

2. Fr Shaun Curran SJ: 1924-1999

Born	December 29, 1924
Entered the Society	October 2, 1946
Ordained	July 31, 1959
Died	August 14, 1999

LOCATION	ASSIGNMENT
▪ Emo, Co. Laois	Noviceship
▪ Laval, Boulevard Félix-Grat 37	First Studies
▪ St Stanislaus College, Tullamore	Studies Philosophy
▪ Belvedere College Dublin	Teacher
▪ Chivuna/Chikuni Mission, Northern Rhodesia	Learns indigenous language; Minister, Prefect of the Church
▪ Rathfarnham, Dublin	Final Year of Training; Teacher of Religion at College of Commerce, Rathmines
▪ Gardiner Street, Dublin	Minister, Prefect of the Church; Director of SFX Hall, Director of the Sodality of St Stanislaus for Youth
▪ Mungret College, Limerick	Prefect of Senior Students
▪ Regis College, Toronto	Sabbatical
▪ Milltown Park, Dublin	Studies Theology; Minister (Administrator), Retreat House Director, Project Director at Glencree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation; Director, St Declan's, Milltown (formerly St Joseph's)*; Treasurer at Cherryfield Lodge; Assists House administration at Cherryfield
▪ Cherryfield Lodge, Dublin	

* St Declan's Milltown is no longer in existence and has no connection with St Declan's School in Northumberland Road, Dublin.

Complaints

The Order has received 18 child sexual abuse complaints against Fr Shaun Curran SJ, and two complaints from third parties. Four of these complaints and the complaints from third parties were received during his lifetime. None of the complaints were reported to the Gardaí during his lifetime.

What happened in consequence of the complaints?

Fr Shaun Curran was not held to account in any meaningful way in relation to child sexual abuse. A complaint was made against him when he was teaching in Mungret College in 1970. The Provincial removed him from Mungret College to Milltown Park. There is no record of what other action if any was taken to address this complaint. Fr Curran continued to minister in the usual way, apparently without any restrictions. He was able to present as a priest in good standing, and this meant his sexual abuse of children also continued undetected throughout most of his Jesuit life.

A further complaint against Fr Curran SJ by a third party was made to the Order in 1991, and another complaint was made in 1993. The Jesuit Order did not report any complaints made against Fr Curran to the statutory authorities until 2002, three years after his death.

The Order also recently learned from a complainant that they disclosed abuse by Fr Shaun Curran to a local superior in 1966. The Order has no record of this disclosure and is therefore unable to say what happened in consequence of it, though his ministry does not appear to have been restricted in any way.

Acknowledgement and apology

We acknowledge how painful it must be for a survivor of abuse by Fr Shaun Curran SJ to read this. We are truly sorry for the pain inflicted on you, the abuse you suffered, and the fact that you were not protected by the Order. We know that words of sorrow from us, no matter how sincerely meant, will ring hollow if they are not accompanied by action. One of the key factors for the Order in naming deceased Jesuits accused of child sexual abuse is to try and reach out to those who have been abused by such Jesuits and encourage them to contact our safeguarding office and/or the relevant authorities. We want to assist you in whatever ways we can, and we have services on offer that you might want to avail of. So once again, we ask you or anyone who has suffered abuse or has any concerns relating to any Jesuit to contact our safeguarding office (email: safeguarding@jesuit.ie; mobile: 083-0874254) and/or the relevant authorities.