

NAME: Fr. Benedict Wolfe

DATE OF BIRTH: January 6, 1916

DATE OF DEATH: April 20, 1997

ORDINATION: June 7, 1941, Glenmary Home Missioner, Ohio

Incardinated to Altoona-Johnstown Diocese December 5, 1978

ASSIGNMENTS:

10/1962-07/1990 St. Stephen Church, McConnellsburg, PA

Father Benedict Wolfe sexually molested a 17-year-old girl who was visiting family friends in the McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania area in 1979. At the time Wolfe was the parish priest of St. Stephen parish in McConnellsburg.

Wolf opened the parish rectory to the victim and her family while they were in the area. It is believed the victim was visiting family friends who were members of the parish or close friends of Wolfe. Initially Wolfe gave her a private room for "privacy" but would come up to visit daily during her stay and sexually assault her. The victim recalled Wolfe stating that her breasts were "the rosebuds of her youth."

After the victim returned home to Ohio, Wolfe contacted her repeatedly by letter asking that she return to McConnellsburg and find employment in a nearby school. The victim contacted the Diocese while in therapy years later. There is no record of any action taken by the Diocese on this matter. Wolfe died in 1997.