

REV. JAMES H. COTTER

BORN: JANUARY 24, 1916
ORDAINED: JUNE 3, 1950
EDUCATION: ELEMENTARY: NATIVITY OF THE B.V.M. PARISH
HIGH SCHOOL: LAFAYETTE PUBLIC H.S.
COLLEGE: CANISIUS COLLEGE AND
ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY
SEMINARY: ST. BONAVENTURE
ASSIGNMENTS: 1950 - BUFFALO MISSIONARY APOSTOLATE (LITTLE VALLEY)
1951 - ASST. DIRECTOR CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS
1951 - ASSISTANT - ST. ALOYSIUS, BUFFALO
1955 - ASSISTANT - MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD, ANGOLA
1958 - PROFESSOR, NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
WEEKEND ASSISTANT - ST. CECILIA, OAKFIELD
1965 - PASTOR, OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BEMUS POINT
RETIRED: OCTOBER 15, 1978
1979 - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
DIED: SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1991

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. JAMES H. COTTER #307
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name JAMES H. COTTER - IRENE T. SULLIVAN

Birth Date and Place JAN. 24, 1916

Baptism Date and Place early? 1916 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BUFFALO, N.Y.

Present Citizenship U. S.

If Naturalized, Date and Place _____

Elementary School—Dates and Places NATIVITY PAROCHIAL - BUFFALO, N.Y.
1921 - 1928

High School—Dates and Places LAFAYETTE PUBLIC H. S. - BUFFALO, N.Y.
1928 - 1932

(P. G.) HUTCHINSON PUBLIC HS - BUFFALO, N.Y. 1932-33

College—Dates and Places CANISIUS COLLEGE - BUFFALO, N.Y.
1934 - 1938

Seminary—Dates and Places CHRIST THE KING - ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y.
1946 - 1950

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places ST. BONAVENTURE UNIV., ST. BONAVENTURE
N.Y. 1946-48

Degrees—Dates and Places B. B.A. CANISIUS COLLEGE, BUFFALO, N.Y. DATE 1938

Ordination Date and Place JUNE 3, 1950 BUFFALO, N.Y. (M. Ed. - St. Bonaventure
N.Y. 1948)

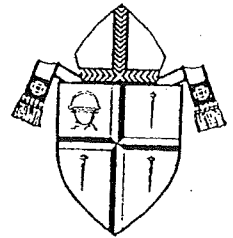
Ordaining Prelate BISHOP JOHN O'HARA

Ordained for what Diocese / Religious Congregation BUFFALO, N.Y. DIOCESE

What foreign languages can you speak? FRENCH - ITALIAN

Name and address of nearest relative or friend _____

State any special work or assignment and give dates Boy Scouts of America / 1928 to present
Curriculum Coordinator - Business Ed, Diocese of Buffalo, 1960-65



Office of the Vicar General

December 8, 2003

Mr. REDACTED
REDACTED

Dear Tim:

I understand that your son RED has filed a lawsuit, alleging that he was molested by Father Jim Cotter, a retired priest of the Diocese of Buffalo who was exercising ministry in this Diocese until his death in 1991. I am very sorry to have heard this information. I would like to offer the availability of myself and/or Bishop Brom to meet with RED, yourself, and your wife to extend whatever pastoral outreach we can offer. ACT

It is the policy of the Diocese of San Diego to offer a variety of pastoral responses to those alleging sexual abuse and their families, including counseling, group therapy, and spiritual outreach. All of these services are provided at no cost and are offered irrespective of whether or not there is any impending litigation against the diocese.

Please feel free to call me at 858-490-8310. I will be happy to assist in any way that I can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

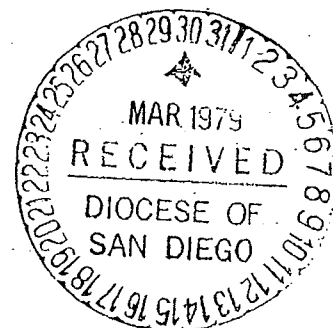
Steven F. Callahan
Very Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan
Vicar General

St. Vincent de Paul

Retired

deceased 7-14-91

The Chancery
Diocese of Buffalo
35 Lincoln Parkway
Buffalo, N. Y. 14222



March 22, 1979

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher, D.D.
Bishop of San Diego
P. O. Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138

Your Excellency:

The Reverend James H. Cotter, a retired priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, is now residing in your Diocese at 9252 Fullerton Avenue, San Diego 92123 (714-279-9369).

Father Cotter is 63 years of age, but it has been necessary for him to take an early retirement because of an arthritic condition. He is a wonderful priest, and has been well respected by the priests and the people of the Diocese of Buffalo. He continues to enjoy the faculties of our Diocese and is in every way a priest in good standing.

At the time of his retirement, I suggested to Father Cotter that he contact your Chancery Office to make you aware of his presence in your Diocese. I believe he has already spoken with your Chancellor. I am sending this letter so that you will have an official record of Father Cotter's presence and my approval of his retirement plans.

Should Father Cotter desire some supply work, I would have no hesitation whatsoever of recommending him. I know that he misses both the priestly activity and companionship that were part of his life here in our Diocese, but the demands placed upon his health have made this move necessary.

Again, let me say that Father Cotter enjoys my full confidence and deep respect. I would appreciate any hospitality the priests of San Diego might be able to offer him.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward D. Head".

Most Rev. Edward D. Head, D.D.
Bishop of Buffalo

EDH:go

April 2, 1979

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Dear Bishop Head:

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Father James H. Cotter.

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Diocese. Hope he enjoys his retirement here in this
area of beauty and of mild climate. We will endeavor
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With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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It is my hope that you will feel free to attend a few of the services and to participate with the priests in many of our functions.

We would be happy to have you join us for the Mass of the Chrism at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 1535 Third Ave., San Diego 92101, at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday.

Looking forward to an opportunity to see you, I am with all good wishes,

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