List of Priests and Brothers Accused of Child Sexual Abuse


In September 2002, the Archdiocese of Baltimore published a list of priests and religious brothers who had served in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and who had been accused, in their lifetime, of child sexual abuse. The 2002 list did not include some instances where an investigation concluded that the facts did not indicate sexual abuse had occurred. The 57 men on that original publication are listed below, with some minor updates to those paragraphs since 2002 noted [in italics] where a request for an update has been made.

Since 2002, additional priests and brothers have been added to this list because of an allegation of child sexual abuse or because they were identified publicly in connection with such an allegation, when the priest had an assignment in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore or the abuse occurred in Baltimore. In instances involving priests from religious orders or other dioceses (noted in parentheses), the Archdiocese’s information is often quite limited. In some cases, the information below came from the 2018 Grand Jury Report of the Pennsylvania Attorney General or publications made by religious orders or other sources, and additional information for such individuals might be obtained by looking at available resources on the internet. The entries below list known, formal assignments in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Many of the priests and brothers listed also served at additional locations on an informal basis, and at times outside of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The priests and brothers may have also served at locations before or after their formal assignment dates.

As was noted in 2002 by Cardinal William H. Keeler, then-Archbishop of Baltimore, the list at that time did not include priests and brothers who were accused after their deaths, because the Archdiocese could not question those who were accused and they were not a danger to children. However, beginning in 2019, in a spirit of increased transparency, the Archdiocese has added the names of priests and brothers accused after their deaths if the Archdiocese received an allegation of child sexual abuse from more than one victim, if a single allegation of child sexual abuse was substantiated through external information that corroborated that sexual abuse occurred, or if the name of the priest or brother was already published elsewhere in connection with an allegation of child sexual abuse.

Upon recommendation of the Archdiocese’s Independent Review Board, the Archdiocese is not publishing the names of additional priests where the allegation of child sexual abuse could not be substantiated or was ruled out, or where the allegation was from a third-party and the Archdiocese could not speak with the alleged victim.
The Archdiocese is aware of numerous additional allegations against individuals who are not named here. For example, the Archdiocese is aware of allegations involving priests or brothers who never held an assignment in ministry in the Archdiocese, allegations received from someone other than the alleged victim, and allegations that have not been substantiated. The Archdiocese does plan to update this list as it receives additional information in the future.

All allegations of child sexual abuse are reported to law enforcement regardless of credibility, and victims are offered counseling assistance with a counselor of their own choosing. Allegations of child sexual abuse involving Church personnel are also reported to the Archdiocese’s Independent Child Abuse Review Board. None of the individuals listed here is in ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore; many have died and some have been returned to the lay state by the Holy See. All have had their faculties to function as a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore permanently removed. Priests who are listed with no parentheses after their names are priests of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. A sign of + before the name indicates the individual is deceased; a sign of * before the name indicates the individual was listed in the Archdiocese’s initial publication made in 2002, the remainder were added since that time. Additions made to the original 2002 publication are noted in italics. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is committed to protecting children and helping to heal victims of abuse. We urge anyone who has any knowledge of any child sexual abuse to come forward, and to report it immediately to civil authorities. If clergy or other church personnel is suspected of committing the abuse, we ask that you also call the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection Hotline at 1-866-417-7469 or the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 410-547-5599.

Priests and Religious Brothers (in alphabetical order):

Amy, Michael (Diocese of Erie) – Father Michael Amy was never assigned in the Archdiocese of Baltimore but according to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report he was alleged to have engaged in child sexual abuse in Maryland.

*Avant, James (Capuchin) – In 1993, a woman alleged that her child had been sexually abused by Brother James Avant in the early 1970s. These allegations were reported to the Capuchins. Avant had left the Capuchins in 1990. Avant served at Morgan State University starting in 1972, St. Martin (Baltimore) from 1972 to 1978, and the Charles Lwanga Center from 1979 to 1984.

+Bach, Francis (Diocese of Harrisburg) – Father Francis Bach was never assigned in the Archdiocese of Baltimore but according to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report he owned a boat in an undisclosed location in Maryland where abuse allegedly occurred. Bach died in 2010.
**Ball, Bruce E. (Diocese of La Crosse, WI)** – In 1993, the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin informed the Archdiocese of two claims of sexual abuse against Father Bruce Ball during the time when he was a seminarian for the Diocese of La Crosse at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. Ball was ordained in 1978 for the Diocese of La Crosse. In 1993, he was incarcerated in Wisconsin for another incident of abuse. Ball died in 2003. Ball was at St. Mary’s Seminary from 1974 to 1976 and 1977 to 1978, and he served at Villa Maria (Timonium) from 1974 to 1975 and Shrine of the Sacred Heart School (Baltimore) from 1975 to 1978.

**Banko, John (Diocese of Trenton/Metuchen, NJ)** – In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father John Banko beginning in the early 1970s while Banko was a seminarian for the Diocese of Trenton at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. *[He died in 2016.]* Banko was a student at St. Mary’s Seminary from 1964 to 1972, and was ordained into the Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey in 1972. He served in the Diocese of Metuchen after it was divided from the Diocese of Trenton. The Archdiocese informed the Dioceses of Trenton and Metuchen of the allegation.

**Barber, Michael L. (Jesuit)** – In 1994, Father Michael L. Barber pled guilty to an incident of child sexual abuse and was removed from ministry. He served at St. Ignatius Church in Baltimore from 1975 to 1976.

**Barnes, Michael** – In March 2009, the Archdiocese of Baltimore announced that it had learned of an allegation of sexual abuse against Father Michael Barnes, who left the priesthood in 1988. Barnes was sentenced in March 2009 in Worcester County Circuit Court upon being found guilty following his Alford Plea to one count of Child Abuse-Custodian related to an allegation that he sexually abused a minor over a period of time from 1977 to 1983. Barnes died in 2017. He served as a deacon and priest at St. Michael (Overlea) from 1974 to 1976, then as Associate Pastor of St. Clare from 1976 to 1982. Barnes served as priest-in-residence at St. Thomas More (Baltimore) from 1982 to 1983, Associate at St. Pius X (Rodgers Forge) from 1985 to 1986, and Associate at St. Mary (Cumberland) in 1988.

