

Fr. Gary Timmons Timeline

1962	Ordained; Diocese of Santa Rosa, CA.
1964	Founded Camp St. Michael in Leggett, CA/Mendocino County; former Youth Minister of Diocese of Santa Rosa.
1970s	Jon LaForge, a Timmons victim, complained in the 1970s about Timmons groping him at Camp St. Michael. Timmons, along with the camp director Robert Bailey, insisted it was a misunderstanding.
1976	Msgr. Gerald Fahey knows Timmons is bringing young boys to spend the night at St. Eugene's rectory.
1979-1982	Fr. Bill Finn, former principal at Cardinal Newman High School, tells Bishop Hurley about allegations against Timmons.
1981	Timmons founds St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Rohnert Park, CA.
2/1994	Civil lawsuit filed on behalf of seven plaintiffs alleging abuse by Timmons.
1994	Timmons removed from ministry at St. Bernard's in Eureka, CA and sent to church-run residential treatment program for 20 months. Criminal charges were sought but dismissed for "lack of evidence."
Nov. 1995	Timmons arrested in Chicago on 17 counts of felony child sexual assault charges after three more victims came forward. At the time of his arrest Timmons was enrolled at the Institute of Spiritual Leadership in Hyde Park (Archdiocese of Chicago) to "help students become better spiritual leaders."
11/11/95	Court papers state Timmons' diary included an entry that said, "I am a child molester" and that 172 pages of notes were found in Timmons' Chicago apartment which included descriptions of his sexual encounters and a letter to one of his victims.
March 1996	Settlement reached with 15 survivors of Timmons.
7/11/96	Timmons pleads guilty in Sonoma County to two counts of lewd conduct with teenage boys.
9/7/96	Timmons sentenced to 8 years in prison.
9/21/96	Timmons receives another 8 year prison sentence in Humboldt County for abuse of a 12 y/o boy at St. Bernard's Church in Eureka, CA.
2000	Timmons released from prison after serving four years.
5/15/2001	Timmons laicized.
1/12/2019	Timmons' name appears on Diocese of Santa Rosa's list of accused priests and deacons who served in the Diocese of Santa Rosa (39 names). According to the sex offender registry Timmons is living in Sacramento, CA as of December 2019.