

NAME: Fr. David Arsenault
DATE OF BIRTH: March 31, 1945
STATUS: Pastor, Most Holy Trinity Church
ORDINATION: May 23, 1981

ASSIGNMENTS:

1981-1984 St. Joseph's Church, Renovo, PA
1984-1994 Most Holy Trinity Church, Huntingdon, PA
1994-1996 Penn State Catholic Community
1996-2000 Holy Cross Church (Spangler) and St. Jude Church (Bakerton)
2000-2005 unknown assignment
2005-present Most Holy Trinity Church, Huntingdon, PA

Father David Arsenault was a priest at St. Joseph's Church in Renovo, Pennsylvania. Arsenault became interested in the athletic program of a local high school. Arsenault became the team chaplain, attended all the games, and "hung-out" with the boys in the boys' locker room. At the urging of his parents who believed that a priest would be a good influence, a 17-year-old boy began spending time with Arsenault. Arsenault insisted on counseling twice a week at the church rectory.

Counseling sessions would start with "wrestling" which turned into massages. Arsenault placed his hands on the boy's legs and thighs. On at least one occasion Arsenault attempted to grab the boy's penis. The boy learned to dissuade the priest by holding his legs together closely.

Shortly after turning 18 the victim went on a trip to Washington D.C. with Arsenault. The victim awoke after falling asleep to find Arsenault grinding his penis into the victim and kissing him. The victim forced him out of the room but remained awake all night in case Arsenault returned.

On the ride back from Washington D.C. the victim asked Father Arsenault why he did it. Arsenault told the victim he was gay and that 80% of Catholic priests are gay. The victim attempted to go on with life, twice attempting suicide. When questioned by Diocesan officials in 2005 Arsenault admitted he had engaged in "horseplay" with the boy. Father David Arsenault remains in ministry to this day.

On January 12, 2015, Father Arsenault invoked his rights against self-incrimination when asked how long he had been a priest in the Diocese.