**Bauernfeind, Thomas** – In 1987, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Thomas Bauernfeind in the mid-1970s. Bauernfeind retired in the late 1990s, and in April 2002, his faculties to perform ministry were removed. *[He died in 2003.]* Bauernfeind served at St. Francis of Assisi (Harford Road) from 1964 to 1968, Holy Cross in 1968, the Catholic Center from 1968 to 1978 (while residing at St. Anthony of Padua), St. Mark (Catonsville) from 1978 to 1979, St. Lawrence (Woodlawn) from 1979 to 1988, Our Lady Queen of Peace from 1988 to 1991, St. Anthony of Padua from 1992 to 1996, Most Precious Blood from 1995 to 1996, and St. Alphonsus from 1996 until his retirement in 1998.

**Bechtel, W. Vincent** – In 2018, the Diocese of Harrisburg informed the Archdiocese of a claim of sexual abuse against Father W. Vincent Bechtel during the time that he served at Mount St. Joseph High School. Since that time, the Archdiocese has learned of additional allegations of sexual abuse against Bechtel concerning the time that he

+Bellwoar, John F.X. (Jesuit) – In 2018, the Jesuits reported multiple allegations of sexual abuse by Father John F.X. Bellwoar in the 1950s and 1960s. Bellwoar died in 1993. He served at Loyola University Maryland from 1940 to 1941.

Bevan, Thomas – In June 2009, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned of an allegations of sexual abuse against Monsignor Thomas Bevan. The allegations related to the mid-1970s and were immediately reported to civil authorities in Frederick County. The Archdiocese removed Bevan from ministry on August 19, 2009 in response to the allegations. In 2005, the Archdiocese had received an allegation of child sexual abuse against Bevan dating back to 1974, which he denied. The Archdiocese reported that allegation at that time to the Frederick County State’s Attorney and conducted an investigation into the claim. The Archdiocese determined that there was not sufficient evidence at the time to remove him. The Archdiocese’s Independent Review Board affirmed the Archdiocese’s handling of the allegation and the civil authorities in Frederick County did not pursue the matter at that time. In September 2010, Bevan entered an Alford plea to one count of child abuse and he was sentenced to 18 months of home detention for sexually abusing the male minor in the 1970s. Bevan was ordained a priest in 1963. In addition to serving at St. John from 1974 to 1979, he also served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Middle River) as an Associate from 1963 to 1974, St. Mark (Fallston) as Pastor from 1979 to 1991, St. Mary (Cumberland) as a Temporary Administrator from 1991 to 1992, St. Patrick (Mount Savage) as a Temporary Administrator in 1992, and St. Patrick (Cumberland) as Pastor from 1997 to 2009. Bevan served as Executive Director of the Secretariat for Priestly Life & Ministry for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (now the USCCB) from 1992 to 1997. He also served in the Office of Clergy Education for the Archdiocese from 1976 to 1991. During his time as an Associate at Mount Carmel, he taught Religion and Church History at the parish high school. While an Associate at St. John, he taught liturgy courses at Mount St. Mary’s.

*Blackwell, Maurice – In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Maurice Blackwell in the early 1990s. This allegation was denied by Blackwell. In 1998, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Blackwell beginning in the late 1960s, and Blackwell admitted the allegation. The Archdiocese removed Blackwell’s faculties to function as a priest in 1998. In 2002, additional individuals alleged sexual abuse in the 1960s to 1970s. Blackwell’s circumstances have been widely covered in parish meetings and through the media. Blackwell served at St. Bernardine from 1974 to 1979 and St. Edward from 1979 to 1998.
Bonacci, Louis (Jesuit) – In April 2011, the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus received an allegation against Father Louis Bonacci from 1978 to 1982 that involved the improper touching of a minor in a family home. Immediately upon receiving the allegation, the Society of Jesus reported it to the civil authorities. An allegation by a second individual was received by an investigator hired by the Jesuits' Review Board. This second allegation was reported to the civil authorities. Bonacci was permanently removed Bonacci from all ministry. Bonacci entered the Jesuits in 1963 and was ordained in 1973. He served at Loyola College (Baltimore, MD) as Assistant Director of Campus Ministry from 1978 to 1982.

Bostwick, John (Diocese of Richmond) – Father John Bostwick was accused of sexual abuse dating to the 1980s. He was assigned to Ascension Church (Halethorpe) from 1972 to 1976 and taught in the theology department at Mount St. Mary’s College (Emmitsburg) from 1976 to 1985.

+Bourbon, Francis C. (Jesuit) – In 2018, the Jesuits reported that Father Francis C. Bourbon was the subject of a single allegation of an unwanted kiss of a minor in about 1985. Bourbon died in 2007. He served at Loyola College (Baltimore) from 1959 to 1968 and from 1986 to 1988.


+Braun, William A. (Sulpician, Archdiocese of Baltimore) – In 2002, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Father William A. Braun in the mid-1940s. Braun died in 1964. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1942 and served at St. Dominic (Baltimore) until 1949, when he became a candidate for the Sulpician religious order and joined the faculty of St. Charles College (Catonsville). He served at St. Charles College from 1949 to 1959 and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Middle River) from 1959 to 1960.

+Brett, Laurence (Diocese of Bridgeport) – Beginning in 1973, numerous individuals alleged sexual abuse by Father Laurence Brett from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s. The allegations against Father Brett have been widely covered in the media. [Brett died in 2010], Brett served at Calvert Hall High School from 1969 to 1973, and from 1967 to 1973, at St. Jane Frances de Chantel, St. Patrick (Cumberland), and St. Pius X. Beginning in 1976, Brett served as Chaplain at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse. He worked at a religious publisher in Washington DC until the early 1990s.

*Brinkmann, Frederick (Redemptorist) – In 1996, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Frederick Brinkmann during the late 1970s. The Archdiocese informed the Redemptorists of this allegation. Brinkmann served at St. Michael (Baltimore) from 1977 to 1978.
+**Bugge, Gerald (Redemptorist)** – In 1985, Father Gerald Bugge admitted to engaging in inappropriate sexual activities with a minor in 1985. These allegations were reported to the Redemptorists and Bugge’s faculties were removed. Bugge died in 2004. Bugge served at St. Mary (Annapolis) from 1974 to 1980 and in 1985.


+Cofenas, Robert (Diocese of Allentown) – Father Robert Cofenas was accused of multiple incidents of sexual abuse. Cofenas died in 2013. He served as Vice President of Mount St. Mary’s College from 1980 to 1981.


*Carroll, Douglas (Pallotine) – In 1990, the Pallotines informed the Archdiocese that Father Douglas Carroll admitted to soliciting an underage individual in another state. Carroll was removed from ministry in 1990 and was laicized in 1998. Carroll served at St. Leo from 1985 to 1988.

