

Assignment Record – Rev. Alan E. Caparella, o.f.m.

Summary of Case: Rev. Alan E. Caparella was ordained for the Franciscans in 1965. He worked at a high school in the Pittsburgh, PA diocese early in his career, moving to the Boston archdiocese in 1972 where he did parish work and some hospital ministry. He died in March 1991. Caparella was accused of the sexual abuse of a minor in a lawsuit that was settled in May 2013.

Ordained: 1965

Died: March 31, 1991

Start	Stop	Parish/Assignment	Town/Accusations	State	Position	Notes
1966 Pittsburgh bishop was John Joseph Wright (1959-1969), followed by Vincent Martin Leonard (1969-1983).	1972	Serra High School	McKeesport	PA		Serra High had 521-425 students, all male.
1972 Boston archbishop was Humberto Sousa Medeiros (1970-1983).	1973	St. Francis of Assisi (Italian)	Cambridge	MA	4/5 In residence.	

1973	1978	Provincial Curia	New York	NY		Franciscan Province of the Immaculate Conception of New York City.
1978	1979	Mass. General Hospital	Boston	MA		
1979	1983	St. Leonard of Port Maurice (Italian)	Boston • Caparella was accused in a lawsuit settled in May 2013 of having sexually abused a child while at St. Leonard's.	MA	1/6 , 1/5, 1/3	St. Leonard's had a school with 279-230 students.
1983 Medeiros was succeeded by Bernard Francis Law (1984-2002).	1985	St. Christopher Friary	Boston	MA		
		St. Anthony's	Revere	MA	assistant	
1985	1991	Holy Ghost	Whitman	MA	2/3, 2/2	Caparella died of a heart attack at age 53 on March 31, 1991.

Sources: Official Catholic Directory (New York: P.J. Kenedy and Sons, 1967-1992)

- [Obituary , The Transcript, April 10, 1991](#)
- [Boston Lawyer Clergy Sex Abuse Victims Releases New List of Alleged Abusers](#), By Jay Lindsay, The Republic, September 4, 2013
- [Victims “Out” Two Abusive Catholic Priests](#), SNAP, September 12, 2013
- [Group Wants Further Disclosure of Priests Accused of Sexual Abuse](#), By Deanna Garcia, WESA, September 12, 2013

Priests in a Parish: We use the following convention to show a priest's place among the clergy of a parish: 1/2 means that he is the first priest listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* (usually the pastor) and that there is a total of two priests at the parish. The shorthand 3/4 means that the priest is listed third on a four-priest roster. See our [sample page from the Directory](#).

Note: The *Official Catholic Directory* aims to report the whereabouts of Catholic priests in the United States on January 1 of the *Directory's* publication year. Our working assumption is that a priest listed in the *Directory* for a given year was at the same assignment for part of the previous year as well. However, Kenedy and Sons will sometimes accept updates well into the year of publication. Diocesan clergy records are rarely available to correct this information. The *Directory* is also sometimes misleading or wrong. We have tried to create an accurate assignment record, given the source materials and their limitations. Assignment records are a work in progress and we are always improving the records that we post. Please [email us](#) with new information and corrections.

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