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**Alleged Abuse:** Named by the Diocese of Baton Rouge as credibly accused of abuse

**Where is he now:** Deceased.

Gensler was named in the list released by the Diocese of Baton Rouge of priests credibly accused of abuse. Gensler was ordained for the Diocese of Lafayette in 1970. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Baton Rouge in 1978. More than one allegation has been made against Gensler. The alleged abuse dates back to the late 1970s according to the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

The Diocese says that Gensler was placed on leave and permanently removed from ministry in 1994.

Gensler died in 2016 at the age of 77.

According to the Advocate, Gensler was sworn in as a Lafayette Police officer in 1973. The newspaper says that then-chief Roland Dart said at the time that Gensler would perform the normal duties of a police officer and felt he would be

particularly useful in youth programs. It's unclear how long he remained with the department or if he worked with kids there. He had previously been a New Orleans cop and worked for the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission before he became an officer, the article said.

***The information below provided by Diocese of Baton Rouge.***

**Affiliation:** Diocese of Baton Rouge

**Year of Ordination:** 1970 for the Diocese of Lafayette

Incardinated into the Diocese of Baton Rouge in 1978

**Pastoral Assignments:**

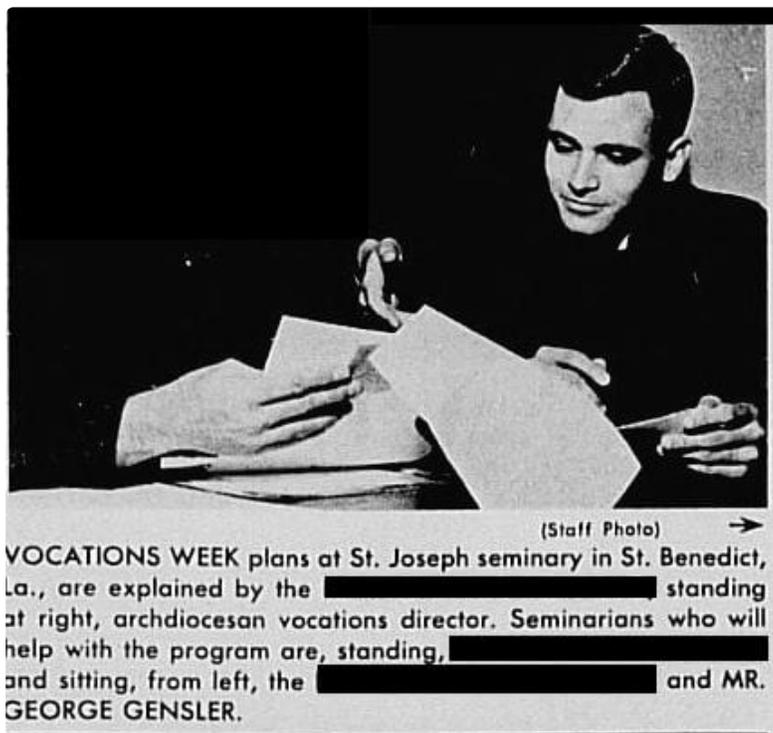
1976-1978: On duty outside the Diocese of Lafayette.

Our Lady of Mercy, Baton Rouge, LA (In Residence)

1979: Spiritual Director – St. Joseph Cathedral Preparatory Diocesan Seminary, Baton Rouge, LA

1980 – 1993: St. Anthony of Padua Church, Darrow, LA

1995-1997: On leave.



Gensler shown in The Clarion Herald on May 1963 (others in the photo have been removed from photo )

**Number of Allegations:** More than One

**Assignment at time of abuse:** St. Anthony of Padua, Darrow, LA

**Dates of Abuse:** Late-1970s

**Dates Reports Received:** 2/6/1994 and 10/26/2018

**Action Taken:** Placed on administrative leave and permanently removed from ministry in 1994.

**Present State:** Deceased (2016)

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