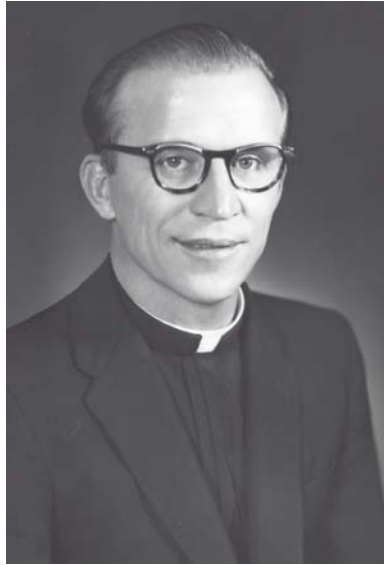


Father Richard Hatch



Father Richard Hatch was born on October 28, 1927 in Pipestone, Minnesota. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Winona on June 6, 1954. Fr. Hatch served at the following parishes throughout his tenure:

June 23, 1954 - Saint John Vianney, Fairmont, MN

June 21, 1957 - Saint Leo, Pipestone, MN

August 30, 1960 - Saint James, Saint James, MN

June 19, 1962 - Saint Mary, Winona, MN

Voluntarily ceased ministerial duties and permanently left Diocese of Winona in the 1960's.

Fr. Hatch died on October 15, 2005. Fr. Hatch abandoned his priestly duties in 1963 after being removed from his position in Diocese of Winona for personal financial mismanagement and disregard of the Bishop's directives concerning personal finances. In 1996 it was reported to Diocese of Winona that Fr. Hatch had sexually molested two boys while assigned to duties in the Diocese and took pornographic pictures of another boy. In May 2013 the Diocese of Winona received another complaint of child sexual abuse regarding Fr. Hatch that took place in 1959 – 1962.