

Reverend A. Gregory Uhrig

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1947
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	September 29, 1973

Employment/Assignment History

1974	Secretary, Diocesan Tribunal Assistant, St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown, PA
8/30/1974 – 6/17/1975	Professor, Allentown Central Catholic High School, PA Resident, St. Elizabeth, Whitehall, PA
6/17/1975 – 9/29/1975	Resident and Assistant, Immaculate Conception, Allentown, PA
9/29/1975 – 6/15/1976	Member, Liturgical Commission
6/15/1976 – 10/4/1976	Secretary, Diocesan Tribunal
10/4/1976 – 6/20/1976	Defender of the Bond, Diocesan Tribunal
6/20/1976 – 6/20/1978	Professor, Reading Central High School, PA Resident, Holy Rosary, Reading, PA
6/20/1978 – 6/16/1980	Assistant, St. Anthony, Easton, PA
6/16/1980 – 10/1/1981	Coordinator, CCD Adult Regular Education, Northampton, PA
10/1/1981 – 2/25/1982	Regional Director, Family Life Bureau, Northampton, PA
2/25/1982 – 6/20/1983	Assistant Pastor, St. Ursula, Fountain Hill, Bethlehem, PA
6/20/1983 – 12/8/1985	Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bernardsville, PA
12/8/1985 – 6/19/1986	Assistant, St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen, New Jersey
6/19/1986 – 12/1/1986	Resident, Holy Trinity, Egypt Chaplain, Muhlenberg/Cedar Crest Colleges
10/1/1986 – 6/14/1988	Resident, St. Thomas More, Allentown, PA
6/14/1988 – 6/15/1989	Assistant Pastor, St. Thomas More, Allentown, PA
6/15/1989 – 9/6/1989	Pastor, John the Baptist, Whitehall, PA
9/6/1989 – 7/15/1993	Regional Director, CCD Lehigh County, PA
7/15/1993 – 1/19/1995	Assigned to ministry in New Jersey
1/19/1995	Excardinated from Diocese of Allentown Incardinated into Diocese of Metuchen
10/2010	Placed on leave due to allegations stemming from incidents in 1978-1980.

Summary

The Diocese of Allentown became aware of Father A. Gregory Uhrig's sexual abuse of children by 2010.

On May 5, 2010, a 44-year-old female victim made a complaint to the Diocese of sexual abuse at the hands of Uhrig when she was 13-years-old and attended the seventh grade at St. Anthony school in Easton. Uhrig was assigned to St. Anthony at that time. The victim's parents encouraged her involvement in the parish and were comfortable with her taking a job answering parish telephones. While working afternoons in the rectory, the victim came to know Uhrig. Also, the victim's parents would routinely invite priests to their home for dinner. Through working at the parish and frequenting family dinners, Uhrig became a close family friend.

Uhrig began to groom the victim by showing her attention and complimenting her. She suffered from low self-esteem and expressed that to Uhrig. Uhrig's compliments built trust between them. Eventually, Uhrig initiated physical contact such as hugging, holding hands, and kissing the victim on the lips. Uhrig eventually progressed to groping the victim's breasts over her clothing. The victim would touch Uhrig's leg and lap area over his clothing with her hands, taking notice that his penis would be erect.

The victim reported that these types of interactions occurred approximately twice a week for about four years. The incidents took place at the rectory and in Uhrig's vehicle. The victim was often in Uhrig's vehicle as he would drive her home from working in the rectory or when she would accompany him on "family visits."

When the victim reached her sophomore year, she realized her relationship with Uhrig was wrong and began to avoid Uhrig. One month prior to her formal complaint, the victim contacted Father Anthony Mongillo. Mongillo had been a long-time family friend. Mongillo, who was a friend of Uhrig, offered no advice or instruction on how she should deal with her abuse.

The victim described the impact of the abuse in detail. Due to her victimization, she had suffered three failed marriages. The victim was able to disclose the abuse to her mother, who was shocked and upset at the disclosure. However, the victim remained unable to tell her father of the abuse.

In 1995, Uhrig left the Diocese and was incardinated to the Diocese of Metuchen in New Jersey. Following a report to that Diocese, he was placed on leave. The Diocese appears to have reported the complaint to local law enforcement upon receipt of the complaint. However, no prosecution was initiated because the statute of limitations had expired.