

Father Curtis Carl Wehmeyer – Timeline

- May 26, 2001 Ordained by Archbishop Harry Flynn.
- May 2001 Appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's in West St. Paul, MN.
- May 2004 Wehmeyer approached two young men, ages 19 and 20, for sex at Barnes & Noble in Roseville, MN. **A report was made to then Vicar General, Kevin McDonough.**
- 2004 **Archdiocese sends Wehmeyer to St. Luke's Institute, a treatment center for sexual disorders**, located in Maryland. Upon return, the Archdiocese requires Wehmeyer to attend sexaholics anonymous.
- 2005-2012 **Archdiocese monitors Wehmeyer**, which consists of Tim Rourke, Promoter of Ministerial Standards, checking in on Wehmeyer periodically.
- 2006 **Young boy is sexually abused by Wehmeyer** while camping.
- 2006 **Wehmeyer spotted "cruising" Keller Park in Maplewood, MN by Ramsey County Sheriff's officer.** Keller Park is known as a place men look for sexual encounters. **Officer warns Archdiocese and reports the incident to Fr. McDonough.** Fr. McDonough tells the police officer that the Archdiocese previously received a report regarding Wehmeyer at the Barnes and Noble bookstore.
- 2006 Wehmeyer assigned as Parochial Administrator at Blessed Sacrament in St. Paul, MN.
- 2008-2011 Doe 31, a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament, sexually abused by Wehmeyer.
- February 2009 **Wehmeyer undergoes first background check** by the Archdiocese.
- April 2009 Jennifer Haselberger, then Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, writes a memo to Archbishop Nienstedt **detailing Wehmeyer's questionable behavior and numerous reports**, including the incident at Barnes & Noble and attending St. Luke's.
- 2009 A priest contacts the Archdiocese and **reports that Wehmeyer approached him for sex.**
- 2009 **Report is made to Archdiocese that Wehmeyer acted suspiciously with boys** at a campground.
- July 1, 2009 Archdiocese promotes Wehmeyer to Pastor at Blessed Sacrament in St. Paul, MN.

- Summer 2009/2010 Director of Maintenance at Blessed Sacrament **sees young boys alone in camper with Wehmeyer in parish parking lot** and reports this to Debbie Phillips, Business Administrator at Blessed Sacrament.
- Summer 2009 **Wehmeyer takes Doe 31 alone on a camping trip.** Wehmeyer grooms Doe 31 and provides gifts for him.
- Summer/Fall 2009 Bishop Sirba, then Vicar General for the Archdiocese, contacts Doe 31's guardian indicating he learned that Wehmeyer took Doe 31 camping alone. Sirba tells the guardian that times have changed and that it would be wise not to have kids alone with priests like that, but that if the guardian was going to allow it and so as to avoid scandal, to make sure another adult is always present.
- September 29, 2009 **Police receive complaint about Wehmeyer appearing intoxicated and asking about young boys.** Wehmeyer is arrested on suspicion of DUI. Wehmeyer asks to call his lawyer, Joseph Kueppers, now Chancellor for Civil Affairs at Archdiocese.
- October 27, 2009 As a result of DUI, Wehmeyer sentenced in Fillmore County to 90 days in jail and two years of supervised probation. He is told to serve 4 days on electric home monitoring.
- Summer 2010-2012 **Wehmeyer supplies two young boys with alcohol and marijuana and shows them pornography in his camper in the Blessed Sacrament parking lot and on camping trips** at Savanna Portage State Park in McGregor, MN. Wehmeyer later admits to touching one of the boy's genitals more than once, exposing himself to the other, and masturbating in front of them.
- August 2010 **Wehmeyer takes a friend, Doe 31 and another young boy on a camping trip** to Savanna Portage State Park in McGregor MN. Wehmeyer's friend left the trip after three days and Wehmeyer assured him that another priest would be arriving soon.
- 2011 **McDonough writes a memo to Tim Rourke**, Wehmeyer's monitor, **instructing him not to disclose Wehmeyer's history of sexual misconduct** to parishioners at Blessed Sacrament.
- July or August 2011 **Director of Maintenance at Blessed Sacrament sees Wehmeyer bringing three bowls of ice cream to his camper.** Director does not enter the camper to avoid finding out what is going on.
- 2012 Jennifer Haselberger reports the Archdiocese's failure to report child endangerment and child pornography to Ramsey County Attorney.

