

Assignment History– Rev. Raoul Gauthier

Summary of Case: Raoul Gauthier was ordained for Canada's Diocese of Gravelbourg in 1933. He assisted in several Saskatchewan parishes before going on leave in 1939. He reappeared in 1940 as a hospital chaplain in the Diocese of Crookston MN, in the United States. After four years in Crookston, he was sent to a hospital chaplaincy in the St. Cloud diocese. It is unclear where Gauthier spent 1948-53. During 1953-78 he was chaplain at St. Michael's Hospital in Sauk Centre, MN, except for a period 1968-69 when he was at a "clergy retreat center" run by the Servants of the Paraclete in Nevis. In 1979 Gauthier was charged with fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct after he admitted to fondling a developmentally disabled man. He fled shortly thereafter to Canada. He died in 1995, never having been extradited to the Unites States. Gauthier's name was included on the Diocese of St. Cloud's list January 3, 2014 of clergy involved in incidents of likely claims of sexual abuse of minors.

Ordained: 1933
Retired: 1979
Died: 1995

Start	Stop	Assignments	Town/Accusations	State/Country	Position	Notes
1933	1935	Our Lady of Auvergne	Ponteix	Saskatchewan/Canada	2/2	
Diocese of Gravelbourg						
Bishop was Jean-Marie-Rodrigue Villeneuve, O.M.I. (1930-1931), followed by Louis-Joseph-Arthur Melanson (1932-1936).						
1935	1939	Our Lady of Lourdes	Meyronne	Saskatchewan/Canada		Gauthier is indexed in the 1938 and 1939 <i>Directories</i> as in Meyronne, but he is not listed as at Our Lady of Lourdes in the diocesan pages. It is the only parish in Meyronne. Our Lady of Lourdes had a school.
Melanson was succeeded by Joseph-Wilfrid Guy, O.M.I. (1937-1942).						
1939	1940	Absent	St. Boniface	Manitoba/Canada		
1940	1944	St. Mary's Hospital	Detroit Lakes	MN/United States	Chaplain	
Diocese of Crookston						
Bishop was John Hubert Peschges (1938-1944).						
1944	1948	St. James' Hospital	Perham	MN/United States	Chaplain	
Diocese of St. Cloud						
Bishop was Joseph Francis Busch (1915-1953).						
1948	1953					Not indexed in the 1949-1953 <i>Directories</i> .
1953	1968	St. Michael's Hospital	Sauk Centre	MN/United States	Chaplain	
1968	1969	Our Lady of the Snow	Nevis	MN/United States		This was a "clergy retreat house", run by the Servants of the Paraclete.
Diocese of Crookston						
Bishop was Lawrence Alexander Glenn (1960-1970).						
1969	1978	St. Michael's Hospital	Sauk Centre	MN/United States	Chaplain	
Diocese of St. Cloud						
Bishop was George Henry Speltz (1968-1987).						
1978	1979		• Gauthier was charged in 1979 with fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct after he admitted fondling a developmentally disabled male adult. He fled the U.S. for Canada and was never extradited.			Gauthier is not listed in the 1979 Directory as at previous assignment.
1979	1995	Retired		Saskatchewan/Canada		Gauthier died in 1995. His name was included on the Diocese of St. Cloud's list January 3, 2014 of clergy involved in incidents of likely claims of sexual abuse of minors.
Gravelbourg diocese						
Bishop was Noël Delaquis, O.C.S.O. (1973-1995).						

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](#).

Source: *Official Catholic Directory* (Kenedy & Sons, 1934-1995).

- [Priest Admitted to Abuse, but Was Never Prosecuted](#), Associated Press State & Local Wire, May 25, 2002
- [Woman Sues Priest for Abuse](#), By David Unze, St. Cloud Times, December 5, 2002
- [Priest Charged with Abuse](#), By David Unze, St. Cloud Times, December 13, 2002
- [The Diocese of St Cloud Release Their List of 33 Priests Accused of Sexually Abusing Minors](#), By Mike Bryant, Legal Examiner, January 3, 2014

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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