

Father John V. Ahern – Diocese of Syracuse

Summary:

- Father John V. Ahern was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least three occasions from approximately 1976 until approximately 1979 when the male child was approximately eleven to fourteen years of age. During the period of sexual abuse, Father Ahern was assigned to or affiliated with St. James Church in Syracuse, NY while the boy attended St. James Church. The sexual abuse occurred in the sacristy of St. James Church and the bathroom of St. James Church.
- The sexual abuse by Father Ahern consisted of Father Ahern exposing his penis to the boy, Father Ahern having the boy perform oral sex on him, and Father Ahern sodomizing the male minor child.
- The claim settled in 2025 in the mid six figures.