- June 1, 2012 Doe 31, Guardian Doe 31, and Wehmeyer meet and Wehmeyer asks Doe 31 to confess that he was caught watching pornography in Wehmeyer's camper.
- A few days later, Doe 31 discloses to Guardian Doe 31 that Wehmeyer showed him pornography.**
- June 15, 2012 **Doe 31 admits to a family member that he was sexually abused by Wehmeyer.**
- Guardian Doe 31 reported sexual abuse of Doe 31 by Wehmeyer to Fr. Erickson, an agent of Defendant Archdiocese. In response, Fr. Erickson told Guardian Doe 31 that either she make the police report or that Defendant Archdiocese, by its official Andrew Eisenzimmer, will make the police report. Fr. Erickson assured Guardian Doe 31 this will happen right away.
- June 18, 2012 A formal decree signed by Archbishop Nienstedt on June 20, 2012, indicates **the Archdiocese was aware on June 18, 2012 of a complaint regarding Wehmeyer, specifically that he "supplied alcohol and sexually explicit images to a minor, and fondled or attempted to fondle the minor's genitals."** Archbishop Nienstedt placed Fr. Peter A. Laird, then Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, in charge of the investigation of the matter.
- Greta Sawyer, Victim Assistance Coordinator at the Archdiocese, calls Guardian Doe 31 and asks if she and Doe 31 can visit the Hayden Center to provide details of the abuse which will be provided to law enforcement.
- June 19, 2012 **Before Guardian Doe 31 or Doe 31 are contacted by law enforcement, Greta Sawyer conducts a detailed, recorded interview of Doe 31 and Guardian Doe 31 at the Hayden Center which lasts approximately 2.5 hours.** Greta Sawyer indicates that Andrew Eisenzimmer already spoke with law enforcement and that law enforcement was waiting for a report from the Archdiocese, including a formal statement.
- The recorded statement was never provided to the police.
- That afternoon, Guardian Doe 31 is first contacted by telephone by Sergeant Gillet with St. Paul Police.
- June 20, 2012 Archdiocese opens canonical investigation of Wehmeyer.
- Archbishop Nienstedt places restrictions on Wehmeyer's ministry.**
- Deacon John Vomastek e-mails Henry Axel with St. Paul Police at 5:58 PM to inform him that Wehmeyer would be relieved of his duties the next day. Axel emails Vomastek in return and writes we have "No reports with those names."

- June 21, 2012 The first entry in the police report regarding this matter is reflected by this date.
- An e-mail response from Henry Axel to Deacon Vomastek indicates that the **St. Paul Police has “NO” reports with the names provided.**
- Fr. Kevin McDonough and Deacon Vomastek meet with Wehmeyer at Blessed Sacrament in the morning. **McDonough and Vomastek take Wehmeyer’s gun and computer from the rectory and urge Wehmeyer to move out immediately.** Wehmeyer tells Debbie Phillips “nothing oral happened and no penetration happened” only fondling. Phillips is instructed later that day to not say anything to parish employees or parishioners about the allegations of sexual misconduct.
- Wehmeyer spends the rest of the morning and early afternoon at Blessed Sacrament and leaves the parish later that afternoon to move his camper into storage.** Law enforcement arrives at the parish and indicates that the camper is no longer in the parish parking lot and begins a search of the neighborhood.
- Those who had been in the camper previously indicated that it contained pornography, alcohol, marijuana, and several electronic devices, including a computer, laptop, and smartphone.**
- June 22, 2012 Wehmeyer returns to his camper at 9:30am, and **is believed to have destroyed evidence.** The police seize the camper and conduct a search approximately one hour later.
- Wehmeyer is arrested on one count of Criminal Sex Conduct in the 2nd degree involving a victim under the age of 13 year old and two counts of Criminal Sex Conduct in the 5th Degree for Lewd Exhibition with a child 16 and under present.
- June 24, 2012 The Archdiocese releases a statement on Wehmeyer indicating that he will be removed as pastor and will remain a priest, but cannot perform any duties of the church.
- June 25, 2012 **The Archdiocese’s attorney, Andrew Eisenzimmer, and Deacon Vomastek hand over Wehmeyer’s laptop to St. Paul Police.**
- July 7, 2012 **Blessed Sacrament Rectory is searched and child porn is discovered on Wehmeyer’s laptop which is found in a closet of rectory.**

October 8, 2012 Criminal complaint is amended to include 17 additional counts of possession of child pornography after investigators find on Wehmeyer’s laptop “still images and video clips depicting sex acts involving prepubescent males.”

November 1, 2012 The Archdiocese commences laicization process for Wehmeyer.

November 8, 2012 **Wehmeyer pleads guilty to all 20 counts against him and begins sex offender treatment.**

February 1, 2013 Wehmeyer is sentenced to five years in prison at the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center.

February 7, 2013 **The Archdiocese, by its agent Chancellor for Civil Affairs Joseph Kueppers, turns over Wehmeyer’s gun to the St. Paul Police.**

2013 Haselberger again reports the Archdiocese’s failure to report child endangerment and child pornography to Ramsey County Attorney.

January 29, 2014 Ramsey County Attorney indicates that his office will not criminally charge Archdiocesan officials for failing to report Wehmeyer to the police.