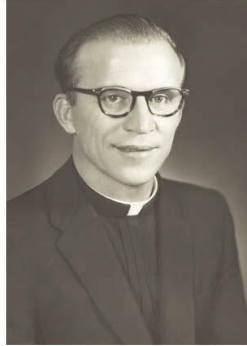


RICHARD HATCH - TIMELINE



10/28/27- Born

06/06/54- Ordained

06/23/54- Saint John Vianney, Fairmont, MN

06/21/57- Saint Leo, Pipestone, MN

08/30/60- Saint James, Saint James, MN

07/13/61 Letter from the Bishop to Hatch. The Bishop wrote a personal check to cover Hatch's debts with a local bank. The Bishop expects Hatch to pay him back immediately or he will withhold money from his salary. He finds it unjustified that Hatch is on vacation in Florida when he is in such debt. **The Bishop has also heard reports that he's taken 1-2 teenagers with him, "in spite of the advice which I gave to you at the time of your retreat." The Bishop finds this matter very serious. He will suspend Hatch from all priestly work if he continues taking teenagers on trips. (RH000022-RH000023)**

07/17/61 Letter from Fr. Urban Buchheit of St. James to the Bishop writing of "great disturbance" over a letter he received. He did not know about anyone traveling with Hatch until they had been on the road for five days, and he does not know how many were with him. (RH000025)

06/19/62 - Saint Mary, Winona, MN

08/25/63 Letter from Hatch to Fitzgerald stating, "It has been four weeks now since I arrived at Via Ceoli." **"I know that some scandal must have been caused by my imprudent actions." (RH000046-RH000047)**

11/26/63 Letter from Hatch to Monsignor about getting permission from his Bishop to join the Servants of the Paraclete. (RH000054)

- 12/09/63 Letter from Servant General, Rev. Fitzgerald, to Rev. Dittman discussing how some that were close to Hatch were “aware of his former problem and believes that he has definitely closed the door on the past.” I think in this matter we can allow the dead to bury the dead. (RH000055)
- 05/22/64 Letter to Servant General of the Paracletes about Hatch coming to England to live with his sister-in-law, who is now divorced. The author seeks information about Hatch. Hatch is planning to marry his sister-in-law, but it seems she is “more in need of an asylum than of a husband.” (RH000058)
- 05/26/64 Letter to Msgr. Tighe in Winona regarding Hatch. Hatch is now in Vidor, Texas and according to the information the author received from the Paracletes, he was a patient at Via Coeli in New Mexico. He was then sent to the house the Congregation has in England to give him one more chance. He was sent back to the states a few months ago and is now going to marry his brother’s ex-wife. “He must be COMPLETELY CRAZY.” “He is sick, very sick.” (RH000060)
- 05/28/64 Letter from Msgr. Tighe to the priest from Vidor, Texas. **Hatch was “accused of many indiscretions and much impudence.” (RH000061)**
- 9/96 Letter to family accounting the experience of a survivor who was sexually abused by Hatch as an altar boy. The abuse was repetitive and caused anger, drug abuse, and shame. Hatch would sing to the survivor as he abused him, “loving you is all I can do.” (RH000064-RH000065)
- 11/21/96 Memo to Hatch’s file discusses a report of sexual misconduct. The receptionist of the Pastoral Center received a telephone call inquiring about Fr. Hatch, a priest who had sexually abused the caller’s son. (RH000075)
- 05/06/97 Memo recounting a voice mail message from a man who was abused by a clergyman of the Diocese of Winona. (RH000076)
- 03/26/05 Letter to Rev. Becker discussing what the author knows about her son’s sexual abuse by Hatch. The abuse consisted of oral sex and likely occurred in the sacristy. After the act, Hatch would make him go to confession and confess as he was the cause of it. When the survivor was only 10 years old he said there was no God. Her son is well-educated, but because of the abuse he suffered, eventually turned to drugs.
- Leland Smith, now defrocked, also attempted to molest the author’s oldest son, but he quickly got out of his car.
- The author contacted Hatch’s aunt, who disclosed that Hatch came to visit one summer and brought two young boys with him as companions. After a

few days the boys' mothers bussed out to California to bring the boys home. Hatch never returned to St. Mary's after that episode. Hatch then went to treatment and to England and joined a religious order. He then came back to the U.S. and left the priesthood. **When the author called him he was newly retired from teaching in a public high school in Beaumont, Texas. He had taught for 33 years, was married and had two step-daughters.**

The author's son has been in therapy for years and the Diocese has been paying for his therapy. (RH00093-00096)

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Handwritten note from John Vitek about his conversation with Fr. Tighe about Hatch. Tighe could not recall the specific nature of Hatch's "indiscretions." It was common for Bishop Fitzgerald to not share such details with anyone." (RH000009)

Undated

Handwritten notes about Hatch say "there were always a number of boys with him," and "Hatch took pornographic pictures" of a boy. (RH000010-RH000011)