

Lawsuit served on the Archdiocese of New York

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5-FEB-2020 (Phoenix, Arizona) -- The Crosiers have learned of a lawsuit served on the Archdiocese of New York alleging a claim of sexual abuse of a minor against one of its members, Fr. John Vincent, osc. The Crosiers are not aware of any other claims against Fr. Vincent, and Fr. Vincent has no recollection of this alleged incident. [Click here](#) to read the news article relating to the lawsuit.

The Crosier Review Committee has reviewed the accusation and, based on the available information, does not believe this accusation fits the definition of sexual abuse of a minor as stated by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men.

Fr. John Vincent, osc, was assigned to the Crosier House of Studies in Fort Wayne, Ind., from 1958–1959; the Crosier Community of Hastings in Hastings, Neb., from 1959–1960; and Our Lady of the Lake Monastery in Syracuse, Ind., from 1960–1964, where he also served on the faculty of Our Lady of the Lake Seminary while also studying for his master’s degree at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. He was a provincial secretary in Fort Wayne in 1965. He then served as an associate pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne from 1964–65. From 1965–70, he was assigned to the Crosier Community of White Plains, N.Y., and served as a faculty member at Stepinac High School, also in White Plains. He was a member of the faculty of Blessed Sacrament Academy in Yonkers, N.Y., from 1970–71 and also served as an associate pastor at Most Holy Trinity Parish, also in Yonkers. He was an assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Woodbourne, N.Y., from 1971–72; at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Yonkers from 1972–1973; at Immaculate Conception Parish in Port Jervis, N.Y., from 1973–1973; and at St. Andrew Parish in New York City from 1975–81. He served as chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, Ind., from 1981–1983. He served as an associate pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hammond, Ind., in 1983 during the pastor’s illness and then at St. Michael Parish in Schererville, Ind., through 1984. He was assigned to the Crosier Community of Chicago from 1985–1986, where he also served as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. He was assigned to the Crosier Community of Beallsville, Md., from 1986–1993, where he provided weekend assistance at St. Joseph’s Parish in Martinsburg, W.V. He then served as chaplain and religious instructor at Visitation Academy in Frederick, Md., from 1993–1994. He was assigned to the Crosier Community of Hastings from 1994–2000. Since his retirement, he has lived in the Crosier Community of Phoenix from 2000–2008 and the Crosier Community of Onamia from 2009 to the present.

The Crosiers take any claim of abuse by any Crosier, staff person or volunteer associated with them seriously. They avow transparency and healing and believe in the critically important need to protect the people they serve.

The Crosiers do not tolerate any forms of sexual abuse and have stringent policies and actions of accountability in place to prevent future abuse.

Anyone who wishes to report past abuse is encouraged to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator at 320-248-1563 or Conventual Prior Thomas Enneking, osc, at 602-443-7100. Other contact information may be found [here](#).

You may find further information about the Crosier Sexual Abuse Policy and the ways in which the Crosiers have dealt with abuse by its members, including the results of the separate review of all personnel files conducted by the law firm of Faegre-Baker-Daniels in 2002, in the [Safe Environment](#) section of this website.