

Reverend J. Pascal Sabas

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1923
YEAR OF DEATH:	1996
ORDINATION:	June 20, 1954 (Wappinger Falls, New York)

Employment/Assignment History

10/1955 – 10/1957	Vocation Director, New York
10/1957 – 10/1958	House Discretus and Purser, New York
10/1958 – 10/1960	Administrator, St. Vincent de Paul, Pittsburgh, PA
10/1960 – 10/1962	Assistant, Sacred Heart, Yarmouth, Maine
10/1962 – 5/21/1963	Assistant, St. Joseph, Portland, Maine
5/21/1963 – 5/20/1964	Assistant, St. Francis of Assisi, Minersville, PA
5/20/1964 – 9/1/1965	Assistant, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, PA
9/1/1965 – 11/1/1966	Assistant, St. Patrick, Pottsville, PA
11/1/1966 – 4/4/1967	Regional Director, Bishop's Relief Agency, West Schuylkill, PA
4/4/1967 – 1/18/1971	Administrator, St. Vincent de Paul, Girardville, PA
1/18/1971 – 8/1/1977	Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul, Girardville, PA
8/1/1977 – 10/1/1977	Administrator, St. Ignatius Loyola, Sinking Spring, PA
10/1/1977 – 3/4/1980	Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola, Sinking Spring, PA
3/4/1980 – 6/1/1983	Pro-Synodal Examiner
6/1/1983 – 8/16/1983	Priest Representative Diocesan Board of Education, Berks County, PA
8/16/1983 – 10/1/1985	Pastor, St. George, Shenandoah, PA
10/1/1985 – 12/16/1986	Returning to Religious Life
12/16/1986 – 3/19/1987	Assistant, St. Anthony, Easton, PA
3/19/1987 – 6/14/1988	Chaplain, Catholic Daughters of the Americas
6/14/1988 – 6/1989	Assistant Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Shillington, PA
6/1989 – 11/1/1991	Sick Leave
11/1/1991 – 1996	Retired

Summary

At the age of 14, a boy who is now a renowned sculptor and artist in New York, was sexually abused by Father J. Pascal Sabas beginning in 1964. Sabas bought the victim a slot car racing set and had the victim set it up in the victim's basement. Sabas would come over to the play slot cars and then abuse the victim while they were alone in the basement. Sabas also abused the victim while in the corridor of his school and after the victim served Mass as an altar boy with Sabas. Sabas also threatened the victim, telling him, "*Don't tell your parents. They would be very hurt if they knew what you were doing.*" The abuse only ended when Sabas was transferred out of the victim's parish.

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In 1974, the victim reported the abuse to Bishop McShea. The victim entered into counseling which he paid. In 1989, the victim filed a civil lawsuit against the Diocese and Sabas. The lawsuit was settled out of court in 1991 for \$40,000.

After years of counseling and three marriages, the victim reported it again and requested a group meeting with Bishop Cullen and three other survivors of sexual abuse by clergy. Cullen refused the meeting.