

Reverend James McLucas

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	N/A
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	N/A

Employment/Assignment History

Summer 2014	Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Monastery, Elysburg, PA
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Summary

In 2014, Father James McLucas was a priest in the Archdiocese of New York living in Elysburg as the Chaplain to the Monastery. The Archdiocese of New York sent the Diocese of Harrisburg a testimonial letter of good standing for McLucas.

The head Mother of the Monastery called the Diocese of Harrisburg after finding out McLucas had sexually abused a 14 year old girl and continued a relationship with her into her adulthood. This was reported to the Archdiocese of New York in 2012.

The Diocese of Harrisburg revoked McLucas' faculties to perform ministry.

**RESPONSE OF FATHER JAMES McLUCAS TO THE
REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY
PURSUANT TO 42 PA. C.S. §4552(e)**

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Father James McLucas respectfully requests that interested persons read and consider this response before forming any final conclusions about the shocking and horrible accusations that have been leveled against him in the report issued by the 40th Statewide Investigating Grand Jury. These allegations must have been based upon half-truths, false assumptions, and/or innuendo and are categorically false. Any individual that provided information that could have led to such conclusions by the Grand Jury was misinformed, sought to mislead the Grand Jury, or was mistaken. It is unknown what evidence was presented to the Grand Jury; what is known, however, is that Father McLucas was never asked to testify or given an opportunity to present evidence on his own behalf.

While Father McLucas was not charged with any crime, the shocking and horrible accusations in the report – without published evidence, without trial, and without due process of law – will nevertheless blacken his reputation and destroy him in his profession. In this regard, the report so offends traditional notions of fairness that Father McLucas is compelled to publicly make this response denying each and every allegation in the strongest possible terms.

