

JAMES MURPHY – TIMELINE

5/18/77 Letter from Roach to Murphy appointing him Associate Pastor at Church of Saint Raphael in Crystal, Minnesota, effective July 27, 1977. (ARCH-038252)

7/7/77 - Ordained

7/27/77 – Associate Pastor, Church of St. Raphael, Crystal, MN

12/8/80 Memo from Carlson to file- Fr. Austin Ward was called by a judge and informed that Fr. Murphy was coming before him on charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct for touching a male squad officer in an adult bookstore. (ARCH-038324; 038495)

According to 1/12/88 memo, Murphy was put on one year's probation and ordered to have psychosexual testing and to be in contact with Roach on a regular basis. (ARCH-038495)

6/5/81 Letter from Roach to Murphy appointing him Associate Pastor at Church of the Immaculate Conception in Faribault, Minnesota, effective June 16, 1981. (ARCH-038301)

6/16/81 – Associate Pastor, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Faribault, MN

According to 1/12/88 memo, Murphy was transferred because of his mood swings and anger. (ARCH-038495)

9/28/81 Letter of good standing is issued. (ARCH-038281)

5/17/82 Memo from Korf to Carlson that Murphy is seeing counselor in Shakopee. (ARCH-038431)

1/25/83 Letter from Roach to Murphy appointing him Pastor at Church of St. Lawrence in Faribault, Minnesota, effective February 15, 1983. (ARCH-038433-038434)

2/15/83 – Pastor, Church of St. Lawrence, Faribault, MN

2/5/87 Memo from Kenney to Roach- **Murphy has a student living at the rectory with him. (ARCH-038437)**

2/9/87 Murphy admitted to Guest House for possible alcoholism and/or chemical dependency treatment. (ARCH-038496)

3/4/87 Memo from Carlson to Roach and O'Connell regarding Murphy evaluation at Guest House indicates that he does not have a chemical dependency problem. Carlson writes **“given our history with Jim I wonder if the problem is more of psycho-sexual nature.” (ARCH-038490)**

3/6/87 Memo from Carlson to Roach, O'Connell, Kenney, Ham that Guest House did not see Murphy as a pedophile but as someone who is really in a rather serious trauma because of his inability to deal with his sexuality. (ARCH-038491)

6/9/87 Memo from Carlson to Roach saying Murphy continues to have a young man living at rectory. **“Given our warnings to Father Murphy not to be involved with youth after the situation in Hennepin County,”** Murphy should be put in

counseling. Carlson recommends that Murphy be evaluated at Jemez Springs.
(ARCH-038540)

- 8/13/87 Memo from Carlson to Roach, Ham and O'Connell regarding meeting with Murphy to discuss allegations from Faribault. Murphy had a young man living at the rectory. **Carlson expressed "number of concerns with regard to Fr. Murphy's relationship with young people which includes his hugging of males and his language which often times has double meanings with sexual overtones."** Murphy volunteered that he received an anonymous letter **accusing him of behavior similar to that of Father Thomas Adamson.**
(ARCH-038370-038371)
- 12/14/87 Memo from Carlson that parishioner had concern about Murphy and his son based on his own fears about Murphy and inappropriate contact with young men. (ARCH-038452, 038453, 038484) Father Clinton reported concerns of several people from Faribault to Carlson including Murphy's inappropriate language and preoccupation with sexual matters during marriage counselling, the frequency of young people at the rectory and drinking with high school graduates at the rectory, preoccupation with adolescent males and financial improprieties.
(ARCH-038497, 038554)
- 1/8/88 Memo from Carlson regarding Murphy taking money out of collection unreported. (ARCH-038439)
- 1/12/88 Memo to Ham, O'Connell, and Fr. Ward from Carlson summarizing his meeting with Murphy, Murphy's history and the allegations of sexual abuse against him.
(ARCH-038495-038498)
- 1/25/88 Murphy begins 10-day evaluation at St. Luke's Institute. (ARCH-038498)
- 2/17/88 Memo from Carlson to Roach that verbal report of SLI given to Bishop Ham and there are "some things that you probably want to be aware of". (ARCH-038429)
- 3/14/88 Letter to Consultation Services Center from O'Connell says that there has been concerns about Murphy since his time at St. Raphael's in Crystal involving **"his pattern of associating principally with young men of adolescent age and at times publicly embracing them in ways that are noticeably inappropriate such as sustained hugging."** (ARCH-038516-18)
- 3/17/88 Letter from parishioner to Roach that there are cars outside of Murphy's residence every morning and strange young men leaving. Parishioner believes that Murphy is also having affairs with two women at the parish. (ARCH-038379)
- 5/2/88 O'Connell to Murphy that Roach would like Murphy to resign from the parish effective 6/15/88. (ARCH-038504)
- 6/9/88 Letter from Roach to Murphy reiterating O'Connell and Ham's encouragement of Murphy to resign from St. Lawrence "because of the consistent rumors about [his] sexual liaison with boys..." (ARCH-038390)

