

Timeline – Father Thomas Adamson



- 1958 St. Casmir Parish, Winona, MN
Cotter High School, Winona MN
- 1961 St. Adrian Parish, Adrian, MN
St. Adrian's High School, Adrian, MN
- 1962 Rochester Lourdes High School, Rochester, MN
- 1963 St. John's Parish, Caledonia, MN
Catholic Schools Superintendent, Caledonia, MN
- Three priests find out Adamson is having homosexual problems with little boys
- 1963-1964 John Doe 16 sexually abused by Adamson at St. John's Parish
- 1964 Rochester Lourdes High School, Rochester, MN
- Three priests find out Adamson is abusing boys
- A priest reported Adamson's abuse of boys to Bishop Edward Fitzgerald
- Bishop Fitzgerald met with Adamson, who admitted to sexual contact
- Jim Fitzpatrick reported to Bishop Fitzgerald that Adamson abused 17 boys
- 1966 St. Clements, Hammond, MN
- A priest found out that Adamson asked a boy to undress in his office
- A priest found out about Adamson's unwelcome attention toward a young person

- 1967 St. Theodore's Parish, Albert Lea, MN
Lea College Chaplain, Albert Lea, MN
- 1968 St. Lawrence O'Toole, Fountain, MN
St. Kilian's, Wycoff, MN
- 1971 St. Francis Parish, Rochester, MN
- 1973 Adamson admits to a priest that he had sexual contact with a boy in 1973
Adamson admits to Bishop Loras Watters that he sexually molested a boy
Bishop Watters requests Adamson be sent for an evaluation
- 1974 Adamson sent to therapy
Adamson sent to the Institute of Living for two months
Four priests learn Adamson sexually abused boys
Bishop Watters receives a report that a social worker questioned Adamson's contact with a boy. Watters confronts Adamson, who denies the contact.
Jay Klein called Bishop Watters and told him that Adamson molested his three brothers and he heard there were other victims. Jay threatened to go public and asked that Adamson be removed. Watters responded that "little boys heal."
- 1975 Bishop Watters asks Archbishop Roach for help with Adamson, saying he cannot work in the Diocese of Winona because of his involvement with juvenile males.
Adamson moved to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
Graduate Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
St. Leo the Great, St. Paul, MN
- 1976 St. Boniface, St. Bonifacius, MN
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, St. Paul Park, MN
- 1977 Adamson arrested for sexual abuse of a 16 year old.
- 1979 Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia Heights, MN

Archbishop Roach does not want to place Adamson in a parish close to the Diocese of Winona.

1980 Fr. Joseph Wajda reports to Fr. Robert Carlson that Adamson touched an 8th grade boy in a sexual way, says there were a number of boys involved.

Fr. Carlson met with Adamson, who admitted to sexual contact.

Adamson sent for an evaluation

Adamson to cease all youth involvement

Adamson sent to St. Mary's hospital for inpatient treatment

Adamson announces his resignation, saying he was reassigned to the Diocese of Winona

1981 Adamson's therapist is confident that he can return to pastoral work.

Jim Fitzpatrick calls Fr. Schmitz of the Diocese of Winona and told him that Fr. Carlson is trying to move Adamson. Fitzpatrick asked Fr. Schmitz if the reason Adamson was being moved was because he was molesting children again. Fr. Schmitz said yes.

Risen Savior Parish, Apple Valley, MN

Adamson is restricted from having contact with youth

Adamson violates his restrictions by playing racquetball and golf with boys.

1983 Adamson asks a boy about sexual matters, violates restrictions.

Parishioners plan to celebrate Adamson's 25 years as a priest

1984 Fr. Carlson gets a report that Adamson sexually abused a boy. Carlson told Archbishop Roach, who told Carlson to "handle it."

Adamson admits that he abused the boy and that it was probably "first degree criminal sexual conduct."

The Archdiocese decides to "posture itself in such a way that any publicity will be minimized."