

List of All Clergy Found to Have Abused Minors while in Ministry



The following is a list of all diocesan clergy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany both living and deceased — who were the subject of a finding of reasonable grounds to support a complaint of sexual abuse of a minor through our own diocesan review process and/or action by civil authorities. All of those still living were either permanently removed from ministry following the finding or had previously resigned from ministry before receipt of a complaint. We will continue to update this list if and when any additional information becomes available in the future.

Since 2002, when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops first established the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and Essential Norms, the Diocese of Albany has tried to be a leader among Catholic and non-Catholic institutions alike, both locally and nationally, in moving forward with policies and procedures that best protect children. We believe that by putting forth this complete list now the Diocese of Albany takes the next step in our continuing effort to restore confidence and trust and encourage openness and healing.

None of the names on this list represents a new case of sexual abuse. The majority of the names were released contemporaneously with the decisions regarding the allegations. We have now aggregated that information in one place and have included

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for the first time the names of those previously unreleased because they were deceased or had already resigned from ministry when allegations surfaced.

The Diocese of Albany continues to urge all victims and survivors to report any instance of sexual abuse against a minor to the appropriate civil authorities. You may also contact our diocesan Assistance Coordinator at <u>assistance.coordinator@rcda.org</u>.

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