+Corbett, John J. – In 1993, two individuals alleged that they had been abused by Msgr. John J. Corbett in the late 1940s or early 1950s. Additional reports of abuse in the mid- to late 1940s were received by the Archdiocese in 2002 and 2010. Corbett died in 1957. He served at St. Brigid (Baltimore) from 1909 to 1922, St. Margaret (Washington, DC) from 1924 to 1943, and St. Mary Star of the Sea (Baltimore) from 1943 to 1957.

+Cox, Brian – In 1995, the Archdiocese was informed by a third party that Father Brian Cox had engaged in sexual abuse in 1981. Cox admitted to sexual misconduct with minors from 1979 to 1985. The Archdiocese removed his faculties to perform any ministry and placed him on administrative leave. Against the recommendation of the Archdiocese, in 1996, Cox returned to Resurrection Farm, a facility not affiliated with the Archdiocese. In 1995 and 1996, the Archdiocese made numerous public statements
about Cox’s misconduct, sought information on other possible victims, and informed the community that the Archdiocese did not approve of Cox’s return to Resurrection Farm or the use of Resurrection Farm for any youth activities. In March 2002, another individual alleged sexual abuse by Cox from about 1978 to 1980. Cox was charged with child sexual offenses in May 2002. Cox has had no faculties within the Archdiocese since 1995. [Cox pled guilty to two counts of child abuse in October 2002 and has been laicized]. Cox became a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1981. Previously, he had served as a priest of the Josephite religious society at St. Pius V from 1968 to 1973 and Resurrection House from 1970 to 1977, as Chaplain at Archbishop Keough High School from 1975 to 1978, and as Summer Chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1978. He served at St. John (Westminster) from 1978 to 1989 and assisted at St. John (Westminster) and St. Peter (Libertytown) from 1989 to 1995 while working without assignment from the Archdiocese at Resurrection Farm.

+Coyle, Charles (Jesuit) – In 2003, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Charles Coyle in the mid-1960s when Coyle was a seminarian at Woodstock College, a Jesuit seminary near Baltimore. The seminary closed in 1974. The allegations were reported to the Society of Jesus’ New Orleans Province. Coyle died in 2015. He served at a number of parishes and schools in New Orleans in the 1980s and 1990s. He was relieved of his duties as a priest in 2002 for the alleged sexual abuse of a minor in the early 1970s.

+Cristancho, Fernando (Diocese of Istmina-Tado, Colombia) – Father Fernando Cristancho was a priest of the Diocese of Istmina-Tado, Colombia, who served in the Diocese of Arlington prior serving in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Cristancho was assigned to St. Ignatius (Hickory) from 1999 to 2002. In July 2002, Cristancho refused an assignment to another parish from Cardinal William H. Keeler, then Archbishop of Baltimore, which led to the revocation of his faculties to minister in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Cristancho has had no assignment and has not been permitted to function as priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore since that date. Subsequent to the revocation of his faculties to function as a priest, the Archdiocese learned that Cristancho had fathered triplets with a woman through in-vitro fertilization, and later that he was accused of child sexual abuse and found by a court to have sexually abused two of his children.


+Davies, Joseph – In 1993, a man in his 50s contacted the Archdiocese to report that he had been sexually abused as a child by Monsignor Joseph Davies in the 1950s. Since that time, the Archdiocese has received numerous allegations of child sexual abuse against Davies. Davies died in 1992. He served at St. Katharine (Baltimore) from 1943 to 1963 and at St. Joseph (Hagerstown) from 1963 to 1990. He also served as Chaplain at Calvert Hall College High School (Towson) from 1952 to
1963, for Boy Scouts from 1958 to 1990, and at the Maryland Correctional Institution (Hagerstown) from 1963 to 1990.

*Deakin, Richard (Capuchin) – In 1990, an individual reported to the Archdiocese that Father Richard Deakin had sexually abused her child during the 1980s. The Archdiocese informed the Capuchins of the allegation. Deakin had left the priesthood and Capuchins in 1988, and pled guilty to sex offenses relating to this allegation in 1990. Deakin served at St. Martin (Baltimore) from 1983 to 1987.

Dean, Alfred (Josephite) – In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Alfred Dean. The incidents reportedly occurred in 2002 at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church in East Baltimore. The Archdiocese of Baltimore suspended Dean’s priestly duties. The Archdiocese informed the Josephites of the allegation and Dean resigned as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church. In 2003, Dean was charged with second degree assault. The charges were later dismissed at the request of the victim’s family. Dean, who was ordained in 1989, is a native of the Bahamas. Before coming to St. Francis Xavier in 2000, he was an associate pastor at St. Veronica Catholic Church (Cherry Hill).

*Dimitroff, Donald (Christian Brother) – In 1997, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned from the Christian Brothers that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Brother Donald Dimitroff in the early 1980s. Dimitroff served at Bishop Walsh High School from 1981 to 1983 and assisted with computer classes at St. Frances Academy (Baltimore) in the early 1990s. He has lived at the Christian Brothers residence at Calvert Hall High School since 1991.


+Duerr, Robert W. – In 2002, the Archdiocese received a report that Father Robert W. Duerr sexually abused a child in the early 1950s. In 2012, a woman received another report of sexual abuse from the early 1950s to the early 1960s. Duerr died in 1982. He served at St. Rita (Dundalk) from 1948 to 1959, Mount de Sales Academy from 1959 to 1980, and St. Louis Church (Clarksville) from 1975 to 1980.

+*Duggan, John (Jesuit) – In 2002, a man alleged to the Archdiocese that his child had been sexually abused by Father John Duggan in the late 1960s to early
The abuse was first reported to the Jesuits in 1993. Duggan died in 1996.


*Emala, Walter (Diocese of Memphis) – Archdiocesan files reflect that an allegation of sexual abuse by Father Walter Emala arose in 1975, at which time his faculties to perform ministry were removed. Since that time, a number of individuals have alleged sexual abuse by Emala during the mid-1970s to mid-1980s. [Emala died in 2008.] From 1968 to 1972, he served at Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Clare (Essex), and Sacred Heart of Mary (Dundalk). Emala also served at Our Lady Queen of Peace from 1959 to 1960 and 1972 to 1975.

Esposito, Luigi – In May of 2018, the Archdiocese of Baltimore announced allegations of sexual misconduct against Father Luigi Esposito, 77, pastor of Our Lady of Pompei Church in Baltimore. The alleged abuse occurred in the 1970s while Esposito was serving as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Pompei. The Archdiocese cooperated with and reported the allegations to civil authorities. Esposito denied the allegations. The Archdiocese removed Esposito from ministry and revoked his faculties to function as a priest. In 1964, Esposito was ordained a priest of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul, a religious order also known as the Vincentians, in Naples, Italy. He was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 2000. Esposito served as Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Pompei from 1964 to 1984 and then as Pastor from 1987 to 2018. Esposito served as a teacher, coach, and the Athletic Director at Our Lady of Pompei High School from 1964 to 1987.

