

Reverend John A. Pender

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1936
YEAR OF DEATH:	2009
ORDINATION:	June 6, 1962

Employment/Assignment History

6/1962 – 9/1962	Asst. Pastor, Queen of Peace, Hawley, PA
9/1962 – 2/1966	Asst. Pastor, Sacred Heart, Peckville, PA
2/1966 – 6/1967	Asst. Pastor, St. Leo, Ashley, PA
6/1967 – 10/1968	St. John, Susquehanna, PA
10/15/1968	Left the Diocese of Scranton without permission

Summary

Father John A. Pender was instructed to submit himself for psychiatric study by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick in October, 1968. Although Pender agreed to go to an institution for priests and nuns, he never reported for the treatment.

Years later, the Diocese of Scranton was contacted by the Diocese of Jefferson City and advised that Pender was practicing in their Diocese.

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. Pender's name was on the list, noting that an allegation from a "John Doe" was made in 2014.