

JEROME C. KERN TIMELINE

- 12/17/66 Ordained
- 9/12/67- Assistant Pastor, St. Mark, St. Paul (ARCH- 017061)
- 1969 Kern sexually abused an 11 year old boy, **John Doe 1.**
- 1969 Kern sexually abused two boys (**John Does 2 and 3**) on a swimming outing at Lake Nokomis.
- 9/13/69 The mother of a Kern survivor writes to Monsignor Gilligan discussing her son's abuse by Kern and expressing concern for other children. Later a copy is mailed to the Archbishop. **(ARCH-016571)**
- Late 1969 Parents of John Does 2 and 3 reported abuse of sons to Monsignor Gilligan, Pastor at St. Marks.
- Late 1969 Monsignor Gilligan reported Kern's abuse of the children to Archbishop Byrne. Archbishop Byrne told Father William Kenney about the report. **(ARCH-016571)**
- 1969 Parents of John Does 2 and 3 reported Fr. Kern's inappropriate sexual conduct with their minor sons to the Archbishop. Kern met with the families and explained that what he was doing was "Italian wrestling" – something he saw in Italy where men wrestled and grabbed one another's genitals. Parents wrote letters to Archdiocese. **(1st and 2nd Reports) (ARCH-016550-016555; ARCH-016503-016510)**
- Late 1969 Fr. William Kenney met with Fr. Joe Baglio, pastor, and Fr. Richard Jeub, associate pastor at Our Lady of Grace in Edina, about Kern and Jeub switching assignments. **(ARCH-016571)**
- 12/17/69 Kern transferred to Our Lady of Grace in Edina. (ARCH-016799)
- 1/2/70 – Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Grace, Edina
- 1969-70 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 4.**
- 1970's Kern likely sexually abused **John Doe 5.**
- 1971 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 6.**
- 1971 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 7.**
- 1972 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 8.**

1971-1976 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 9**.

1972-1976 Kern sexually abused **Doe 26** when he was 12-16 years old.

1972 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 10**.

1973 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 11** when he was 11 years old.

1973 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 12**.

1973-74 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 13**.

3/21/75 – Administrator, Our Lady of Grace, Edina (JK 44)

6/1/76 Assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary in Minnetonka. (ARCH-016914)

6/15/76 – Co-Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Minnetonka

Mid 1970’s Kern sexually abused **John Doe 14**.

1977 Kern sexually abused **Al Michaud (John Doe 15)** when he was 15 years old.

1977-1978 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 16** when he was 11 or 12 years old.

1977 or 1978 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 17**.

1979 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 18**.

1981 or 82 Kern sexually abused **John Doe 19**.

1980’s John Doe 26 wrote a letter to Archbishop Roach reporting that he was sexually abused by Kern as a child. Archbishop Roach did not respond. (**3rd Report**)

6/1/87 **Victims 2 and 3** and their mothers met with Archdiocesan officials – Father Michael O’Connell and Bishop Robert Carlson. Both survivors reported that Kern had touched their genitals when they were children. O’Connell met with Kern, Kern admitted his actions were totally inappropriate (**ARCH-016501-016502, ARCH-016281-016282, ARCH-01**)

6/17/87 Kern sent to Servants of the Paraclete in New Mexico. O’Connell sent a letter to Paracletes noting the John Does 2 and 3 abuse and also noting that O’Connell had seen Kern at the gym at the seminary with young boys. (**ARCH-016588-016589**)

