

Reverend Joseph F. Meighan

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1943
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 25, 1968

Employment/Assignment History

6/1968 – 9/1968	Asst. Pastor, St. Ann, Shohola, PA
9/1968 – 5/1970	Asst. Pastor, St. Boniface, Williamsport, PA
5/18/1970	Removed from St. Boniface and ordered to report for psychological evaluation and treatment
5/1970 – 6/1975	Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, PA
6/1975 – 5/1976	St. Meinrad, IN for further studies
5/1976 – 12/1981	Asst. Pastor, St. Nicholas, Wilkes-Barre, PA
12/1981 – 9/1984	Pastor, St. Martin of Tours, Jackson, PA
9/1984 – 9/1987	Pastor, St. Boniface, Wilkes-Barre, PA
9/1987 – 7/1990	Pastor, St. Therese, Shavertown, PA Resigned as pastor, St. Therese
8/1991 – 1/2001	Chaplain, Holy Family Residence, Scranton, PA
1/2001 – 2/2001	Chaplain, Mercy Center Convent, Dallas, PA
2/2001 – 6/2002	St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, Elmhurst, PA
7/03/2002	Removed from ministry

Summary

In 1970, at least four boys were interviewed by the Diocese of Scranton and reported that Father Joseph F. Meighan had disrobed and fondled them. Meighan was transferred and ordered to report for psychological evaluation and treatment.

In 1990, a mother observed Meighan in the process of disrobing her 17-year-old son in the parlor of the rectory. Meighan thereafter resigned as pastor at St. Therese and was again sent for psychological evaluation and treatment. After he was released, he was assigned to Holy Family Residence. He was then transferred to Mercy Center. The father of one of the victims protested this assignment, however, because it was too close to the area where his son had been molested. Meighan was then immediately assigned to St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home until his removal from ministry.

At least 3 more complaints were made in 2003, 2007 and 2008.