

NAME: Fr. Regis Myers
DATE OF BIRTH: May 15, 1926
DATE OF DEATH: January 13, 2011
ORDINATION: May 22, 1954

ASSIGNMENTS:

06/1954-06/1963 St. Mary's Immaculate Conception, Altoona, PA
08/1955- Unknown Part time instructor at Altoona Catholic High School
06/1963-06/1991 St. Catherine Siena Church, Duncansville, PA
06/1991 Retired, Senior priest

On March 24, 1997, Monsignor George Flinn provided Bishop Joseph Adamec a memo in which he explained that the Diocese had been contacted by an individual who was once a 15-year-old postulate of the Third Order Regulars of the Franciscan Friars. Father Myers was at the Third Order's Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania monastery as visiting confessor. The victim reported numerous encounters with Myers as a young boy. Myers asked to meet with him after confession. Myers encouraged him to live with him at his rectory in Duncansville under the auspices of being his housekeeper. Myers came into the victim's bedroom and told him to sleep in Myer's bedroom. Myers called him into his room while Myers was nude and invited him to shower with Myers.

The Grand Jury finds these allegations disturbing. However, there is little documentation to clearly determine whether the Diocese took these allegations as credible. What is concerning is that the Diocese did not involve law enforcement but rather attempted to put the victim into contact with Father Myers. This is not the first time the Grand Jury observed this bizarre decision on the part of the Diocese to put the alleged abused into contact with the alleged accused. Often this is done to further some type of so-called "apology." The Grand Jury finds this to be a dangerous practice as it is equally possible such contact will further harm the victim or allow the possible predator to continue to manipulate the victim in an effort to protect the predator from exposure. It is the later potential the Grand Jury concludes the Diocese endorsed. If the victim and victimizer can work out the discord, the Diocese would rather be ignorant than liable.