford, MA
1956-1963	Notre Dame de Lourdes (French), Fall River, MA
1963-1967	St. Anthony of Padua's (French), New Bedford, MA
	Died July 2, 1967

### **Sources:**

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

### **Summary:**

- Father Gerard Boisvert was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least 40 occasions from approximately 1963 when the boy was approximately eleven years old until approximately 1965 when the boy was approximately thirteen years old. During the sexual abuse, Father Boisvert was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford, MA, and the boy belonged to the parish. The sexual abuse took place inside the sacristy of St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford, MA, and inside the sacristy of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in New Bedford, MA.
- The sexual abuse by Father Boisvert included the following: Father Boisvert fondling the boy's penis and testicles, both over the clothes and skin on skin; Father Boisvert forcing the boy to masturbate Father Boisvert's penis; Father Boisvert rubbing his penis against the boy's face; and Father Boisvert sodomizing the boy.
- The claim settled in 2023 in the mid-five figures.