- 6/14/88 Letter from Murphy to Roach denying being a homosexual or a child-molester. (ARCH-038387)
- 6/15/88 Murphy resigns from St. Lawrence Parish. (ARCH-038421)
- 10/10/88 Letter from O'Connell to Murphy that he has not cooperated with follow-up evaluation at CSC. (ARCH-038529-30)
- 10/18/88 Letter from Roach to Murphy that he needs to cooperate. (ARCH-038542)
- 3/14/89 Memo from McDonough to Roach briefing him on what steps could be taken with Murphy: 1) removal from pastorate or 2) a delay in reassignment per canon law. (ARCH-038506-7)
- 5/2/89 Priest Personnel Board recommends asking for Murphy's resignation. (ARCH-038382)
- 5/10/89 Memo from O'Connell to Kenny regarding Murphy's psychological evaluation. Murphy was seen at SLI but denied their evaluation was accurate and insisted on a second evaluation. He was referred to the Consultation Services Center but failed to follow through. Recommends that he not be assigned without an evaluation. (ARCH-038228)
- 6/1/89 Letter from Murphy to Roach saying he agrees he will see Schoener and resign from St. Lawrence on certain conditions. (ARCH-038608)
- 7/28/89 Memo from O'Connell to Roach recommending temporary work for Murphy. (ARCH-038609)
- 7/31/89 Murphy vacating Faribault and moving in with Bob Thurner at St. Therese. (ARCH-038638)
- 8/1/89 Memo from Roach to Kenney saying Murphy can do weekend work until his work with Schoener is complete but after that he should immediately get a parish assuming there is clearance. (ARCH-038669)
- 11/18/89 Report from Schoener recommending a plan for future assignment including a chance to do some teaching of young people if possible. Schoener does not see a risk of sexual misconduct. (ARCH-038615-17)
- 12/1/89 On sabbatical in Arizona until 7/1/90. (ARCH-0385880) Providing weekend ministry in Diocese of Phoenix. (ARCH-038630)
- Undated Partial deposition of Murphy. (ARCH-038570-038578)
- 1/30/90 Memo from Roach to O'Connell and McDonough saying he read Murphy's deposition and it is clear that there is enough that they have to do something about Murphy. (ARCH-038671)

- 2/16/90 Memo from McDonough to Roach that he called Murphy regarding the deposition and Murphy denied sexual contact, though said the male would occasionally leave the room and come back with his clothes off and try to get Murphy to touch him on the genitals. McDonough recommends suspending faculties. (ARCH-038592-038593)
- 5/22/90 Memo from McDonough to Roach that after rereading Murphy's file, it seems to him that **a placement might be workable with certain structures in place.** (ARCH-038627)
- 6/5/90 Letter from Bp. Of Phoenix to Murphy that he will not allow his assignment or incardination within the Diocese and does not believe in "geographic cures". (ARCH-038704)
- 7/3/90 Memo from McDonough to Roach that Schoener has given a different look to his earlier evaluation of Murphy. (ARCH-038652) Schoener now opines that Murphy is a risk to have homosexual involvements with young men or boys. (ARCH-038655)
- 7/17/90 Letter from McDonough to Murphy that ministry in Arizona will not be possible and that he has two choices – 1) continue to live in Phoenix without exercising pastoral or priestly ministry or 2) return to the Archdiocese for ministry. (ARCH-038620)
- 10/1/90 Memo from McDonough to file that he met with Murphy on 7/27 at rectory of St. Therese parish and informed him that the Archdiocese would terminate its financial support for him as of 9/1 and that he would be considered as absent with leave which would continue for an indefinite period of time and was not to exercise faculties as a priest. (ARCH-038695)
- 8/20/91 Memo from McDonough to Roach, Carlson that a student from St. John Vianney who was engaged in a relationship with Murphy in the past. Murphy contacted the man recently to visit him. McDonough does not think anything further needs to be done. (ARCH-038643)
- 8/29/91 Letter from Roach to Bp. O'Brien (Phoenix) that another allegation of inappropriate behavior with an adult male has arisen. (ARCH-038630)
- 9/6/91 Letter from Bishop of Phoenix to Roach that Murphy applied to Diocese of Tucson but was not accepted and that he thought that Murphy returned to Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. (ARCH-038584)
- 3/26/96 Memo from McDonough to file that he checked with Diocese of Phoenix on Flynn's request and Murphy is not ministering there. (ARCH-038631)
- 6/20/02 Letter from McDonough to Cozzens and Fr. Finnegan of the Faribault Catholic Community with Flynn, Carlson, and Fallon and also O'Brien of Phoenix and Moreno of Tucson cc'd. **Thanks Cozzens for informing McDonough of his conversation with a survivor of abuse by Murphy.** Says it does not appear to constitute abuse but would frighten the boy and **calls Murphy's judgment into "very serious question."** McDonough then shares what happened with Murphy

so they are aware of his background. **He says in the early 1990s the Archdiocese heard second-hand reports of incidents similar to the one now being reported. Nothing added up to abuse but poor judgment was involved. Carlson spoke to law enforcement, Murphy resigned. Murphy did not cooperate with treatment, so the Archdiocese refused to offer him an assignment and he moved to Arizona and is not working as a priest. (ARCH-038628)**