

Reverend Joseph A. Griffin

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1901
YEAR OF DEATH:	1988
ORDINATION:	June 11, 1927

Employment/Assignment History

6/1927 – 9/1927	Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, PA
9/1927 – 2/1928	Asst. Pastor, St. Andrew, Blossburg, PA
2/1928 – 9/1929	Asst. Pastor, Annunciation, Williamsport, PA
9/1929 – 1/1932	Studies – Catholic University
1/1932 – 9/1938	Chaplain, & Teacher, Marywood College, Scranton, PA
9/1938 – 6/1944	Chaplain, St. Joseph Children and Maternity Hospital, Scranton, PA
6/1944 – 9/1951	Pastor, St. Catherine, Moscow, PA
9/1951 – 9/1952	Administrator, St. Basil, Dushore, PA
9/1952 – 1/1967	Pastor, St's Peter & Paul, Towanda, PA
1/1967 – 9/1974	Pastor, St. Mary, Avoca, PA
9/1974 – 9/1976	Chaplain, Marian Convent, Scranton, PA
9/1976	Retired
5/1980 – 7/1980	Part-time Administrator, St. Catherine, Moscow, PA
7/1980	Part-time Administrator, Blessed Sacrament, Hughestown, PA

Summary

In September, 2009, the Diocese of Scranton was contacted by a 42-year-old male who reported that he was sexually abused by Father Joseph A. Griffin in 1967 when he was nine years old. This occurred when Griffin took the victim and other boys on boat trips to Seneca Lake, NY and to a summer cottage at Lake Henry in the Poconos. The caller stated that Griffin touched him, rubbed his backside and slept with his arm around him. The victim stated that he did not wish to pursue any action against the Diocese; rather, he just wanted the Diocese to be aware of what had occurred.

The victim contacted the Diocese again in 2011, just wanting to talk about what had happened to him.