

Reverend Joseph A. Tamilowski

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1928
YEAR OF DEATH:	1994
ORDINATION:	May 29, 1954

Employment/Assignment History

6/1954-7/1956	Transfiguration, Mt. Pleasant, PA
7/1956-2/1959	St Mary, New Kensington, PA
2/1959-12/1960	St. Hyacinth, Monessen, PA
12/1960-6/1967	Assumption in Leechburg, and the Mission of St. Mary Church, Schenley, PA
6/1967-11/1971	Holy Spirit, Fayette City, PA
12//1971-Unknown	St. Barbara, Harrison City, PA
8/1977-5/1984	St. Hyacinth, Monessen, PA
5/1984-4/1994	St. Joseph, Uniontown, PA
4/1994	Retired

Summary

According to a handwritten note appearing in the Diocesan file of Father Joseph Tamilowski, on April 5, 2002, a victim came forth with an allegation that Tamilowski inappropriately touched him while he served as an altar boy at Assumption in Leechburg and the Mission of St. Mary.

The victim reported that on a few occasions while serving as an altar boy, he entered the sacristy and Tamilowski pushed him into the corner and grabbed him in the crotch area. He reported that Tamilowski remarked that even if the boy told his parents about what he had done, they would not believe him. The assaults prompted the victim to quit serving as an altar boy. Additionally, the victim noted that his stepfather would allow no criticisms of Tamilowski.

"*Many years*" prior to making a report in April 2002, the victim told the office manager for the Diocese of Greensburg what Tamilowski had done to him. The victim was told to leave the issue alone and not "*rock the boat*" any further.

Tamilowski would later go on to hold pastor positions at four other churches within the Diocese before resigning due to health reasons in April of 1994.