+Ewanowski, Alfred (Conventual Franciscan) – In 2003, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Father Alfred Ewanowski in 1967, when the individual was a student at Archbishop Curley High School. Since that time, the Archdiocese has learned of additional allegations of abuse against Ewanowski concerning his time on the faculty at Archbishop Curley. Ewanowski died in 1990. He served at Archbishop Curley High School from 1968 to 1976.

*Farabaugh, Kenneth – In 1993, the Archdiocese was informed by a third party that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Kenneth Farabaugh in the mid-1980s. The individual declined to cooperate with the Archdiocese, and to avoid further communication, hastily denied the allegation without providing further information at that time. Farabaugh also denied the allegation. In 2000, the same alleged victim met with the Archdiocese and related detailed allegations of sexual abuse by Farabaugh. The additional information was reported by the Archdiocese to civil authorities, who were

+Fisher, Carl A. (Josephite, Archdiocese of Los Angeles) – In 2002, an individual reported that he was sexually abused by then-Father Carl Fisher in the mid-1970s. Since then, the Archdiocese has received allegations from additional individuals of sexual abuse by Fisher. Fisher died in Los Angeles in 1993. He was ordained a priest in 1973 and served at St. Veronica (Baltimore) from 1975 to 1982 and St. Francis Xavier (Baltimore) from 1982 to 1986. In 1987, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

+Fondriest, Sylvan (Capuchin Franciscan) – In 2007, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Father Sylvan Fondriest during the late 1950s. In 2008, the Archdiocese learned of an allegation by a second individual that he was abused by Fondriest in the late 1950s. Fondriest died in 1976. He served at Ss. Peter and Paul (Cumberland) from 1956 until his death in 1976.

+Free, Daniel (Passionist) – The Archdiocese received allegations of sexual abuse by Father Daniel Free in 1998 and 2012. The allegations were reported to law enforcement and to the Passionists. Free died in 2016. He served at St. Joseph Monastery (Baltimore) from 1955 to 1971 and 1974 to 1976 and St. Agnes Hospital from 1984 to 2000.

+Gallagher, Joseph J. – In 1986, the Archdiocese was informed by someone other than the victim that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Joseph J. Gallagher in about 1980. At that time, the victim was an adult. Gallagher had retired in 1985. In 1993, the victim met with the Archdiocese and related allegations of sexual abuse. At that time, Gallagher admitted inappropriate conduct and his faculties to perform ministry were removed. [He died in 2015.] Gallagher served at the Basilica of the Assumption from 1955 to 1962, as Chaplain at Villa Maria from 1962 to 1963, as a faculty member at St. Paul’s Latin High School from 1962 to 1963, as Chaplain at Mission Helpers from 1964 to 1966, as a faculty member at St. Mary’s Seminary from 1967 to 1976, and as a weekend assistant at Resurrection (Ellicott City), St. Lawrence, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and the CYO House from 1976 until his retirement in 1985.

+Gallen, John (Jesuit) – In 2018, the Jesuits reported an allegation of child sexual abuse by Father John Gallen that had occurred in about 1980. The accusation was found to be credible. Gallen died in 2011. He served at Woodstock College from 1968 to 1975.

+Garrity, Stephen M. (Jesuit) – In 2007, Father Stephen M. Garrity was removed from ministry and the Jesuits report multiple allegations of sexual abuse in the 1970s. Garrity

**Geinzer, John (Diocese of Pittsburgh)** – Father John Geinzer served as Associate Spiritual Director at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary (Emmitsburg) from 1980 to 1990. The Diocese of Pittsburgh deemed the allegations against Geinzer to be inconclusive.


**Girard, Steven** – In 2004, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Steven Girard in the early 1990s while Girard was serving as Pastor of St. Clement (Lansdowne). Girard denied the allegations. In 2002, Girard resigned and had his faculties to function as a priest removed when he was charged with filing a false carjacking report. He was sentenced to one year of supervised probation. Girard was prohibited from functioning as a priest. He died in 2018. Girard was ordained in October 1975 and served at St. Matthew from 1973 to 1975, John Carroll High School from January 1975 to June 1975, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel from 1975 to 1978, CYO Retreat House from 1978 to 1982, St. Clare from 1982 to 1987, and St. Clement from 1987 to 2002.

**Haight, Mark (Diocese of Albany)** – In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Mark Haight in the mid-1970s. At the time of the alleged events, Haight was a seminarian for the Diocese of Albany at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. Haight was ordained by the Diocese of Albany in 1976. The Archdiocese of Baltimore informed the Diocese of Albany of the allegation and learned that Haight was removed from ministry in 1996 and that the Diocese of Albany had settled two cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse against Haight. Haight was a student at St. Mary’s Seminary from 1972 to 1975 and served at Spring Grove Hospital from 1973 to 1974 and St. Ambrose Church (Baltimore) from 1974 to 1975.

**Hammer, John (Diocese of Youngstown and Saginaw)** – After undergoing treatment at St. Luke Institute, Father John Hammer of the Diocese of Youngstown served as a Chaplain at St. Agnes Hospital from 1986 to 1989. The Archdiocese received no information of misconduct by Hammer while in Baltimore, but in 1989 decided that because of his history he should not even be engaged in hospital ministry. The Archdiocese of Baltimore informed the Diocese of Youngstown that Hammer’s faculties to perform ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore were being removed in 1989. In 2002, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned that Hammer had been serving as a priest in the Diocese of Saginaw since 1990. He resigned in April 2002 because of an allegation of sexual abuse from before 1986.

**Helowicz, Marion** – In 1988, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Marion Helowicz in the early 1980s. Later that year, Helowicz pled guilty to a sexual offense involving that individual. Helowicz’s faculties to perform ministry were removed in


+*Hopkins, Robert F. – In 1995, two individuals alleged sexual abuse by Father Robert F. Hopkins in the 1970s. When confronted about these allegations, Hopkins admitted to sexual misconduct with a number of minors from the late 1950s to early 1980s. Hopkins had retired just prior to the receipt of these allegations and his faculties to perform any ministry were removed. [He died in 2006.] Hopkins served at St. Mary (Cumberland) from 1948 to 1962, Our Lady of Hope from 1962 to 1968, St. Jerome from 1968 to 1971, St. Mary (Lonaconing) from 1971 to 1982, and St. Patrick (Cumberland) from 1982 to 1995.

