

ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT



FR. JAMES ROTH, OSFS

In January the Toledo-Detroit Province received an allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor by Fr. James Roth (1953–2015). The abuse occurred 14-years ago.

The Province responds to allegations according to standards developed by [Praesidium](#). Within hours of receiving the report, Fr. Roth was removed from ministry and law enforcement was informed. We convened the Praesidium-mandated Review Board and hired an investigator to investigate the accusation.

The Review Board, consisting of two social workers with extensive experience dealing with sexual misconduct, an educator, a psychologist and a Toledo-area judge, confirmed the allegation. They are now helping us learn of any other victims so we may offer a compassionate response.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by an Oblate, please [click here to report sexual misconduct](#) or call me at 419-724-9851.

On behalf of the Oblates, I want to apologize to anyone who has ever been injured, physically or emotionally, by any member of our congregation. We wish to help those in pain and we reaffirm our desire to play a role in the healing process.

Sincerely Yours,

Fr. Ken McKenna, OSFS

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