

KENNETH LAVAN TIMELINE

2/23/58 - Ordained

6/9/58 – Associate Pastor, St. Michael’s Parish, St. Paul (ARCH-001519)

6/16/64 – Assistant Pastor, St. Anne’s Parish, Minneapolis

8/2/65 – Assistant Pastor, St. Raphael’s Parish, Crystal Village

6/15/70 – Administrator, Guardian Angels, Lake Elmo

7/2/73 – Pastor, Guardian Angels, Lake Elmo

11/15/83 – Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, Lake St. Croix Beach

- 3/28/84 Incomplete Memo from St. Luke’s Institute to Fr. Kevin McDonough regarding LaVan. (ARCH-002630)
- 5/18/85 Memo from McDonough to Archbishop Roach, Bishop Carlson & O’Connell regarding settlement with a woman sexually abused by LaVan. (ARCH-001864)
- 8/6/85 Memo from Carlson to Roach regarding meeting with LaVan to investigate allegation of sexual relationship between LaVan and parishioner. **“If we don’t want this to build into a real problem, it is my recommendation that we accept Fr. LaVan’s resignation from the parish, find a suitable cover story and get him into an in-patient treatment program.”** (ARCH-002216)
- 8/7/85 Servants of the Paraclete facility send information to Fr. Kenney for LaVan to complete prior to admission at Villa Louis Martin. (ARCH-002233)
- 8/8/85 Fr. Kenny informs Roach that LaVan will be sent to treatment on Sept. 1 and will be living at St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul Park until then. (ARCH-002178)
- 9/17/85 Memo to Archbishop John Roach from Bishop Carlson that LaVan returns from Servants of Paraclete facility in New Mexico and waiting for psychological evaluations. Ken promised to keep low profile. (ARCH-002015, 002096)
- Report indicates that there is evidence to suggest that LaVan needs professional help. Likely areas of concern may be around sexuality issues and ambivalence over his future directions. (ARCH-002099) Report was incomplete because LaVan did not cooperate fully. (ARCH-002096)
- 12/17/85 Memo from Carlson to Roach that Dr. Gendron has not ruled out LaVan’s need for inpatient therapy but if there is a temporary assignment available Carlson would have no problem with LaVan being placed. (ARCH-002508)
- 12/31/85 Letter from Carlson to LaVan suggesting that he begin some ministry at Church of Immaculate Conception in Faribault until they receive something from Dr. Gendron. (ARCH-002574)

- 2/14/86 Letter from Gendron to Carlson recommending that LaVan undergo intense psychotherapy before he is given any meaningful kind of privilege or responsibility. (ARCH-002136)
- 2/25/86 Memo from Carlson to Roach, O'Connell & Kenney that Gendron reports that LaVan is not ready for a regular assignment and that they either need a third consultation or a meeting with LaVan to chart a plan. **“Given the liability it involves and the fact that this report puts on notice, I think we will have to treat this as a rather serious case.”** (ARCH-002708)
- 3/20/86 Memo from Carlson to Roach after meeting with LaVan. He writes that “we should get a third opinion as Ken is not going to accept Dr. Gendron’s judgment.” (ARCH-002131)
- 5/14/86 Memo from Roach to Kenney that an assignment should be offered to LaVan as he has done everything asked of him. (ARCH-002312)

7/3/86 – Pastor, St. Richard Parish, Richfield

6/17/87 - Co-Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Lino Lakes

- 5/12/88 O'Connell met with a woman who was sexually abused by LaVan as a 16-year old at St. Raphael's. She reported that LaVan forcibly removed her clothes and raped her. O'Connell recommends pursuing intervention and evaluation of LaVan. (ARCH-001810-11, ARCH-02556)
- 9/23/88 O'Connell writes that he has been in contact with two different victims of abuse by LaVan when they were minors. One who was 16 at the time of the abuse at St. Raphael's and one who was a child at St. Michael's Parish. (ARCH-002370)
- 9/30/88 LaVan enters agreement to cease any unsupervised relationships with minors or vulnerable adults. Failure to comply will result in removal as a priest. (ARCH-002675-76)
- 10/5/88 LaVan admitted parts of the allegations of the two females. He admitted to kissing the 16-year-old at St. Raphael's and kissing the child from St. Michael's. LaVan denied any intention to harm. (ARCH-002014)
- 10/7/88 O'Connell letter to survivor re: abuse by LaVan. (ARCH-001648-49)
- 11/21/88 Final Report of Gary Schoener that LaVan has acknowledged some kissing and hugging which he acknowledges is inappropriate and that it is conceivable that LaVan graduated to older women. (ARCH-002702-6)
- 12/16/88 Memo from O'Connell to Roach that Schoener report indicates stronger reason to believe the accusations of the two victims. (ARCH-002514)
- 1/21/89 Letter from O'Connell to LaVan that arrangements have been made for LaVan to undergo evaluation at St. Luke's Institute. (ARCH-002355)