Jeselnick, Stephen (Diocese of Erie) – In 2017, individuals contacted the Pennsylvania Grand Jury and alleged child sexual abuse by Father Stephen Jeselnick. Jeselnick has denied the allegations. The Pennsylvania Grand Jury report lists his last known assignment as being at the Veterans Administration Hospital (Baltimore) beginning in 1997. His faculties were revoked by the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 2003 and by the Diocese of Erie in 2014, both based on allegations of misconduct with adults. Jeselnick provided assistance at St. Augustine (Elkridge) and Shrine of the Sacred Heart (Baltimore) prior to his faculties being removed in 2003. It also appears that Jeselnick may have been chaplain with the Air National Guard base (Middle River).

+Kenney, Joseph – In 2002, two separate individuals alleged that they had been abused by Father Joseph Kenney in the late 1940s to early 1950s. Kenney died in 2001. Pursuant to the Archdiocese’s 2002 policy of not naming posthumously accused priests, Kenney’s name was not published in 2002 because the Archdiocese believed he had died before the Archdiocese received an allegation of child abuse. However, as a result of a call to the Archdiocese from a victim in 2018, the Archdiocese realized that Kenney had been accused of child abuse in about 1985 relating to events in the early 1950s. Kenney served at Shrine of the Little Flower from 1943 to 1963, St. Joseph


*Knapp, Paul (Redemptorist) – In 1993, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned from the Redemptorists that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Paul Knapp about 20 years earlier. Knapp served as Associate Pastor at St. Mary (Annapolis) from 1973 to 1981. He left the priesthood in 1995.

Kolodziej, Michael (Franciscan) – In November 2013, the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Order of Friars Minor Conventual announced that they had learned of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by Father Michael Kolodziej. Kolodziej was removed from ministry at that time. Kolodziej served as a teacher at Archbishop Curley High School (Baltimore) from 1975 to 1979 and as Minister Provincial of the Order (Ellicott City) from 2001 to 2010.


*Kruse, Joseph – In late 1987, Father Joseph Kruse admitted to sexual abuse from the mid- to late 1980s. In 1987, he was removed from his parish, received treatment, and was assigned to hospital ministry. He left ministry permanently in 1989. Kruse served at St. John (Westminster) from 1982 to 1984 and Cathedral Mary Our Queen from 1984 to 1987, and as Chaplain at Franklin Square Hospital from 1988 to 1989 while residing at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

+*LaMountain, Michael (Diocese of Providence) – In 2001, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Michael LaMountain in the mid-1970s. LaMountain was a seminarian for the Diocese of Providence at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore from 1972 to 1976 and was ordained by the Diocese of Providence in 1976. The Archdiocese notified the Diocese of Providence of this allegation. The Archdiocese has learned that in 1999, LaMountain pled guilty to nine counts of child sex offenses occurring between 1979 and 1992. [LaMountain died in 2010]. LaMountain assisted as a seminarian at Most Precious Blood Parish from 1974 to 1976.

+Langan, Xavier (Christian Brother) – In 2002, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Brother Xavier Langan when he was a student at Calvert Hall College High School in the late 1960s. Since then, the Archdiocese has received allegations from additional individuals that they were sexually abused by Langan while
they were students Calvert Hall. Langan died in 1985. He served at Calvert Hall from 1942 to 1952 and 1960 to 1985.

+Lannon, James V. (Archdiocese of Washington/Baltimore) – In 2002, a woman alleged that she was sexually abused by Father James V. Lannon in the mid-1930s. The Archdiocese of Washington has reported that it received an allegation in 1953 and removed Lannon from parish ministry in 1958. Lannon died in 1984. He served at St. Charles College from 1931 to 1933, at St. Rose of Lima (Baltimore) from 1933 to 1939 and All Saints (Baltimore) from 1940 to 1943. Lannon became a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington after it was established as a separate diocese from the Archdiocese of Baltimore in the 1940s.

+*LaPorta, Ross – In 1999, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Ross LaPorta in the 1960s. LaPorta was retired and living out of state at the time in 1999. LaPorta denied the allegations. His faculties to perform ministry were removed. [He died in 2015.] LaPorta served at St. Matthew from 1951 to 1963, St. Charles Borromeo from 1963 to 1971, St. Bernard (Baltimore) from 1971 to 1978, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Woodlawn) from 1978 to 1991, and St. Mark (Catonsville) from 1991 until his retirement in 1998.


*Lee, Thomas B. (Archdiocese of Seoul, South Korea) – In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Thomas B. Lee in the early 1970s. The Archdiocese of Baltimore notified the Archdiocese of Seoul of this allegation. Lee lived at Immaculate Heart of Mary (Towson) from 1970 to 1974 while studying at Johns Hopkins University.

*LeFevre, Francis – In 1987, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Francis LeFevre. LeFevre admitted to sexual misconduct with numerous minors in the 1970s and 1980s, and the Archdiocese removed him from his parish. After completing residential treatment, LeFevre was prohibited from engaging in any youth ministry and assigned to an administrative job in the Catholic Center. In 1989, LeFevre continued in his administrative job but his faculties to perform public ministry were removed. In 1995, LeFevre was removed from his administrative job because of allegations relating to the mid-1970s. LeFevre served at St. Anthony (Baltimore) from 1971 to 1977, the Vocations Office as Assistant Director from 1976 to 1979, St. John (Hydes) from 1979 to 1980, St. Ursula from 1980 to 1987, and the Catholic Center in data management while residing at Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Woodlawn) from 1987 until being placed on a leave of absence in 1995.


**Lochner, Robert J.** – Beginning in 2002, the Archdiocese received allegations from multiple individuals of sexual abuse by Father Robert Lochner in the 1950s and 1960s. Lochner died in 1967. He served at Sacred Heart (Glyndon) from 1956 to 1958, Our Lady of Good Counsel (Baltimore) from 1958 to 1964, St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (Rosedale) from 1964 to 1967, and Immaculate Heart of Mary (Baynesville) in 1967.


**Lorento, Anthony (Pallotine)** – In 1994, an individual alleged to the Archdiocese sexual abuse by Father Anthony Lorento in the early 1980s. The Archdiocese informed the Pallotines of the allegation. Lorento resided at the Pallotine Mission Office on Paca Street from 1978 to 1980 and served at St. Leo from 1980 to 1982.


**Mardaga, Ronald** – In 1986, Father Ronald Mardaga admitted to sexually abusing a minor in the late 1970s. Mardaga’s faculties were removed in 1986. Mardaga served as a seminarian at Our Lady of Good Counsel, was ordained in 1980, and served at Resurrection (Ellicott City) in 1980 and from 1981 to 1984, St. Pius X from 1980 to 1981, and St. Stephen from 1984 to 1986.

