

Reverend John J. Tamalis

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1944
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 1, 1971

Employment/Assignment History

5/1971 – 9/1971	Asst. Pastor, St. Mary of the Mount, Mount Pocono, PA
9/1971 – 9/1976	Asst. Pastor, Queen of Peace, Hawley, PA St. Boniface, Williamsport, PA
9/1976 – 8/1985	Campus Ministry, Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA
9/1985 – 7/1990	Pastor, Holy Child, Mansfield, PA
7/1990 – 7/1996	Pastor, St. Lawrence, South Williamsport, PA
7/1996 – 3/1997	Pastor, St. Boniface, Williamsport, PA
4/03/1997	Leave of Absence
2/02/1998	Removed from ministry
12/21/2007	Dispensation from clerical state

Summary

On February 28, 1997, a 33-year-old male reported to the Diocese of Scranton that he had been sexually abused by Father John J. Tamalis in 1976 when he was 13 years of age. He stated that Tamalis furnished alcohol to him and performed oral sex on him.

On March 10, 1997, Tamalis was sent for an evaluation wherein he admitted that he probably abused nine boys/young men. The Vicar for Priests was advised by professional staff that there was likely far more than nine victims. Additional victims subsequently came forward to the Diocese to report that they were sexually abused by Tamalis. However, the statute of limitations had expired. The Diocese offered to assist with counselling services for the victims.

On December 21, 2007, Tamalis was dispensed from his obligations to the priesthood by Pope Benedict XVI.