

## Assignment Record – Bro. Leo R. Labbe, S.C. aka Bro. Gerald

**Summary of Case:** A Brother of the New England Province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Leo Labbe, S.C. was accused in 2002 of having sexually abused an 11-year-old boy at one of the order's schools, in 1960 or 1961. At the time of the alleged abuse Labbe was known as Bro. Gerald. Labbe denied the accusation. He placed himself on leave when the allegation surfaced; the case was settled in 2004. Labbe held a number of leadership position within the order, including school principal, Superior, and Provincial of the New England Province. He worked in MA, NH, RI and England, retiring in 2008 to Pascoag RI.

**First Vows:** 1959

**Final Vows:** 1965



| Start                 | Stop | Parish/Assignment | Town/<br>Accusations | State/<br>Country | Position | Notes                       |
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| August<br>25,<br>1957 |      |                   |                      |                   |          | Labbe entered the order.    |
| 1959                  |      |                   |                      |                   |          | Labbe professed first vows. |

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| 1960<br><br>Boston arch-bishop was Richard James Cushing (1944-1970). | 1962 | <b>Sacred Heart Academy</b>   | <b>Andover</b><br><br>• Labbe was accused in 2002 of having sexually abused an <a href="#">11-year-old boy</a> at Sacred Heart Academy in 1960 or 1961. <a href="#">Labbe denied the accusation.</a> | MA | teacher                   | Labbe was known as "Bro. Gerald" during the time of the alleged abuse.                 |
| Burlington diocese  |      | <b>St. Michael College</b>    | <b>Winooski</b>  | VT | student                   | Labbe earned a bachelor's degree in English.   |
|   | 1965 |                               |  |    |                           | Labbe proessed final vows in 1965.   |
| 1962<br><br>Worcester bishop was Bernard Joseph Flanagan (1959-1983). | 1971 | <b>Notre Dame High School</b> | <b>Fitchburg</b>   | MA | english teacher; Superior | Appointed Superior of the Brothers of the Notre Dame High School faculty in June 1969. |

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| 1971<br>Providence<br>bishop<br>was<br>Louis<br>Edward<br>Gelineau<br>(1971-<br>1997). | 1973 | <b>Sacred Heart<br/>Preparatory School</b> | <b>Harrisville</b>   | RI | Principal | Admitted<br>child<br>molester<br>Bro.<br>Guy <b>Beaulieu</b><br>S.C. said<br>in sworn<br>testimony in<br>1993 that<br>in <a href="#">1971 he<br/>told Labbe</a> ,<br>then the<br>school's<br>principal,<br>that he had<br>sexually<br>abused a<br>boy. Labbe<br>has denied<br>recalling or<br>knowing of<br>the<br>abuse. <a href="#">Beaulieu</a><br>was<br>transferred to<br>another<br>school the<br>following<br>year. |
| Worcester<br>diocese   |      | <b>Assumption College</b>                  | <b>Worcester</b>     | MA | student   | Labbe earned<br>a master's<br>degree in<br>Counseling.   |
| San<br>Francisco<br>archdiocese  |      | <b>University of San<br/>Francisco</b>     | <b>San Francisco</b> | CA | student   | Labbe earned<br>a master's in<br>school<br>administra-<br>tion.  |

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| 1972<br>Manchester<br>bishop<br>was<br>Ernest<br>John<br>Primeau<br>(1959-<br>1974).        | 1973 | <b>Bishop Guertin High<br/>School</b>                             | <b>Manchester</b> | NH |            |  |
| 1974<br>Provid-<br>ence<br>bishop<br>was<br>Louis<br>Edward<br>Gelineau<br>(1971-<br>1997). | 1984 | <b>Mount St. Charles<br/>Academy</b>                              | <b>Woonsocket</b> | RI |            |  |
| 1985  | 1991 | <b>New England<br/>Province, Brothers<br/>of the Sacred Heart</b> |                   | RI | Provincial |  |

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| 1991   | 2004 | <b>Bishop Guertin High School</b> | Nashua            | NH      | Principal 1991-1992;<br>Headmaster 1992-1999;<br>President 1999-2003 | <a href="#">Labbe placed himself on leave</a> after the accusation surfaced that he had abused a boy in the early 1960s. |
| Manchester bishop was Leo Edward O'Neil (1990-1997), followed by John Brendan McCormack (1998-2011). |      |                                   |                   |         |  |  |
| 2004   | 2008 |                                   | <b>St. Albans</b> | England | Foreign Mission Development Director                                 |  |
| 2008   |      | <b>Provincial House</b>           | <b>Pascoag</b>    | RI      | Director   | This is the province's retirement community.   |
| Providence bishop was Thomas Joseph Tobin (2005-).   |      |                                   |                   |         |  |  |

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**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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