



Casimir Plakut

On September 19, 2017, St. John's added Father Casimir Plakut's name to its list of monks "Likely to have offended against minors."

Father Francis Joseph "Casimir" Plakut, OSB was born on December 3, 1910, Father Plakut entered the monastic community of St. John's professing simple vows on July 11, 1932. Plakut studied theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest June 6, 1938.

Father Plakut served as a priest in the Diocese of Saint Cloud, the Diocese of Crookston, the Diocese of Duluth, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Archdiocese of Nassau, Bahamas, and as a Chaplain at Harvard University and in the United States Army. He worked in various parishes throughout Minnesota but is not included on any other official lists of clergy members who have been credibly accused of child sexual abuse.

Plakut left St. John's Abbey in in 1962. He worked in assignments in Nebraska and Texas under the name Fr. Francis J. Michael. Plakut died in 1988.

Father Casimir Plakut worked at the following parishes:

- 1938: St. Stanislaus, Sobieski, MN & St. Stanislaus, Swan River, MN
- 1938-39: Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls, MN
- 1939: St. Joseph's, Moorhead, MN
- 1939: SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI
- 1939-41: St. Clement's, Duluth, MN
- 1941-43: Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes, MN
- 1946: St. Michael's Mahnommen, MN
- 1946-48: Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes, MN
- 1948: St. Bartholomew, Wayzata, MN
- 1949: St. Boniface, Cold Spring, MN
- 1949-50: St. Anne's Missions, Naytahwash, MN
- 1950-51: St. Joseph's, Beaulieu, MN
- 1952-53: Holy Family Missions, Cloquet, MN
- 1955-56: St. Maur's Major Seminary, South Union, KY
- 1958-59: St. Vincent's Hospital, Sioux City, IA
- 1958-60: St. Mary's, Hubbard, NE
- 1960: St. Casimir's, Fort Williams, Ontario, Canada
- 1967: St. Mary's Hospital, North Platte, NE

- 1967: St. Patrick's, Eddyville, NE
- 1967-69: Holy Trinity, Graceville, MN
- 1968-73: St. Patrick's, Eddyville, NE (under the name Francis J. Michael)
- 1975-76: Gettysburg Memorial Hospital, Gettysburg, SD (under the name Francis J. Michael)

Ministerial Status: Father Plakut worked as a priest in good standing until his death in 1988.