

KEY EVENTS

Timeline of some key incidents in the Campobello case and St. Peter situation.

January to May 1999: Mark Campobello, assistant priest at St. Peter Catholic Church in Geneva and Aurora Central Catholic High School's spiritual adviser, sexually abuses a 14-year-old student at St. Peter Elementary School.

November 1999 to March 2000: Campobello engages in similar conduct with a 16-year-old transfer student who enrolled in his Latin class at Aurora Central Catholic High School in Aurora.

Fall 1999: Teacher Barbara Houston says she tells Principal Deborah Bray about the abuse claims by the St. Peter School student. Bray later tells Houston it has been taken care of.



December 2000:

Houston questions the Rev. Joseph Jarmoluk, St. Peter Church

Mark Campobello, formerly assistant priest at St. Peter's, pleaded guilty to sexual abuse.

pastor, about the abuse case, and he tells her he knows nothing about it. Houston eventually goes to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

December 2002: Geneva police arrest Campobello after the Geneva girl made secretly recorded phone calls to the priest at the urging of police.

May 2004: Campobello pleads guilty to two counts of sexual abuse in connection with the two cases. He is sentenced to eight years in prison.

July 8, 2004: The girls who say Campobello abused them file civil lawsuits.

July 25, 2005: Judge F. Keith Brown rules against releasing Campobello's medical records in connection with the civil lawsuits.

Aug. 15: Bishop Thomas Doran of the Rockford Diocese directs Jarmoluk in a non-penal precept to seek the forgiveness of his parishioners, to fire personal attorneys he has hired and to urge makers of a documentary about the St. Peter situation,



Forsaken: A Monsignor's Silent Fight to Save his Faith, to stop production of the effort. The

St. Peter's Monsignor 'Father Joe' Jarmoluk

documentary is being done by small, independent filmmakers from Los Angeles connected to a fringe Catholic group called CTL in New York.

Aug. 25: Jarmoluk sends a letter to approximately 9,000 parishioners at St. Peter telling them of the Bishop's non-penal precept.

Aug. 31: Jarmoluk holds a liturgy of Healing and Forgiveness attended by between 50 to 100 parishioners.

Sept. 26: The judge in the civil cases against St. Peter and the Rockford Diocese tells attorneys to be prepared to go to trial in December.

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