

Fr. Michael Kolar's first assignment after his 1969 ordination was as assistant director of the Archdiocese Catholic Youth Center where he worked until 1988. Kolar worked extensively with youth in the St. Paul and Minneapolis area in this position and he also lead youth rallies and spoke in front of national groups. Kolar also worked at St. Raphael's Church in Minneapolis early in his career as a priest of the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese first received reports against Kolar in 1979 and 1980, however, the allegations were deemed unsubstantiated and the victims emotionally troubled. Despite the allegations of abuse, Kolar was promoted to director of the Catholic Youth Center in 1983.

By 1982, Kolar impregnated one girl (who later miscarried) and by 1988, at least three girls had come forward publicly to say that Kolar sexually abused them. A 1988 memo from Kevin McDonough outlines the possibility for numerous other victims. The allegations against Kolar continued and Kolar was discovered working at a local White Castle to pay off therapy bills of one of his victims.

In 1988, Kolar was placed on a medical leave of absence and was evaluated and treated for psychosexual problems at the St. Luke's Institute. In 1990, after his treatment at St. Luke's, Kolar was sent to South America for assignment.

In 1992, Kolar asked to be removed from the priesthood. For the first time, Kolar indicated he was sexually abused by Msgr. Jerome Boxleitner (head of Catholic Charities) when Kolar was a deacon. By 1995, Kolar was married and asked the archdiocese how he could become involved back in church activities. The matter was considered, even though the archdiocese was still paying for therapy for some of Kolar's victims.

Kolar still collects his priest pension and lives in St. Paul.