

Rev. James Campbell, m.s.c.



Ordained: 1972

Summary: Held a Masters of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and an MA in counseling psychology from Loyola University in Chicago. Assigned to a Diocese of Providence parish and Rhode Island Medical Center 7/1975 -11/1977. Also assigned in OH, Bogota Colombia, IL, the Marshall Islands, and PA. In 1994 the Providence Diocese received a report that Campbell sexually abused a boy, age 15, multiple times 1975-1976 at St. Joseph's in Warwick RI, at a Narragansett hotel, and in a hotel near Youngstown OH. No action. Placed on leave by his Order in 2002; he had been living in Center Valley PA. The Order told Providence that there were other complaints filed against Campbell while he was in IL. Indicted in 9/2003. Convicted in 12/2004 of the abuse of two teenagers, one a girl, in Uxbridge MA 1975-1978. Sentenced in 1/2005 to 90 days in a house of corrections and 10 years' probation, and to register as a sex offender. Laicization announced in 3/2005. Included on the Diocese of Rockford's list 11/14/2018. Died in 2007. On the Providence diocese's list 7/1/2019 of credibly accused. Also included on the the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart USA list of credibly accused. Included in the 5/23/2023 IL Attorney General's Report. Included in the 3/4/2026 RI Attorney General's Report, which notes that the victim who came forward in 1994 told the Providence diocese's investigator in 2002 that he believed that Campbell had also abused two brothers around the time of his abuse, one of whom later died by suicide.

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Start	Stop	Assignment	Town/ Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1972	1974		Chicago	IL		Earned a Masters of Divinity at the Theological Catholic Union and

						an MA in counseling psychology from Loyola University.
1974 Bishop of Toledo was John A. Donovan (1967-1980)	1975	Shelby Ohio Religious Center	Shelby	OH		The Center is listed as the Adult Religious Education Center and Novitiate-Brothers' Juniorate of US Province of the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.
1975 Bishop of Providence was Louis E. Gelineau (1971-1997)	1978	St. Joseph's	West Warwick • Pleaded guilty in 2004 to molesting a teen boy and a teen girl, both St. Joseph parishioners, in MA in 1975 and 1978 (Worcester Telegram & Gazette December 23, 2004).	RI	2/4 , 2/5 Pastor was Rev. Rev. Gerald J. Sommer, m.s.c. Listed after Campbell are Revs. Marcel Du Pont, m.s.c and Ronald Leinen, m.s.c. A fifth priest, Rev. Andrew J. Torma, m.s.c., joined them in 1976-1977.	St. Joseph's had a school with 253 students.
1975	1978	Institute of Mental Health	Cranston	RI	4/4 Revs. Marcel	

					Du Pont, m.s.c; Ronald Leinen, m.s.c, Andrew J Torma, m.s.c , James D. Campbell, m.s.c.	
1978		St. Margaret Mary Parish Center	Barrio of Ciudad Kennedy, Bogota	Colombia	2/3 Revs. Howard Fath, m.s.c., James Campbell, m.s.c., Joseph Jablonski, m.s.c.	The <i>Directories</i> index and list Campbell as in Bogota, but he is still also listed at St. Joseph's in West Warwick and the Institute of Mental Health in Cranston RI.
1978	1980?	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center	Barrio of Nueva Floresta, Cali, Valle	Colombia	3/3; Revs. Thomas Carney, m.s.c., Leo Petit, m.s.c., James Campbell, m.s.c.	
1980	1982	?	?			Campbell is not indexed or listed in the <i>Directories</i> .
1982 Rockford Bishop was	1991	St. Therese of Jesus	Aurora	IL	1/1	St. Therese's had a school with 128-221

Arthur Joseph O'Neill (1968-1994)						students.
1991 Thomas George Doran replaced O'Neill as bishop (1994 -)	2000	Sacred Heart Monastery	Aurora	IL		Sacred Heart is listed in the <i>Directories</i> as the Provincial Administrative Office of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.
2000	2002	M.S.C. Foreign Missions	Marshall Islands			Removed from active ministry in 2002, due to accusations (Providence Journal-Bulletin March 21, 2005).
2002 The Bishop of Allentown was Edward Peter Cullen (1997-2009)	2003	Sacred Heart Villa	Center Valley	PA		Sacred Heart Villa is a Retirement and Health Care Facility, and part of the Pennsylvania regional community of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.
2003			?	?		Campbell no longer appears

						<p>appears in <i>Directories</i> after 2003.</p> <p>Campbell requested and was granted laicization in February 2005 (Pawtucket Times [West Warwick RI] March 22, 2005).</p>
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Source: *Official Catholic Directory* (New York: Kenedy & Sons, 1973-2004).

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](#).

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 & 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.