

Reverend James F. Nolan

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1897
YEAR OF DEATH:	1957
ORDINATION:	May 15, 1929

Employment/Assignment History

6/1929 – 9/1929	Asst. Pastor, St. Mary, Lackawaxen, PA
9/1929 – 1/1931	Asst. Pastor, St. Patrick, Wilkes-Barre, PA
1/1931 – 9/1939	Asst. Pastor, SS. Peter and Paul, Towanda, PA
9/1939 – 6/1944	Asst. Pastor, St. Vincent, Scranton, PA
6/1944 – 6/1950	Pastor, St. James, Pleasant Mount, PA
6/1950 – 6/1956	Pastor, St. Charles, Sugar Notch, PA
6/25/1956	Resigned

Summary

On November 7, 2003, the Diocese of Scranton was contacted by a 75-year-old male who reported that he was groped by Father James F. Nolan when he was a 15 years old altar boy. The male stated that Nolan had touched his genitals on the outside of his clothing.

The victim was advised that Nolan had died. The victim declined an offer to speak with the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese and stated that he believed that he could now put the matter behind him. This matter was not reported to law enforcement.

On May 6, 2016, the Diocese sent a certified letter to each of the District Attorney's Offices within the Diocese. The District Attorneys were notified by Bishop Joseph Bambera that in an effort to further the Church's ongoing commitment to transparency as it continues to address the sad reality of child sexual abuse, he was submitting for their information a confidential comprehensive list of all priests in the Diocese of Scranton against whom accusations of sexual abuse of children had been made. Nolan's name was contained on the list.