

NAME: Fr. Thomas Carroll
DATE OF BIRTH: May 15, 1945
DATE OF DEATH: October 1, 1988
ORDINATION: May 15, 1971

ASSIGNMENTS:

06/1971-10/1972	St. John Gualbert Church, Johnstown, PA
10/1972-12/1972	St. Joseph's Church, Revono, PA
01/1973-09/1973	St. Augustine Church, St. Augustine, PA
09/1973-09/1973	St. Boniface Church
12/1973-08/1974	St. Therese Church, Altoona, PA Altoona Hospital, Altoona, PA
08/1974-02/1975	Garvey Manor, Hollidaysburg, PA
02/1975-06/1975	Our Lady of Mercy Church, Johnstown; Mercy Memorial and Lee Hospitals, Johnstown
06/1975-08/1988	St. Barnabas Church, Johnstown, PA
08/1988	Medical Leave

In 1971, Father Thomas Carroll used alcohol to render a 12 to 13 year old boy compliant to his will. Carroll fondled the boy and anally raped him. The assault occurred after Carroll ingratiated himself to the family as a priest serving St. John Gualbert Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The victim was a good Catholic boy who was known for doing well in school and loved to serve Mass. After the incident the victim broke down. He failed in school and began to drink. His life collapsed around him as Carroll continued to minister within the Diocese.

In 1988 Bishop Joseph Adamec became aware of rumors that Carroll, then pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was an "active homosexual, associates with young males, and has been seen in places frequented by gays." Adamec met with Carroll on Thursday, January 7, 1988. Carroll admitted to having a "homosexual affair" with a 17-year-old boy. Carroll promised to be more "prudent." Adamec noted he felt Carroll had "homosexual orientation" and suggested out-patient counseling. Carroll died later that year.

By 2004 Carroll's first known victim had worked valiantly to recover from his alcohol addiction, and reported his sexual abuse in 1971 to the Diocese. His only request of the Diocese was counseling to aid him in his recovery from the damage Carroll had inflicted.

40 years later, one of Carroll's fellow priests testified before the Grand Jury that it was common knowledge that Carroll was molesting children. Father Dan O'Neil appeared before the Grand Jury in July 2015 and explained that Carroll was known at the time as a "bad dude" who had a sexual interest in a young boy who worked in Carroll's parish. O'Neil indicated that the "priest network", defined as gossiping priests, spoke of his proclivity for sex with minors. O'Neil said Carroll was known to always be in the company of young boys.

The 1971 victim noted that Carroll was extremely close to his younger brother as well, but no one ever reported the assault out of fear of embarrassment in the community. The Grand Jury found this to be a common occurrence in such situations, for many of the reasons discussed later in this report by experts from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.