**Martin, Kenneth (Diocese of Wilmington)** – In 2001, it was reported that Father Kenneth Martin had been arrested for child sex offenses relating to a time when he was a lay teacher at Loyola Blakefield High School in the 1970s. Ken Martin taught at Loyola Blakefield from 1970 to 1986 and assisted as an organist at Nativity Church (Timonium) during that time. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Wilmington in 1989 and assisted occasionally at the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the late 1990s to early 2000s. He is on administrative leave from the Diocese of Wilmington and has no faculties to perform ministry.


McCarthy, John J. (Jesuit) – In 2018, the Jesuits reported multiple allegations of sexual abuse by Father John J. McCarthy that had occurred in the 1970s. McCarthy died in 1997. He served at Loyola Blakefield High School from 1946 to 1949.

*McGrath, Francis (Diocese of Trenton) – In 1995, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Francis McGrath in the early 1970s when McGrath was a seminarian for the Diocese of Trenton at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. The Archdiocese notified the Diocese of Trenton of this allegation. In 2002, another individual alleged abuse by McGrath in the mid-1970s. McGrath was a student at St. Mary’s Seminary from 1972 to 1974 and from 1976 to 1977, and was ordained by the Diocese of Trenton in 1978. He assisted with classes at Gilman School from 1972 to 1973, and served at Our Lady of Good Counsel (Baltimore) from 1973 to 1974, Calvert Hall College High School from 1974 to 1976, and St. Anthony of Padua (Baltimore) from 1976 to 1977.

McGuire, Eugene Ambrose (Passionist) – In 1993, the Archdiocese received allegations of sexual abuse by Father Eugene Ambrose McGuire in the 1960s. In 2002, another individual contacted the Archdiocese and alleged an incident of sexual abuse by McGuire in the late 1940s. McGuire died in 1984. He served at St. Joseph Monastery Church (Baltimore) from 1972 to 1977, and also likely in earlier years.


*Melville, Raymond (Diocese of Portland, Maine) – In 2001, a Maine newspaper article reported a lawsuit containing allegations of sexual abuse against Father Raymond Melville. In the article, the plaintiff’s attorney alleged abuse by Melville while he was a seminarian for the Diocese of Portland at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore. The attorney has not provided any further information regarding the claim. Melville left the priesthood in 1997. He was a student at St. Mary’s Seminary from 1979 to 1985 and was ordained by the Diocese of Portland in 1985. He served at Our Lady of Good Counsel (Baltimore) from 1980 to 1984 and the University of Maryland Hospital from 1982 to 1983.

*Michaud, Ronald – In 1989, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Ronald Michaud in the mid-1970s. Upon receiving this claim, the Archdiocese notified the Diocese of Portland (Maine), where Michaud was then a priest, which resulted in his being removed from ministry. Michaud served at St. Ann (Hagerstown) from 1973 to 1976 and St. Rose of Lima from 1977 to 1978. In 1979, Michaud requested and was
received as a priest of the Diocese of Portland (his home) and served there from 1979 to 1989.

**Michele, Robert (Paulist)** – In November 2018, the Paulist Fathers advised the Archdiocese of Baltimore that Father Robert Michele acknowledged sexual misconduct with a minor female more than 40 years earlier, after an allegation arose in September 2018. The Paulists also reported that an earlier allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor was made in 2002 against Michele and was found to be inconclusive. Michele served as Spiritual Director at Johns Hopkins University from 1986 to 1989.

*Mike, John* – Beginning in 1987, several individuals alleged physical and sexual abuse by Father John Mike in the mid-1970s to 1987. In 1987, the Archdiocese removed Mike’s faculties to perform ministry. Shortly thereafter, criminal charges were brought against Mike, who pled guilty to child abuse. Mike served at Most Precious Blood from 1974 to 1975, Ascension (Halethorpe) from 1975 to 1981, and St. Louis (Clarksville) from 1981 to 1987.

**Moody, Jerome A. (Redemptorist)** – In 2002, the Baltimore City Police Department informed the Archdiocese that it received allegations of sexual abuse from several unnamed individuals against Father Jerome A. Moody and the Archdiocese informed the Redemptorists. In 2005, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Moody in the 1970s. Moody died in 2006. He served at Ss. James and John (Baltimore) from 1975 to 1984.

**Murphy, Timothy (Trinitarian)** – In 1999, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Timothy Murphy in the late 1960s to early 1970s. The Archdiocese notified the Trinitarians of this allegation, and Murphy’s faculties to perform ministry were removed. *[He died in 2004.]* Murphy served at DeMatha Catholic High School (Hyattsville) from 1967 to 1969, St. Charles Borromeo (Pikesville) from 1969 to 1972, and Holy Trinity Monastery from 1991 to 1999, and as part-time chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital (Towson) from 1997 to 1999.

**Murray, J. Glenn (Jesuit)** – In 2011, the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus removed Father J. Glenn Murray from ministry following an allegation of the improper touching of a minor that occurred from 1981 to 1982, while he was in Baltimore. An individual initially made an allegation in 2005. It was immediately reported to the civil authorities and sent to the Province Review Board. The civil authorities told the Province that they had closed their investigation after the individual declined to speak with them. The Province Review Board hired a third party investigator. Based on the information uncovered at the time, the Board did not find the allegation credible. In the spring of 2011, while considering a new assignment for Murray, leadership of the Province reviewed his file and decided to ask the Province Review Board to undertake a new review of the allegation. Murray was then permanently removed from all ministry after new information was found. Murray served at St. Frances-Charles Hall (Baltimore) as teacher of English and from 1981 to 1988 and assistant principal from 1985 to 1988.

Orr, Garrett D. (Jesuit) – In 2005, Father Garrett D. Orr was removed from ministry and the Jesuits report multiple allegations of sexual abuse from the late 1980s to the early 2000s. Orr served at Loyola College (Baltimore) from 2004 to 2005.

Ory, Claude L. (Jesuit) – In 2007, Father Claude L. Ory was removed from ministry and the Jesuits report multiple allegations of sexual abuse from the 1970s. Ory served at Loyola College (Baltimore) from 2000 to 2007.

*O’Toole, Henry (Redemptorist) – In 1992, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Henry O’Toole during the early 1970s. The Archdiocese notified the Redemptorists of this allegation. O’Toole served at Our Lady of Fatima from 1962 to 1980 and St. Wenceslaus (Baltimore) from 1980 to 1983.


