

# Rev. Joseph L. Wajda

Ordained: 1973

Incardinated: St. Paul and Minneapolis

Start	Stop	Parish/ Assignment	Town/ Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1973  St. Paul- Minneapolis archbishop was Leo Binz (1961-1975), followed by John Robert Roach (1975-1995)	1977	<b>St. Raphael's</b>	<b>Crystal</b>  • Wajda was accused in a 1989 lawsuit of <a href="#">telling a 12 year-old boy in the early 1970s to remove his clothes and fondle himself</a> after the boy went to him to seek advice about his sexuality. The same boy accused San Raphael priest, Rev. Robert <b>Kapoun</b> , of sexually abusing him.  • Wajda was accused in another 1989 lawsuit of sexually abusing a <a href="#">16 year-old boy in 1974</a> .	MN	<a href="#">3/3</a>	St. Raphael's had a school with 578-513 students.  <a href="#">Kapoun</a> , referred to as the "Polka Padre", was known to have sexually abused boys throughout his decades long career.
1977	1982	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Columbia Heights</b>	MN	3/3, 1/1 Administrator	Immaculate Conception had a school with 377-343 students.

1982	1986	<b>St. Rose of Lima</b>	<b>Roseville</b>	MN	2/3, 2/2	St. Rose of Lima had a school with 410-396 students.
1986	1987	<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Bohemian)</b>	<b>Minneapolis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wajda was <a href="#">accused</a> of fondling and attempting to rape an <a href="#">eighth grade boy in 1986</a>. The boy is said to have gone to Wajda for support after his grandmother died. Wajda's accuser received a settlement from the archdiocese.</li> </ul>	MN	1/1	
1987	1988	<b>St. Andrew's</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN	1/1	
1988	1990	<b>Special Assignment: Chancery, Pro Tem</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN		
1990	1991	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN	2/2	Blessed Sacrament had a school with 193 students.

<p>1991</p> <p>Roach was succeeded by Harry Joseph Flynn (1995-2008)</p>	<p>2002</p>	<p><b>Special Assignment: Tribunal</b></p>	<p><b>St. Paul</b></p>	<p>MN</p>	<p>Judicial Vicar 1998-2002</p>	<p>Although Wajda was removed from ministry in June 2002, after the U.S. bishops' historic Dallas meeting, the <i>Directories</i> list him as on the Tribunal until 2004.</p> <p>Wajda is not indexed beyond the 2004 <i>Directory</i>.</p>
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