- 11/6/87 Fr. O'Connell met with Fr. Rinaldo Custodio. Fr. Custodio was co-pastor with Kern at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr. Custodio reported that Kern had a habit of pulling 6-11 year old boys onto his lap and tickling them, would only do this to boys. **(ARCH- 017059)**
- 11/30/87 Archdiocese sent Kern to Dr. Gary Schoener for a re-assessment. O'Connell sent Schoener a letter with the Paraclete report, and a recitation of the John Does and 2 and 3 abuse, O'Connell's observation of Kern with a young boy at the seminary, and Fr. Custodio's observations of Kern's habit of pulling young boys onto his lap. **(ARCH- 016691-016694)**
- 1/7/88 O'Connell notes of his conversation with Schoener. Schoener finds that Kern had no impulse control problem and the abuse 18 years earlier was really roughhousing. **(ARCH- 017057- 017058)**
- 3/28/88 Kern wrote an apology letter to John Does 2 and 3 and their mothers. **(ARCH- 017054)**
- 4/13/88 O'Connell wrote to the families of John Does 2 and 3 discussing his response to their allegations against Kern and enclosing Kern's apology letter. **Says Kern is not a danger to young people today. (ARCH 016651- 016652)**
- 4/26/88 O'Connell memo to Roach stating that Schoener found that there is no current danger in assigning Kern to a parish. **(ARCH- 017053)**
- 12/7/90 O'Connell memo to file discussing an incident where Kern took his pants off in front of a boy in a group setting some years earlier. **(ARCH- 016476)**
Parents of the now adult male ask him if there was abuse and he says no. **(ARCH- 016570)**
- May 1992 Kern told Fr. Kevin McDonough that **John Doe 6** had accused Kern of sexually abusing him as a child. **(4th Report) (ARCH- 016406)**
- 1/11/93 Al Michaud met with Fr. Kevin McDonough and reported that Kern sexually abused him as a child. **(5th Report) (ARCH- 016777-016778)**
- 1/22/93 McDonough letter to Schoener discussing Michaud's report of abuse stating that he is disturbed by how similar Michaud's account is to the abuse of John Does 2 and 3. **(ARCH- 017656- 017657)**
- 1993 Al Michaud filed a lawsuit against Kern and the Archdiocese.

- 9/9/93 Roach letter (drafted by McDonough) to parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary informing them that a lawsuit had been filed that alleges abuse in the swimming pool, but Kern denies it, there were seventy others in the pool, the plaintiff wasn't a parishioner, and the plaintiff had no prior relationship with Kern. **(ARCH- 016590-016591)**
- 1993 Archbishop Roach went to Immaculate Heart of Mary and proclaimed that Michaud was lying.
- 10/18/93 Al Michaud wrote his own letter to parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary telling them his version and that there were prior allegations of the same nature in 1969. **(ARCH- 016306- 016307)**
- 1993-1995 Kern allowed to live at St. Paul Seminary and go on sabbatical, allowed to go to South America. **(ARCH 016561-016562)**
- 1994 Kern's deposition taken. Kern admitted that while swimming he put his hand on **Victim 2's** chest, stomach, lower stomach and inside his swimsuit. Kern also admitted that he touched Al Michaud's genitals on the outside of Al's swimsuit and that he touched his chest and stomach in the sauna.
- 4/12/94 Memo from McDonough to Fr. Jaroszeski summarizing options for Kern's ministry: 1) temporary administrator for a few months; 2) senior associate; 3) 6-month sabbatical. Archdiocese would pay his costs and salary if he went on sabbatical. **(ARCH- 016310)**
- 1994-1995 The Archdiocese settled Al Michaud's lawsuit and promised Al that Kern would not be in another parish or around children.
- 1/17/95 Memo from Roach to McDonough recommending Kern be placed in a parish setting. "I don't think he is going to really heal until he has some good experience in a parish." McDonough's notes say to get Kern into a temporary associate position. **(ARCH- 016900)**
- 1/31/95 Memo from Bill Fallon to the Clergy Review Board summarizing the allegations against Kern, Kern's response, and the Archdiocese's responses to the allegations. **(ARCH- 016446-016449)**
- 3/9/95 Assigned to Saint Dominic in Northfield. (ARCH- 16716)
- 3/18/95 – Temporary Administrator, Saint Dominic, Northfield
- 6/7/95 Assigned to St. Peter's Forest Lake, MN (St. Peter's ran a grade school as well). (ARCH- 016850)

6/15/95 Clergy Review Board recommendations for Kern say there is a need for Kern to undergo assessment of his condition and mandated therapy. Previous assessments were inconclusive. **(ARCH- 016642-016643)**

6/17/95 – Parochial Vicar, Church of Saint Peter, Forest Lake

6/27/95 Summary of McDonough's meeting at Saint Peter in Forest Lake discussing the allegations against Kern. Notes the meeting started with suspicions but once McDonough told the attendees that Kern was not a known child abuser, but a skilled pastor who "unfortunately has a mostly unmerited taint on his record," the meeting became more positive. **(ARCH- 016413)**

9/9/96 McDonough writes to St. John Vianney staff about Kern coming for an evaluation in October 1996. **(ARCH-016961-016962)**

10/96 Kern went to St. John Vianney for an evaluation. **(ARCH-016961-016962)**

2/28/02 McDonough informed Kern that he believed Kern would come under attack if continued in a parish because of the past allegations. Kern submitted his resignation. **(ARCH- 016787)**