*Pecore, Dennis (Salvatorian Brother) – In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse in the mid-1970s by Father Dennis Pecore, who was then a religious brother. The Archdiocese notified the Salvatorians of the allegation. The Archdiocese has learned that after he left Maryland, Pecore became a priest and was later twice convicted of child sex offenses in Wisconsin. He was defrocked in 1995. Pecore served at Holy Trinity (Glen Burnie) from 1975 to 1976.

+Poletti, Adrian (Passionist) – In 2006, the Archdiocese received an allegation of an incident of sexual abuse by Father Adrian Poletti at Camp Gabriel near St. Joseph Monastery Church in 1957. In 2007, a second individual alleged abuse by Poletti in the mid-1940s. Poletti died in 1980. He served at St. Joseph Monastery Church from 1937 to 1942 and from 1951 to 1959.

**Rochacewcz, Thomas (Redemptorist)** – In 1987, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Brother Thomas Rochacewicz in the early 1980s. The Archdiocese notified the Redemptorists of the allegation. Later, the Archdiocese received additional allegations of sexual abuse against Rochacewicz that reportedly occurred in the mid-1970s to mid-1980s. Rochacewicz served at St. Michael (Wolfe Street) from 1975 to 1986.

**Roscetti, Francis (Capuchin)** – In 2013, a couple alleged that their child had been sexually abused by Father Francis Roscetti in the mid-1980s. In 2015, an individual contacted the Archdiocese and alleged sexual abuse by Roscetti at St. Anthony Ridgely in West Virginia in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Roscetti died in 1991. He served at Ss. Peter and Paul Church (Cumberland) from 1966 to 1972 and St. Ambrose (Cresaptown) from 1978 to 1988.


**Rydzewski, Thomas** – In December 2001, federal investigators arrested Father Thomas Rydzewski on charges of child pornography. Rydzewski’s faculties to perform ministry were removed and he entered a residential treatment program. In July 2002, he pled guilty to possession of child pornography in federal court. Rydzewski served at St. Agnes from 1998 to 1999 and the Cathedral Mary Our Queen from 2000 to 2001. Parents and parishioners at these parishes were informed of the charges and encouraged to contact the Archdiocese if they were aware of any abuse. The Archdiocese cooperated with investigators. The Archdiocese is not aware of any accusation of sexual contact between Rydzewski and any minor.

**Salerno, Michael (Pallotine)** – In 2007, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against Father Michael Salerno, Pastor at St. Leo the Great Church (Baltimore). The alleged abuse occurred in the 1970s while then-Brother Salerno was a Pallottine Brother serving at All Saints Catholic Church (Brooklyn, New York). The Archdiocese informed the Pallotines of the allegation. The investigation conducted by the Diocese of Brooklyn confirmed that Salerno did sexually abuse a boy who was approximately 13 years old at the time of the abuse. Salerno admitted to sexually abusing the boy over a three year period, from 1975 to 1978. Salerno’s faculties to function as a priest were removed. He served at St. Leo (Baltimore) from 1997 to 2007.

**Sheehy, Edward A. (Paulist)** – In 2019, the Paulist Fathers reported that in 2003 they received allegations of sexual abuse by Father Edward A. Sheehy that had occurred from 1955 to 1957. Sheehy died in 1988. He served at St. Peter’s Minor Seminary (Baltimore) from 1968 to 1969.

*Smith, David – In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father David Smith in the early 1970s. Smith had requested a leave of absence in 2000 for unrelated reasons, and he has had no faculties to perform ministry since that time. Smith has denied the allegation. Smith served at St. Mark (Catonsville) from 1973 to 1980, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Essex) from 1980 to 1992, and Our Lady of Good Counsel from 1992 to 2000.

+Smith, Richard – In 2007, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned of two allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by Monsignor Richard E. Smith. The alleged abuse occurred in the mid- to late 1960s while then-Father Smith served at Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Woodlawn), known as St. Gabriel since 1997. Smith was informed of the allegations. He admitted to some of the allegations and could not recall other details of his interactions with the victims. Smith was removed from ministry and his faculties to function as a priest were removed. He died in 2008. Smith was ordained a priest in 1966. In addition to serving at Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Woodlawn) from 1966 to 1967, he also served at St. Bernard (Baltimore) in 1967, St. Mary (Cumberland) from 1968 to 1973, St. Mark (Fallston) from 1973 to 1978, St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Riviera Beach) from 1978 to 1983, St. Clare (Essex) from 1983 to 1987, Our Lady of Sorrows (Owensville) from 1987 to 1996, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Crofton) in 1996, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ellicott City) from 1996 to 2007.

+*Smith, Thomas – In 1988, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Thomas Smith in the early 1960s. Smith admitted to sexual misconduct with numerous minors in the 1960s. Following a psychiatric evaluation, Smith was permitted to continue in ministry but prohibited from working with children. In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Smith in the early 1980s. When confronted with the new allegation and his removal from the pastorate at St. Stephen Parish, Smith denied the allegation and then committed suicide. Since 1993, numerous individuals have reported sexual abuse by Smith in the 1950s to early 1980s. Smith served at St. Jane Frances (Riviera Beach) from 1950 to 1952, St. Michael (Overlea) from 1952 to 1970, Most Precious Blood from 1970 to 1973, and St. Stephen (Bradshaw) from 1973 to 1993.

+Steffen, Carl (Diocese of Harrisburg) – The Pennsylvania Grand Jury reports multiple accusations against Father Carl Steffen. He died in 2015. He was assigned to the Manresa Retreat House (Annapolis) in 1969. He also assisted at retreats at St. John (Westminster) from about 2007 to 2008.

**Stroup, Edmund – In 1992, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Edmund Stroup in about 1960. His faculties to perform any ministry were removed following this allegation. Stroup had retired in 1990. Reports of sexual abuse were raised regarding Stroup in 1975 and again in 1981. In 1981, Stroup was sent for residential treatment and returned to hospital ministry until his retirement. Stroup died in 2001. In 2002, the Archdiocese received a number of reports of sexual abuse by Stroup. Stroup served at St. Charles Borromeo from 1949 to 1955, St. John (Westminster) from 1955 to 1961, St. Vincent de Paul from 1961 to 1973, St. Rita from 1973 to 1975, Holy Rosary in 1976, St. Clement Mary Hofbauer from 1976 to 1977, Our Lady of Sorrows and Holy Family Mission (Davidsonville) from 1977 to 1979, and Holy Family Mission (Davidsonville) from 1980 to 1981. He was in residence at St. Ursula and Immaculate Conception (Towson) while serving at Greater Baltimore Medical Center as Chaplain from 1982 to 1990.

