

Reverend Angelus Ferrara

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	1990

Employment/Assignment History

ASSIGNMENTS:	N/A
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Summary

On September 20, 2000, Bishop James C. Timlin received a request from Father Angelus Ferrara to establish the Society of the Annunciation of the Lord, which would serve as a retreat for priests and lay persons. The facilities were also to include the Mary Mother of God Monastery. Ferrara wanted to settle this religious community and monastery in the eastern part of Pennsylvania; however, he needed the sponsorship of a Diocesan Bishop in order to do so.

Upon receiving the approval from Rome, Timlin notified Ferrara that he was willing to receive him into the Diocese of Scranton for the purpose of establishing the new religious community as of January 1, 2001. The Society of the Annunciation of the Lord was not to become a separate parish, however, so as to take people away from their local churches and be viewed as a competitor. The community settled in Warren Center.

On November 26, 2003, Ferrara asked for the transfer of canonical sponsorship from the Diocese to the Eparchy of Newton for Melkite Greek Catholics in the USA.

On January 10, 2011, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities received a report from the mother of a 14-year-old boy who revealed that he was sexually abused by Ferrara at the retreat house. It was reported that Ferrara had the boy massage his male parts. Ferrara admitted that this conduct occurred.

On March 28, 2011, Ferrara was terminated from his monastic venture. He was criminally charged and pled guilty. He was sentenced to state prison.