- 2/14/89 Letter from LaVan to O'Connell denying anything more than kissing but that he has "struggled at times with celibacy" but that medication has helped since April 1986. (ARCH-002022)
- 2/20/89 LaVan at St. Luke Institute for 10-day evaluation. (ARCH-002737)
- 3/8/1989 St. Luke Institute diagnosed LaVan with sexual disorder not otherwise specified (compulsive sexuality). (ARCH-002737-743)**
- 3/17/89 Memo from O'Connell to Roach that St. Luke Institute evaluation shows issue of sexually addictive behavior. (ARCH-002141)
- 4/1/89 Letter from victim's mother to Carlson in response to his statement that he was unaware of the allegation. She says that her daughter followed policy and reported to O'Connell and that O'Connell said he had informed Carlson of the allegation. Victim was also told that because she did not want to see a psychologist of the church, the costs of her care were in question. (ARCH-001722)
- 6/2/89 Memo from O'Connell to Roach, Carlson, McDonough about LaVan's progress at SLI. Told LaVan that if his progress continues to be as strong as it is now, he should think very positively about ministry placement when he comes back. (ARCH-002502)
- 9/6/89 Letter from SLI to O'Connell that LaVan will make a home visit and will need to find SA meetings that he can attend and a temporary sponsor. (ARCH-002419)
- 9/21/89 O'Connell phone message to Fr. Bill Kenney, LaVan to become Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's, Lino Lakes. (ARCH-002198)
- 9/28/89 Letter from SLI to O'Connell recommending that LaVan avoid unsupervised contact with females at all times, be assigned to St. Joseph's parish, and participate in SLI aftercare program. (ARCH-002587)
- 10/14/89 – Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Lino Lakes
- 10/10/89 LaVan discharged from SLI. (ARCH-002728)
- 1/15/90 Sister of another victim writes to Roach that LaVan asked her to sit on his lap or give him kisses when she was a child. (ARCH-001662)
- 10/19/90 Monitoring plan completed by O'Connell indicates that LaVan has Wadja and Skluzacek as social support (both known perps). (ARCH-002296)**
- 12/1/92 Memo from McDonough to file that he had a meeting with a woman who was sexually abused by LaVan. (ARCH-002030)
- 10/21/93 Letter from McDonough to SLI re: LaVan having boundary issues with parish staff. (ARCH-002268)

- 3/16/94 Letter from McDonough to SLI that LaVan does not admit latest allegations and that they would have been inconsistent with the pattern of boundary violations he exhibited. (ARCH-002545)
- 4/5/94 Memo from McDonough to Roach and Fallon that SLI believes from LaVan's treatment that there was aggressiveness about some of his offending behavior which would make to accusations more credible. (ARCH-002628)
- 12/19/94 Memo to Clergy Review Board outlining LaVan's history. (ARCH-002183-2192)
- 3/9/95 Clergy Review Board recommends that LaVan continue in ministry with parameters. (ARCH-002478)**
- 6/20/95 Memo from McDonough to Roach that the Archdiocese has been receiving calls from a woman who complained that LaVan was sexual with her when she was undergoing psychiatric care. (ARCH-002734)
- Insurance company indicates that claim can be resolved without lawsuit. (ARCH-002699)
- 11/1/95 Memo from McDonough regarding LaVan victim's demand. She says that LaVan last abused her in February 1989. (ARCH-002042)
- 12/11/97 LaVan refuses to meet with McDonough. "I cannot understand why the archdiocese would ask me to again expose myself to further injury and harm rather than to confront this individual with her false accusations." (ARCH-002304)
- 12/31/97 - LaVan Retires. (ARCH-003081)
- 3/16/99 Threat from Flynn to LaVan for failure to meet. (ARCH-002489)
- 5/27/05 Memo from Tim Rourke to McDonough re: possible abuse of a minor by LaVan in 1988 and 1992. (ARCH- 002215)
- 11/3/05 Memo from McDonough to Flynn that LaVan is not covered by the Charter. (ARCH-002034)**
- 1/17/05 Response from Flynn to McDonough that because there were doubts about the accusations, the case should remain closed and does not need to follow Charter. (ARCH-002465)**
- 5/2/06 Letter from McDonough to LaVan about monitoring program required by Charter. (ARCH-002139-40)**
- 2007/08 - Associate, Saint Olaf's, Minneapolis, Monitor Report. (ARCH-002750-51)
- 12/26/13 LaVan's faculties temporarily removed. (ARCH-002511, 002596)
- 1/2/14 Letter from Nienstedt to LaVan stating that faculties have been removed due to a review of LaVan's clergy file. (ARCH-002596)