



Timeline Fr. Gilbert "Allen" Tarlton, OSB

1948 Joined St. John's Abbey

6/4/55 Ordained a Catholic Priest of the Order of St. Benedict

1955 - St. John's Preparatory School, English Teacher and Dorm Prefect

1955-1964 Two students complained directly to the Abbot about Tarlton sexually abusing them, and one student complained to the sub prior. Tarlton admitted to at least one instance of abuse. (OSB 375, 656)

Tarlton admits that during this time he went to several students' rooms while they slept and manipulated their genitals, and that on one occasion he drugged a student and then masturbated him while he slept. (OSB 656)

Tarlton picked out a college freshman who he thought looked "particularly vulnerable" and sexually abused him multiple times. (OSB 655)

1958 Abbot Baldwin Dworschak removed Tarlton from the Prep School after receiving complaints. (OSB 375)

1958 - St. John's University, English Professor

July 1960 Treatment (1) at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN for psychological issues referred to in documents as "homosexuality" (Doe 2 118)

1965 Two college students report to Abbot Dworschak that Tarlton threatened to give them failing grades unless he had sex with them. Dworschak says he has to send Tarlton to the Bahamas because of pressure from the complaints. (OSB 657)

1965 - St. Augustine's College (High School), Nassau, Bahamas

8/2/65 Abbot Dworschak writes to Tarlton in the Bahamas ordering him to return to St. John's and then to additional treatment, this time at Seton Institute near Baltimore, Maryland: **"Let's consider what has happened in recent months to make this return necessary an indication that something must be done to give you more help, and I am ready to offer this help."** (Doe 2 123)

9/4/65 – 7/28/67 - Inpatient treatment at St. Luke, Institute, Maryland

12/13/65 While in treatment, Tarlton writes to Abbot Dworschak: "I am beginning to see just how much harm my irresponsible behavior in the past has harmed not only myself, but you and the Community." (Doe 2 125-126)

6/9/66 Tarlton informs Abbot Dworschak that the therapist he was seeing while still in Minnesota told him he should consider laicization. (Doe 2 127)

1967 - Saint Augustine's College (High School), Nassau, Bahamas

January 1968 Abbot Dworschak ordered Tarlton back to St. John's after he physically attacked a female teacher at a faculty function. Tarlton did not return to St. John's but instead fled to his hometown of Cincinnati without telling anyone. (OSB 658-659)

3/30/68 When he finally writes to Abbot Dworschak to tell him where he is he asks for a leave of absence from the priesthood and asks for a letter of recommendation to work at the Hamilton County Welfare Department. (Doe 2 137)

March 1968 Abbot grants Tarlton a one year leave of absence writes the letter of recommendation to the Hamilton County Welfare Department: Tarlton's **"relationships with students and fellow faculty members was above average, though at times marred by a tendency to moodiness."** (Doe 2 139)

1969 When his leave is up, Tarlton requests Faculties to work in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

4/24/69 Two letters in support of Tarlton are written to Auxiliary Bishop Edward A. McCarthy of Cincinnati. Lawrence C. Walter writes, "If the thinking is that Tarlton is a risk; you are right, but every priest is a risk. Also that he sought psychiatric help is better than many in our archdiocese who need it and do not seek it." (ARCINCI 0030) A group of eight priests write on the same date that Tarlton's "release from the hospital in 1967 was

accompanied by a good prognosis...Each one of us is inevitably a risk. To think otherwise would be unreal.” (ARCINCI 0014)

5/5/69 Abbot Dworschak to Msgr. Henry Vogelpohl, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati: “Since this letter is confidential, and since I believe that you are entitled to know why Father Tarlton was sent to Seton Institute for treatment, I am going to let you know that he was there, willingly, and was successfully treated for homosexuality. **I was given every reason to believe that he could be assigned to the boys’ college in Nassau when he left Seton after treatment.** Father cooperated fully with those handling his problem at Seton.” (ARCINCI 0028)

5/9/69 Reply letter from Chancellor Vogelpohl to Abbot Dworschak asking for permission to tell the pastor at St. Mark Church, where Tarlton has been teaching in the elementary school, about his history of sexual abuse and treatment: “I join with you in praying that any past difficulty that Father Tarlton may have had may not manifest itself again. Since Father Tarlton willingly admitted his troubles to his superiors and sought treatment, do you not think that it would be helpful to all if Father Moorman would be entrusted with this **confidential information.**” (ARCINCI 0029)

5/14/69 Abbot Dworschak **gives Vogelpohl permission** to tell the pastor at St. Mark about his past. (ARCINCI 0027)

5/21/69 Faculties granted to Tarlton by Archdiocese of Cincinnati, with permission of Abbot Dworschak (ARCINCI 0012, 0015)

1969 - Associate Pastor and Teacher at Saint Mark's in Cincinnati, Ohio

1970 - Administrator St. Martin de Porres Parish, Cincinnati, Ohio

App. 1971-72 Tarlton and another priest sexually abuse a 17-year old choir boy (OSB 660)

1/16/73 Abbot John Eidenschink gives Tarlton permission to work as the principal of the school at Holy Cross in Louisville, Kentucky after Tarlton left the Archdiocese of Cincinnati without informing anyone. (Doe 2 152)

