

Reverend Francis G. Kulig

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1948
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 18, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

6/1974 – 9/1974	Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, PA
9/1974 – 9/1979	Asst. Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Scranton, PA
9/1979 – 10/1985	Asst. Pastor, St. John the Evangelist, Wilkes-Barre, PA
10/1985 – 9/1986	Asst. Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock, PA
9/1986 – 8/1987	Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake, Lake Winola, PA
8/01/1987	Resigned from St. Mary of the Lake
9/1987 – 1/2001	Chaplain, Mercy Center Convent, Dallas, PA
1/2001 – 6/2002	Chaplain, Holy Family Residence, Scranton, PA,
7/03/2002	Removed from ministry

Summary

On November 4, 1986, a concerned father wrote a letter to the Diocese of Scranton wherein he alleged that his son was sexually molested by Father Francis G. Kulig beginning in 1979 when the boy was 12 years old. The abuse continued until Kulig was transferred on October 2, 1985. It was alleged that there was mutual masturbation, oral sex and anal sex.

When he was interviewed, Kulig admitted to having a relationship with the victim. He stated that mutual masturbation was the only activity that occurred.

On December 30, 1986, Bishop Timlin acknowledged that Kulig would receive treatment. He underwent treatment from February 17, 1987 through August 14, 1987.

At the request of Timlin, Kulig submitted his resignation from St. Mary of the Lake.

Following his treatment, Kulig was assigned to the Mercy Center Convent. Upon learning of this assignment, the victim's father began writing Timlin, expressing his concerns that Kulig was still a priest.

A sum of \$10,000 was ultimately paid to the family.

Effective July 3, 2002, Kulig had his faculties removed. He was prohibited from wearing clerical garb and presenting himself as a priest. He was further prohibited from celebrating mass or the sacraments as a priest.