

# Reverend David Scharf

## Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1957
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 11, 1985

## Employment/Assignment History

6/03/1985 – 6/14/1987	Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Archangel, Butler, PA
6/15/1987 – 2/10/1992	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Grace, Scott Township, PA
2/11/1992 – 1/27/1997	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell Township, PA
1/27/1997 – 8/31/1998	Parochial Vicar, St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport, PA
8/31/1998 – 1/20/1999	Sabbatical
1/20/1999 – 12/13/1999	Parochial Vicar, St. Hugh, Carmichaels, PA
12/13/1999 – 11/21/2003	Pastor, St. Philomena, Beaver Falls, PA
11/21/2003 – 8/17/2009	Leave of Absence
8/17/2009 – Undetermined	Chaplain, Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden, PA

## Summary

In December, 2002 a sexual allegation (foot fetish) complaint against Father David Scharf was made to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Several males (both adults and minors) complained of Scharf massaging their feet.

In August 2003, Scharf requested a leave of absence to attend St. Luke Institute for evaluation in order to “*end accusations.*” The request was granted. In July, 2004 St. Luke’s staff wrote in Scharf’s discharge from the residential treatment program the following: “*Father Scharf recognizes his practice of foot reflexology should be discontinued immediately.*”

In February 2005 St. Luke’s staff noted Scharf’s discharge from the halfway house that Scharf did not successfully complete the program and was at a high risk for re-offending.

In October 2007, Scharf wrote a letter requesting re-entry into ministry. He stated that he was at peace with himself and had taken responsibility for his past actions. He wrote another letter requesting re-entry into ministry in June, 2008. Both requests were denied.

It should be noted during several St. Luke Institute Continuing Care Workshops from 2005 to 2010, Scharf admitted to massaging the feet of minors and later masturbating to the image of the minors’ feet.