1973 - Principal, Holy Cross Parish School, Louisville, Kentucky

1973 Tarlton hospitalized in Louisville for unknown reasons stemming from alcohol use. Causes a disturbance at a parish while drunk. Pastor at Holy Cross contacts Abbot Eidenschink asking him to order Tarlton back to St. John’s. (OSB 660)

- 3/2/73 Abbot Eidenschink gives Tarlton the choice of teaching at St. John's Prep School or Benilde St. Margaret. (Doe 2 155)
- 1973 Treatment (3) at St. Cloud Hospital for Alcohol
- 1973 - St. John's Preparatory School, English Teacher and Prefect
- 3/13/74 Headmaster of St. John's Prep, Fr. Alan Steichen, OSB, writes to the faculty and students at St. John's Prep to announce Tarlton's new auxiliary assignment as "Director of Advanced Standing." Steichen praises Tarlton in the letter – "Fr. Tarlton came to us this year with a wealth of experience, having taught at high schools in the Bahamas and Cincinnati, as well as having been a member of the faculty of St. John's University." Tarlton's new position appears to place him in direct, one on one contact with individual students. (OSB 175)
- 1979-1980 Abbot Eidenschink sends Tarlton to Treatment (4) at Hazelden in Center City, MN, and at Servants of the Paraclete facility in Missouri (Doe 2 158, 160-161)
- 12/1/82 Director at the St. Luke Institute, Joe Ciarrochi, Ph.D. writes to Abbot Jerome Theisen to assure him that since "new circumstances have arisen" Tarlton may be admitted immediately without the customary "waiting period" (Doe 2 168)
- 12/2/82 – 6/16/83 Treatment (5) - St. Luke Institute, Maryland
- 5/9/83 Tarlton to monks at St. John's about treatment at St. Luke's. One week every three months devoted to "sexual attitude restructuring." (OSB 147-148)
- 6/16/83 Tarlton's aftercare program is provided by St. Luke Institute to Abbot Theisen. Clause 10 reads: "Avoidance of pornographic literature and places of entertainment is imperative." (Doe 2 177-179)
- 5/4/84 Headmaster of St. John's Prep, Fr. Linus Ascheman, OSB to Tarlton: "**I have been asked about the appropriateness or inappropriateness of your recurring references to sexual topics in class discussions.**" (OSB 135-136)
- 5/14/84 Tarlton's response to Ascheman's claim of recurring sexual references in class is that, "I am guilty of this also, and, on reflection am aware that sometimes such references may be inappropriate. In the future I will make special effort to be more sensitive in this area." (OSB 180-182)

- 9/2/86 Headmaster Ascheman offers Tarlton the position of Head of the English Department at St. John's Preparatory School. (OSB 124)
- 12/22/89 Tarlton, St. John's Prep Academic Dean, Fr. Ian Dommer, OSB and a female lay teacher meet regarding the teacher's claims that Tarlton sexually harassed her. (OSB 115) According to Tarlton the teacher received a \$100,000 settlement from the school as a result of her complaint. (OSB 661)
- 2/24/91 Fr. Ian Dommer memo to Tom Andert – students are convinced that Tarlton “got off” on making students talk about explicit sex and violence (OSB 107)
- 4/19/91 Fr. Ian Dommer writes to Tarlton regarding his investigations of complaints made by students against him. The seniors “are unanimous in their opinion that you are obsessed with sex, violence and racism.” (OSB 97-99)
- 5/10/91 Fr. Dommer writes to Fr. Tom Andert that St. John's may have “a big PR problem on our hands.” Parents know that Tarlton is hitting kids and being sexually vulgar in class. (OSB 184-185)
- October 1992 Civil suit filed by a Survivor alleging abuse by Tarlton at St. John's Prep in approximately 1982 when Tarlton was acting as the boy's teacher and counselor. He admits abusing the boy. The suit was dismissed in 1994 due to the statute of limitations. Tarlton writes to the monks of St. John's apologizing for the embarrassment he caused them. (OSB 00064)
- Oct./Nov. 1992 Tarlton is ordered by to undergo a psychiatric evaluation with Jay T. McNamara, Ph. D. Dr. McNamara reports that Tarlton had sexual contact with students from 1955-1961 and was removed from the Prep School as a result. Dr. McNamara opines that “[t]here are some clear indications that Father Tarlton has variously engaged in predatory sexual behavior and more passive-reactive sexual acting out both with students and with age-level peers. At the same time his pattern of promiscuity and relationship instability suggests that he **remains a significant risk to act in self-defeating, potentially exploitative ways.**” McNamara notes an *extremely poor prognosis for any type of genuine recovery.* (OSB 372-379)
- 1994 - Assistant Guestmaster at St. John's Abbey
- 1995 - Assistant Director of Oblates at St. John's Abbey
- 1996-1997 Treatment at St. Luke Institute – “Some Thoughts on Allen T.” appears to have been written as part of this treatment. (OSB 648-661)

1997- Director of Oblates at St. John's Abbey

2002 - Placed "on restriction" and living at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN