# **Reverend Myles Eric Diskin**

Biographical Information		
YEAR OF BIRTH:	1948	
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A	
ORDINATION:	March 1, 1975	

# **Employment/Assignment History**

3/12/1975 - 7/17/1979	St. Paul, Butler, PA
7/18/1975 – 11/26/1981	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ellwood City, PA
11/27/1981 – 7/05/1987	Sacred Heart, Pittsburgh, PA
7/06/1987 – 1/01/1991	Diocese of Pittsburgh
1/31/1991 - 5/24/2002	Diocese of Pittsburgh
3/19/2003	Resigned

## Summary

Documents subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh indicated that in April 2002, a complaint of sexual abuse by Father Myles Eric Diskin was made to the Butler County District Attorney's Office. In that complaint, an adult male reported that Diskin had engaged in sexual activity with him when he was a minor child. The abuse occurred in the mid-1970's at a church in Butler.

In October 2002, another complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Butler County District Attorney's Office. In that complaint, a woman reported that Diskin had inappropriately touched her while she was a minor child. She stated that the activities occurred in the mid-1970's at a church located in Butler.

In June 2004, another complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Butler County District Attorney's Office. In that complaint, "John Doe" advised that Diskin sexually abused him in the school, in the rectory, in Diskin's automobile, in the sanctuary of the church (St. Paul), and in the male's home. The abuse included fondling of the genitals and performing oral sex. The abuse took place in 1976 to 1977 when the victim was 12 to 13 years old.

In November 2004, a complaint was made to the Diocese of sexual abuse by Diskin. A "*Confidential Memorandum*" from the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator indicated that the complaint filed by an adult male asserted that Diskin sexually abused him at St. Paul when he was a minor.

In February 2009, a complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. In the complaint, two victims reported that Diskin sexually abused them in the mid-1970's. Internal Diocesan records indicated that the victims would have been approximately 11 and 14 years old, respectively, at the time of the abuse.

## Summary

In January 2015, a complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. In the complaint, "John Doe" advised that Diskin sexually abused him by inappropriately touching him. The abuse took place Butler County in 1976 to 1977 when the victim was 15 to 16 years old.

In January, 2015, a complaint was made to the Diocese of sexual abuse by Diskin. In that particular complaint, a woman advised that Diskin sexually abused her by inappropriately touching her. The abuse took place in the mid-1970's in Butler County when she was a minor.

In a letter dated July 7, 2003, Father Lawrence Dinardo wrote to Diskin following a meeting during which Diskin admitted to having had a sexual relationship with a young man for a few years while Diskin was assigned as a priest in Butler. The young man was a minor at the time of the sexual activity. Their interaction ended in 1979 or 1980

Diocesan records also contained a letter dated June 23, 2004 to Butler County District Attorney's Office which acknowledges a series of civil lawsuits relating to Diskin's conduct.

#### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	: SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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	: ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMON PLEAS
INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY	: CP-02-MD-571-2016
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	: NOTICE NO. 1

#### <u>RESPONSE OF MYLES ERIC DISKIN, PURSUANT</u> <u>TO 42 PA.C.S. § 4552(E) TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT</u>

#### TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN A. KRUMENACKER:

Mr. Myles Eric Diskin, by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Response to portions of the Grand Jury Report (the "Report") received by him on Monday, May 7, 2018 and Tuesday, May 29, 2018, to be attached to and made part of the report before the report becomes public record, pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 4552(e). We appreciate the opportunity to provide this Response to address factual allegations and conclusions that are incomplete or ignore evidence available to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Diskin has reviewed the materials received by him on May 7, 2018 and or May 29, 2018 and based on this review wishes to make the following response to be attached to the report:

"Most of these allegations come from unnamed sources and the items in the list are duplicated, completely unfounded or substantively inaccurate. Yet, I want to acknowledge that the Grand Jury Report is something of a cry of the heart. It reminds us there is a lot of hurt out there concerning this difficult history. The report will offer affirmation and comfort to many aggrieved people, just as it may open old wounds and stir new suspicion. Still, in the spirit of the Report, I express my deep regret that anyone has found or believe their interaction with me – in any matter – to have been in any way harmful. Recognition of this possibility weighs heavily on me day after day." Dated: June 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this <u>2044</u> day of June, 2018, I served the within Response of Myles Eric Diskin, Pursuant To 42 PA.C.S. § 4552(E) to the Grand Jury Report on the following persons and in the following manner. Such service satisfies the requirements of Rule 114 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure:

Via Electronic and U.S. First-Class Mail addressed as follows:

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