

Father Francis J. Crowley – Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1954 – 1957	St. Mary's Church, Hull, MA
1958 – 1961	St. Mary of the Annunciation, Cambridge, MA
1962 – 1964	Immaculate Conception Church, Salem, MA
1965 – 1968	St. Peter's Church, Gloucester, MA
1969 – 1978	Holy Family Church, Rockland, MA
1979 – 1986	St. William's Church, Dorchester, MA
1987	Awaiting Assignment
1988 – 2008	Military & VA Chaplain, Archdiocese of Boston, MA
1992	U.S.V.A. Medical Center, Bronx, NY
1995 – 2008	Veterans Administration Hospital, Providence, RI
2008	Died March 8, 2008

Sources

- [The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons](#)

Summary:

- Father Francis J. Crowley was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least one occasion in approximately 1978 when the male child was approximately fourteen years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Crowley was assigned to St. William's Church, Dorchester, MA, and the child was tasked with performing maintenance on the parish grounds as part of the city's Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. The sexual abuse occurred in Father Crowley's office, located in the rectory of St. William's Church, where the child had been instructed by Father Crowley to perform various cleaning tasks.
- The sexual abuse consisted of Father Crowley fondling the male child's penis and testicles over the male child's clothing.
- The claim settled in 2025 in the mid five figures.