+Sweeney, Francis (Paulist) – In 1993, Father Francis Sweeney disclosed that he had sexually abused two individuals during the late 1970s and early 1980s. The Archdiocese contacted the Paulists regarding this admission and Sweeney was removed from active ministry. [He died in 2013.] Sweeney served in campus ministry at the University of Maryland Baltimore County from 1972 to 1976 and in 1983. He served at the Catholic Community at Relay from 1982 to 1992 and as Chaplain at the Charlestown Retirement Community and Our Lady of the Angels Chapel (Baltimore) from 1992 to 1993.

+Tasch, Alcuin W. (Benedictine) – In 1994, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Alcuin W. Tasch during the late 1950s at Fourteen Holy Martyrs Church in Baltimore. In 2003, the Archdiocese received a report from another individual, who alleged he was sexually abused by Tasch from 1955 to 1956. Tasch died in 1982. He served at Fourteen Holy Martyrs Church (Baltimore) from 1954 to 1964.
Toohey, Jerome – In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Jerome Toohey in the mid- to late 1980s. Toohey denies the allegation. This matter was widely covered in the media. Toohey has been on leave, without faculties to perform ministry, since 1993. [Toohey subsequently pled guilty to sexual abuse in 2005 and has been laicized]. He served at St. Francis of Assisi from 1977 to 1984, and as Chaplain at Calvert Hall High School from 1982 to 1993 and Chaplain to the Deaf Community from 1984 to 1993. During the 1980s to early 1990s, Toohey also served on the Board of Directors for John Carroll High School and assisted at St. John (Hydes).

Toulas, James (Redemptorist) – In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father James Toulas during the late 1960s and early 1970s at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Toulas admitted to the abuse, which occurred while he was visiting Baltimore. The Archdiocese contacted the Redemptorists regarding this allegation and Toulas’s faculties were removed. [He died in 2000.] Toulas served at Our Lady of Fatima from 1981 to 1993.

Tragesser, Gerald – In 1958, Father Gerald Tragesser was accused of sexual abuse in the mid- to late 1950s. In 1958, he was sent for treatment in New Mexico and never returned for assignment in Maryland. [He died in 2013.] Tragesser served at Immaculate Heart of Mary from 1956 to 1957 and St. Clare in 1958.

Vazquez-Ortega, Urbano (Capuchin) – In November 2018, Father Urbano Vazquez-Ortega was charged by Washington, D.C. police with sexually abusing a teenager at Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish in Northwest Washington in 2015. The Archdiocese learned of the charges from media reports. Vazquez-Ortega served his diaconate internship at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish (Western Maryland) from 2013 to 2014 and later celebrated mass there on a few occasions.

Velez-Lopez, Jorge Antonio (Tertiary Capuchin) – In 2016, the Archdiocese of Baltimore announced that Father Jorge Antonio Velez-Lopez, a member of the religious order known as the Tertiary Capuchins, who last served in the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 2010, admitted to allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. The abuse began in approximately 2007 while Velez-Lopez was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish (Columbia). Upon initially receiving an allegation of abuse from a third party in 2009, the Archdiocese of Baltimore reported the allegation to civil authorities. The alleged victim, 18 years old in 2009, strongly denied any sexual interactions with Velez-Lopez to the police and to the Archdiocese. Velez-Lopez also denied any sexual relationship. In 2016, the same victim, then 24 years old, approached the Archdiocese and stated that she and Velez-Lopez had a sexual relationship beginning in approximately 2007 and that they had a child together. The new information was also reported to civil authorities. Velez-Lopez acknowledged the relationship and the two were married shortly thereafter in 2016. Velez has had no assignment or faculties to function as a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore since 2010. Velez-Lopez was assigned to St. John (Columbia) from 2003 to 2010 and also ministered to members of the Spanish-speaking community in several other parishes, including Church of the Resurrection.
(Laurel), Holy Trinity (Glen Burnie), St. John (Frederick), Sacred Heart (Glyndon), and St. Joseph (Cockeysville).

+Vorisek, Rudolph T. (Paulist) – In 2019, the Paulist Fathers reported that in 2013 the Archdiocese of Los Angeles received an allegation of sexual abuse by Father Rudolph T. Vorisek that had occurred in 1970. Vorisek died in 2011. He served at St. Peter's Minor Seminary (Baltimore) from 1957 to 1968.


+*Wehrle, William (Jesuit) – Archdiocesan files reflect that Father William Wehrle was accused of sexual abuse in the mid-1980s. As a result, Wehrle was removed from his parish. Wehrle died in 1995. He served at St. Alphonsus (Woodstock) from 1982 to 1985.

Wielebski, John – In January 2010, the Archdiocese of Baltimore announced that it had learned of three allegations of sexual misconduct against Father John Wielebski, 62, pastor at Resurrection of Our Lord Church (Laurel). He was removed from ministry at that time. All of the allegations are related to acts which allegedly occurred in the mid- to late 1980s. In July 1978, Wielebski was ordained a priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, a religious order also known as the Trinitarians. He was incardinated, the process whereby a diocesan or religious order priest becomes a priest of another diocese, into the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1988. Prior to his incardination, Wielebski served at Sacred Heart (Glyndon) from 1974 to 1978, Holy Trinity Monastery (Pikesville) from 1981 to 1983, Redeemer House Shelter (Baltimore) from 1983 to 1984, St. Bernard (Baltimore) from 1984 to 1985, and St. Dominic (Baltimore) from 1985 to 1988. Wielebski served at the Msgr. Clare O'Dwyer Retreat House (Sparks) from 1988 to 1991, St. Patrick (Cumberland) from 1991 to 1996, Sacred Heart (Glyndon) from 1996 to 1999, and Resurrection of Our Lord (Laurel) from 1999 to 2009.

+Yeakle, Howard F. – In 2002, the Archdiocese received two allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Father Howard F. Yeakle in the 1960s. The Archdiocese received an additional allegation in 2018. Yeakle left the priesthood in 1972. He died in 1988. Yeakle served at St. Augustine (Elkridge) from 1951 to 1954, St. Patrick (Baltimore) from 1955 to 1956, All Saints (Baltimore) from 1957 to 1958, St. Adrian (Inverness) and St. Mildred (Gray Manor) from 1959 to 1961, St. Brigid (Baltimore) from 1961 to 1969, and St. Augustine (Williamsport) and St. Michael (Clear Spring) from 1970 to 1971.

+ Deceased
* Listed in original September 2002 publication
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