

Reverend Joseph S. Wichmanowski

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1919
YEAR OF DEATH:	1977
ORDINATION:	Unknown

Employment/Assignment History

7/13/1944- 12/15/1945	St. Mary (Polish) in McKeesport, PA
12/06/1945- 10/23/1946	Holy Cross in Glassport, PA
10/24/1946- 5/18/1949	St. Albert on South Side Pittsburgh, PA
5/19/1949- 12/03/1952	St. John Cantius in Sharpsburg, PA
12/04/1952- 6/12/1957	St. Stanislaus in Ambridge, PA
6/13/1957- 6/27/1962	Chaplin Allegheny Co. Workhouse
6/27/1962- 1/31/1969	Pastor St. Cyprian in Pittsburgh, PA
2/01/1969- 4/28/1977	Pastor St. Stanislaus in Ambridge, PA

Summary

The files provided by the Diocese of Pittsburgh included an April 29, 2004 article entitled “*Conway Woman Alleges Priest Abuse.*” This article reported that a victim alleged that Father Joseph S. Wichmanowski repeatedly forced her to perform sexual acts on him beginning when she was 12 years old. The victim alleged that Wichmanowski forced her to perform oral sex on him, provided her with alcohol in the form of church wine, and made her dress provocatively. The victim related that at one point Wichmanowski invited her to New York, where he told her he would/wanted to impregnate her.

On June 23, 2004, a personal and confidential letter was sent from counsel for the Diocese to the Beaver County District Attorney’s Office. The letter described allegations of abuse by Wichmanowski while “*he was at St. Stanislaus Parish in Ambridge, PA.*” This letter appeared to refer to the victim described above.

In an article dated September 17, 2007, it was reported that this victim, along with 31 other victim of abuse, was part of a settlement with the church for payments totaling \$1.2 Million.