

Reverend Thomas P. Shoback

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1951
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 7, 1977

Employment/Assignment History

5/1977 – 8/1977	Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, PA
9/1977 – 1/1984	Asst. Pastor, Nativity of the Blessed Mary, Plymouth, PA
1/1984 – 8/1984	Asst. Pastor, St. Joseph, Hazleton, PA
8/1984 – 2/1989	In residence, Sacred Heart, Plains, PA
2/1989 – 6/1997	Pastor, St. Andrew and St. Mary, Blossburg, PA
7/1997 – 7/2002	Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville, PA
7/2002 – 7/2004	Pastor, Holy Redeemer, Harding-Falls, PA
7/2004 – 7/2006	Pastor, St. Joseph, Hudson, PA, Sacred Heart, Plains, PA
7/2006 – 11/2011	Pastor, Sacred Heart of Mary, Jermyn, PA
11/15/2011	Leave of Absence
5/01/2013	Resignation
11/14/2014	Removed from ministry

Summary

On May 20, 2006, the Diocese of Scranton received a report that an 11-year-old boy was sexually assaulted by Father Thomas P. Shoback when the victim was an altar boy. The allegation was reported to the Tioga County District Attorney's Office and was investigated by the Diocese. When questioned about the allegation, Shoback denied that anything inappropriate had occurred. The victim provided the name of another former altar boy who was also a victim. This second male was interviewed and denied that anything had occurred. No criminal charges were filed. Shoback was sent for an evaluation.

On November 14, 2011, the male who had denied that anything had occurred when he was interviewed in 2006 revealed that he was sexually abused by Shoback when he was 11 years old and serving as an altar boy. The Diocese filed a report with the Tioga County District Attorney's Office and also filed a report with ChildLine. Criminal charges for child sexual abuse were filed against Shoback for assaults that occurred between 1991 and 1997. In April, 2013, Shoback was found guilty. He was sentenced to five to ten years in state prison.

On November 14, 2014, Shoback was removed from ministry.