

4. Fr John T. Kelly SJ: 1906-1977

Born	April 15, 1906
Entered the Society	August 31, 1923
Ordained	June 24, 1937
Dismissed from the Society	Sept 25, 1956
Died	August 30, 1977

LOCATION	ASSIGNMENT
▪ Emo, Co. Laois	Noviceship
▪ Rathfarnham, Dublin	Studies at UCD
▪ Berchmanskolleg, Munich	Studies Philosophy
▪ Belvedere College, Dublin	Teacher
▪ Milltown Park, Dublin	Studies Theology
▪ St Beuno's, Wales	Final Year of Training
▪ Mungret College, Limerick	Superior and Bursar of the Apostolic School; Teacher
▪ St. Ignatius' College, Galway (Coláiste Iognáid)	Assigned to the Church

Fr John T. Kelly SJ was dismissed from the Society (Sept 25, 1956) following which he was incardinated into the Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie in Ontario, Canada

Complaints

There have been five complaints of sexual abuse made against Fr John T Kelly SJ relating to his time at Mungret College, Limerick. The abuse spans the period from 1940 to 1955.

What happened in consequence to the complaints?

Complaints against Fr Kelly were raised by students in 1955 and 1956. Fr Kelly was spoken to about the complaints in 1956 by the Provincial. He did not deny what was alleged. He was dismissed from the Jesuit Order. Pending his dismissal Fr Kelly applied to work as a priest in a Canadian diocese. Information about his behaviour was shared by the Order with the diocese at the time. Fr Kelly went on to work in the diocese in Canada.

Acknowledgement and apology

We acknowledge how painful it must be for a survivor of abuse by Fr John T. Kelly 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.