

Rev. Joseph L. Wajda

Ordained: 1973

Incardinated: St. Paul and Minneapolis

| Start | Stop | Parish/Assignment | Town/Accusations | State | Position | Notes |
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| 1973 St. Paul-Minneapolis archbishop was Leo Binz (1961-1975), followed by John Robert Roach (1975-1995) | 1977 | St. Raphael's | <p>Crystal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wajda was accused in a 1989 lawsuit of <u>telling a 12 year-old boy in the early 1970s to remove his clothes and fondle himself</u> after the boy went to him to seek advice about his sexuality. The same boy accused San Raphael priest, Rev. Robert Kapoun, of sexually abusing him. Wajda was accused in another 1989 lawsuit of sexually abusing a <u>16 year-old boy in 1974.</u> | MN | <u>3/3</u> | <p>St. Raphael's had a school with 578-513 students.</p> <p><u>Kapoun</u>, referred to as the "Polka Padre", was known to have sexually abused boys throughout his decades long career.</p> |
| 1977 | 1982 | Immaculate Conception | Columbia Heights | MN | 3/3, 1/1 Administrator | Immaculate Conception had a school with 377-343 students. |

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

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| <p>1991</p> <p>Roach was succeeded by Harry Joseph Flynn (1995-2008)</p> | <p>2002</p> | <p>Special Assignment: Tribunal</p> | <p>St. Paul</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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