

Reverend Bartley A. Sorensen

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1949
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	October 23, 1976

Employment/Assignment History

11/1/1976 – 6/29/1981	St. Ferdinand, Cranberry, PA
6/30/1981 – 6/28/1983	St. Colman, Turtle Creek, PA
6/29/1983 – 1/31/1985	St. James, Sewickley, PA
2/1/1985 – 6/11/1990	St. Valentine, Bethal Park, PA
6/11/1990 – 6/1/1992	Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
6/1/1992 – 9/1/1995	Mater Dolorosa, Chicora, PA
9/1/1995 – 9/10/1999	St. Joseph, Chicora, PA
9/1/1995 – 9/10/1999	Mater Dolorosa, Chicora, PA
9/10/1999 – 1/27/2003	St. Victor, Bairdford, PA
2/9/2004 – 2/4/2011	West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
2/4/2011 – 11/14/2011	St. Ann, Pittsburgh, PA
11/14/2011 – 12/9/2011	St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

On December 9, 2011, a woman went to the residence of Father Bartley A. Sorensen in order to speak with him. Upon entering his office, she observed him looking at child pornography on his computer. She believed that the child was older than five years of age, but no more than 10 years of age. When she questioned him about it, he acknowledged it. The woman left and immediately reported the incident to the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

By special mandate, the Bishop placed Sorensen on administrative leave and all his faculties were revoked. The Diocese then immediately contacted the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Sorensen was arrested that same day. A search of Sorensen's residence revealed over 5,000 images of child pornography on his computer, as well as on CDs, DVDs and various print books. The information was then turned over to the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania who prosecuted the crime federally.

On May 23, 2012, Sorensen entered a guilty plea and was incarcerated immediately. On January 2, 2013, he was sentenced to 97 months of incarceration, followed by five years of supervised release. Additionally, he is required to permanently register as a convicted sex offender and pay a fine of \$25,000