

# Rev. Robert Michael Thurner

Ordained: 1951

Incardinated: St. Paul

Retired: Dec. 1991

Start	Stop	Parish/ Assignment	Town/ Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1951  St. Paul archbishop was John Gregory Murray (1931-1956), followed by William Otterwell Brady (1956-1961). Brady was replaced by Leo Binz (1961-1975) The archdiocese became known in 1966 as St. Paul and Minneapolis.	1963	<b>Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Minneapolis (St. Louis Park)</b>	MN	<a href="#">2/2</a>	Most Holy Trinity had a school with 237-369 students.
1963	1967	<b>St. Luke's</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN	2/5	St. Luke's had a school with 1,430-1,252 students.
1967	1970	<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>Prior Lake</b>	MN	1/1	St. Michael's had a school with 247-243 students.

<p>1970</p> <p>Binz was succeeded by John Robert Roach (1975-1995)</p>	<p>1983</p>	<p><b>St. John the Evangelist's</b></p>	<p><b>Hopkins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turner was accused in a 1993 lawsuit of the sexual abuse of a boy, beginning in 1972 when the boy was 16, and continuing until 1977. Thurner <a href="#">admitted to "sexual contact"</a> maybe one time before the boy turned 18. Turner is said to have plied the boy with alcohol.</li> <li>• Thurner admitted when confronted by church officials in Nov. 1982 that he was <a href="#">"having sex with" a boy</a>. He is said to have plied the boy with alcohol and pornography. After admitting to the sexual abuse of a boy, Thurner wrote a letter of resignation, which was not accepted. He continued to pastor at St. John's until six months later, when <a href="#">another accusation</a> surfaced.</li> </ul>	<p>MN</p>	<p>1/2, 1/1</p>	<p>St. John's had a school with 196 students; in 1971 it consolidated with other area parochial schools.</p> <p>After the second accusation, Thurner was transferred out of St. John's to another parish. The 'sexual contact' with the first boy is said to have <a href="#">begun in 1980 and continued until 1984</a>, when the boy was a young adult.</p>
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1983	1986	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>West St. Paul</b>	MN	2/2	St. Joseph's had a school with 528-505 students.
1986	1986	<b>St. Edward's</b>	<b>Bloomington</b>	MN		Turner served at St. Edward's <a href="#">briefly</a> , per new reports.
June 1986	Dec. 1991	<b>St. Therese's</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN	1/2, 1/1	Consolidated school, Highland Catholic in St. Paul.  Turner <a href="#">"retired" abruptly</a> in Dec. 1991 just before a lawsuit was filed by the person Turner admitted in 1982 to having sexually abused.
1991  Harry Joseph Flynn followed Roach as St. Paul and Minneapolis archbishop (1995-2008)	2001	<b>Retired; Chancery Pro Tem</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN		Address listed is that of the Leo Byrne Residence, St. Paul, MN.

2001	2002	<b>Retired</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	MN		Address listed is that of the Leo Byrne Residence, St. Paul, MN.  Turner is not indexed beyond the 2002 <i>Directory</i> .
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