

Reverend Donald W. McIlvane

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1925
YEAR OF DEATH:	2014
ORDINATION:	June 7, 1952

Employment/Assignment History

6/26/1952-6/12/1957	Parochial Vicar, St. Stephen, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1957-10/31/1960	Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
11/01/1960-6/26/1962	Parochial Vicar, Resurrection, Pittsburgh, PA
6/27/1962-4/20/1966	Chaplain Correctional Institution, Allegheny County Jail
4/21/1966-6/07/1976	Administrator, St. Richard, Pittsburgh, PA
6/08/1976-11/22/1985	Pastor, Corpus Christi, Pittsburgh, PA
11/23/1985-6/01/1992	Pastor, Presentation of Virgin Mary, Midland, PA
6/01/1992-12/01/1992	Sabbatical at St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA
12/01/1992-1/22/1993	Awaiting Assignment at St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA
1/22/1993-6/27/1994	Parochial Vicar (Part-time), St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA
6/27/1994-12/30/1994	Chaplain, Motherhouse at Sisters of Divine Providence, Allison Park, PA
9/29/2008-12/15/2008	Leave of Absence

Summary

On July 22, 2008, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a letter from a 43-year-old man who reported that in 1973, he was in the third grade at St. Richard's and served as an altar boy. On one particular day that year, he was not feeling well and Father Donald W. McIlvane escorted him up to a bedroom in the rectory. After he lay down, McIlvane began to rub his stomach and thighs. McIlvane then started to rub his penis through his clothing and his penis became erect. McIlvane then unzipped his pants and performed oral sex on him. He was given \$5.00 by McIlvane. The male reported that between 1973 and 1977, McIlvane performed oral sex on him at least 40 times per year and that he was always paid afterwards with money from the parish donations.

On September 9, 2008, the Diocese provided the male with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help him through some additional financial difficulties. The money was not intended to be considered as any type of reimbursement or "settlement" related to his claim.

On October 29, 2008, the Diocesan Review Board met and reviewed the allegations. The Board accepted the written material submitted by the male and heard testimony from him. The Board determined that the allegation could not be substantiated because the information was inconclusive and unable to be verified. The Board then recommended, and Bishop Zubik

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accepted, that McIlvane be restored to priestly ministry. The Board voted unanimously that there was no semblance of truth to the allegations.

On January 20, 2009, Father David Bonnar wrote a letter to the male wherein he stated:

I am sorry that the Independent Review Board did not come back with an outcome for which you were hoping. Nevertheless, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is still willing to offer counseling and spiritual direction to you.

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

IN RE: : **SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**
: **2 W.D. MISC. DKT. 2016**
THE FORTIETH STATEWIDE :
: **ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMON PLEAS**
INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY : **CP-02-MD-571-2016**
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: **NOTICE NO. 1**

**RESPONSE OF NANCY DELGENIO, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF FATHER
DONALD MCILVANE PURSUANT
TO 42 PA.C.S. § 4552(E) TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT**

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN A. KRUMENACKER:

Ms. Nancy Delgenio, Executrix of the Estate of Father Donald McIlvane by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Response to portions of the Grand Jury Report (the "Report") which she has learned of from the undersigned counsel, 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 incorrect.

The undersigned counsel in reviewing materials received by clients whose names were contained in the Grand Jury Report noted that Father Donald McIlvane was listed as No. 47 on the list of "Offenders" from the Diocese of Pittsburgh and learned in confidence that the listing was based on a report of allegations made in 2008 against Father McIlvane. The undersigned represented Father McIlvane in the Diocesan proceedings against him. The charges were so bizarre that the Independent Review Board unanimously dismissed them and he was immediately restored to ministry. Counsel did reach out to Ms. Delgenio who was the Executrix of Father McIlvane's Estate who has asked that if no hearings are held as to the validity of allegations against certain people named in the Report, this statement should appear as an attachment to the

Report in an effort to avoid having his name tarnished. Father McIlvane was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement who marched with Dr. King in Selma, Alabama. He was a community leader in the City of Pittsburgh who worked with interfaith organizations in numerous activities designed to combat racism and to alleviate poverty.


He did not engage in any improper sexual activity and his legacy should not be harmed by false allegations that he was an "Offender".

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 20, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of June, 2018, I served the within **Response of Nancy Delgenio, Executrix of the Estate of Father Donald McIlvane, 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:

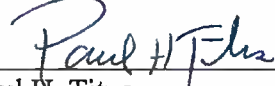
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