

Curriculum Vitae of James Robinson and outline of his grave offences and offences against minors

Name: Richard John James Robinson (known as James Robinson).

Date of Birth DPA 1937

He was conditionally baptised at the Church of Saint Joseph, Chasetown, on the 22nd of September 1956 as a convert from the Church of England

Studied for the Priesthood at the diocesan seminary of Oscott College from 1965-1971

Ordained to the Diaconate on the 6th of December 1970 in the Chapel of Oscott College (*Ordination Register Folio 412*)

Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on the 18th of December 1971 at the Church of Saint Mary, Aldridge (*Ordination register Folio 432*)

Worked as a priest in the United Kingdom:

Holy Family Small Heath 1972-1974

Holy Trinity Newcastle 1974-1979

Saint Elizabeth Coventry 1979-1982

Our Lady Rednal 1982-1983

Our Lady Cradley Heath 1983

Worked as a priest in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 1985- 1993.

Allegations of crimes against minors and *Investigatio Praevia*.

In 1993 the Archbishop of Birmingham, Maurice Couve de Murville, informed the Archbishop of Los Angeles that historical allegations of child sexual abuse by Robinson were being made in the United Kingdom which needed to be investigated (*Copy of Letter attached*). The most prominent allegations were made by RC-A31 who stated to the police that he was sexually assaulted at the age of under 13 yld. He was a pupil at the parish primary school in the parish where Robinson worked. (*Copy of Statement to Police attached*). Following these allegations of abuse of minors in the United Kingdom he was prevented from working as a priest by the diocesan authority in Los Angeles in 1993. There is no evidence in the curial archives that any canonical disciplinary process was started at that time.

On the 14th of December 2000 Archbishop Vincent Nichols met with RC-A324 who spoke of his sexual abuse as a child by Robinson. This matter was investigated by the West Midlands Police. Archbishop Nichols wrote to Robinson in the United States of America on the 17th of December 2002 to ask him to return and face the allegations that were being made. He also wrote to the Archbishop of Los Angeles asking for his help. (*Copy of Letter attached*). Robinson refused to cooperate. He was legally extradited from the United States of America in 2009 and remained in custody whilst the police authorities investigated the allegations until his trial and conviction.