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. The priest had received 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, and in some cases, the information 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 may be obtained by looking at available resources on the internet.

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 confirm those who were accused and they were not a danger to children. However, beginning in April 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
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 parentheticals after their names are priests of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. “A sign of before the name indicates the individual was removed from the original publication made in 2002, the remainder were added since that time.” Additions made to the original 2002 publication are noted in [italics]. For clarity, the paragraphs relating to those names added to this list on April 24, 2019 are currently being shown 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 410-547-5590.

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 (Capuchins)—In 1980, a woman alleged that her child had been sexually abused by Brother James Avant. These allegations were reported to the Capuchins. Avant had left the Capuchins in 1980. Avant served at Morgan State University starting in 1972, St. Martin (Baltimore) from 1972 to 1979, 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, William T. (Diocese of La Crosse, WI)—In 1993, the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin informed the Archdiocese of two claims of sexual abuse against Father William 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.

*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 order and was appointed professor of St. Charles College (Catonville). *He served at St. Charles College from 1949 to 1959; Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Catonville) from 1959 to 1962; Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Middle River) from 1962 to 1965.*

+Brett, Laurence (*Diocese of Bridgeport*) — Beginning in 1973, numerous allegations of sexual abuse by Father Lawrence 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 1973 to 1977 at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, St. Patrick (Cumberland), and St. Pius X.* Beginning in 1977, Brett served as Chaplain at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse. He worked as a religious advertiser 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.


+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 order and was appointed professor of St. Charles College (Catonville). *He served at St. Charles College from 1949 to 1959; Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Catonville) from 1959 to 1962; Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Middle River) from 1962 to 1965.*

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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. Peter (Washington, DC) from 1922 to 1924, 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 1989.* 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.* 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 1958 to 1973 and Resurrection House from 1970 to 1977, as Chaplain at Archbishop Keough High School from 1976 to 1978, and as a military chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital 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.

Coyne, Charles (Jesuit) — In 2003, the Archdiocese of Baltimore learned that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Charles Coyne in the mid-1960s when Coyne 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 in New Orleans Province. Coyne 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 Istmima-Tado, Colombia) — Father Fernando Cristancho was a priest of the Diocese of Istmima-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 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.


**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 1970s. [The abuse was first reported to the Jesuits in 1993. Duggan died in 1996.]

**Duke, Frederick**—In 1988, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Monsignor Frederick Duke. At that time, Duke was retired, blind, in very poor health, and not able to engage in any kind of ministry. Duke admitted to sexually abusing numerous minors between 1949 and 1961. He died in 1982. Duke served at Shrine of Little Flower from 1942 to 1946, St. Mary (Lonaconing) from 1961 to 1967, St. John (Frederick) from 1967 to 1971, St. Mark (Catonsville) from 1971 to 1978, St. Bernard from 1978 to 1979, and Our Lady of Sorrows from 1979 until his retirement in 1987.

**Emala, Walter (Diocese of Memphis)**—Archdiocesan files reflect that an allegation of sexual abuse by Father Walter Emala arose in 1976, 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.]

**Esposito, Luigi**—In May of 2016, 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 serve as a priest. In 1964, Esposito was ordained as 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 1994 and then as Pastor from 1997 to 2018. Esposito served as a teacher, coach, and the Athletic Director at Our Lady of Pompei High School from 1964 to 1967.

**Duer, Robert W.**—In 2002, the Archdiocese received a report of an incident of sexual abuse by Father Robert W. Duer, who was an associate pastor in the early 1980s. Duer was first reported to the Jesuits in 1993. [Duer died in 1992.]

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Ewanowski, Alfred (Conventual Franciscan) — In 2003, an individual alleged the Archdiocese learned of an allegation that he was sexually abused by Father Alfred Ewanowski in 1967, when the individual was a student at Archbishop Curley High School in 1967. Since then, 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.

Farbaugh, Kenneth — In 1993, the Archdiocese was informed by a third party that an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Kenneth Farbaugh 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. Farbaugh also denied the allegation. In 2000, the same alleged victim met with the Archdiocese and related detailed allegations of sexual abuse by Farbaugh. The additional information was reported by the Archdiocese to civil authorities, who were investigating Farbaugh at the time of his death. Farbaugh died on December 12, 2000. He served at Immaculate Heart of Mary from 1963 to 1964, St. Bernardine from 1964 to 1967, St. Peter (Westport) in 1967, St. Paul Latin High School from 1967 to 1969, Cardinal Gibbons High School from 1969 to 1980, John Carroll High School from 1980 to 1982, and St. Ignatius (Hickory) from 1992 to 2000.

Fisher, Carl A. (Josephite, Archdiocese of Los Angeles) — In 2002, an individual reported that he was sexually abused by two multiple individuals have accused Father Carl Fisher of sexual abuse that occurred in the 1970s. Since then, in 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 1975 and served at St. Veronica (Baltimore) from 1975 to 1992 and St. Francis Xavier (Baltimore) from 1982 to 1996. 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 sexual abuse by Father Sylvan Fondriest during the late 1950s and early 1960s. In 2008, the Archdiocese learned of an allegation by a second individual that he was abused sexual abuse 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.

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-Fondrist, Sylvan (Capuchin Franciscan)—In 2007, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Father Sylvan Fondrist during the late 1950s and early 1960s. In 2008, the Archdiocese learned of an allegation by a second individual that he was sexually abused by Fondrist in the late 1950s. Fondrist died in 1976. He served at Sts. Peter and Paul (Cumberland) from 1956 until his death in 1976.

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-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 2013. 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 (Elliott City), St. Lawrence, Cathedral of Our Queen, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and the CYO House from 1976 until his retirement in 1985.

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


-Geinzer, John (Diocese of Pittsburgh)—Father John Geinzer served as Associate Spiritual Director at Mount
+**Hopkins, George L.**—In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Msgr. George L. Hopkins. In the early 1950s, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles informed the Archdiocese of an allegation that Hopkins sexually assaulted an adult in the early 1950s. Hopkins left the priesthood in 1959 and later died. He served at St. Brigid (Baltimore) from 1939 to 1943, the Basilica of the Assumption from 1943 to 1945, and St. Patrick (Cumberland) from 1955 to 1969.

**Hopkins, Joseph H. (Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)**—In 1995, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Joseph H. Hopkins in 1948. Hopkins was assigned to Wheeling, West Virginia in 1949 and was later incardinated into and served in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. He died in 1961. Hopkins served at St. Ambrose (Baltimore) from 1936 to 1943 and St. Cecilia (Baltimore) from 1943 to 1949.

**Hopkins, Robert F.**—In 1995, two individuals alleged sexual abuse by Father Robert F. Hopkins. 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 1960s. Hopkins had retired just prior to the receipt of these allegations and his faculties were removed. "He died in 2006." Hopkins served at St. Mary (Cumberland) from 1948 to 1963, Our Lady of Hope from 1964 to 1966, St. Jerome from 1967 to 1971, St. Mary (Lonaconing) from 1971 to 1972, 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. He was also investigated 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 present during the Air National Guard Base (Middle River). Jeselnick served at St. Joseph (Taneytown) from 1963 to 1967, St. Rita (Dundalk) from 1967 to 1973, and St. Clement (Lansdowne) from 1973 to his retirement in 1987.

**Kenny, Joseph F.**—In 2002, two separate individuals alleged that they had been abused by Father Joseph Kenny in the late 1940s to early 1950s. Kenny died in 2001. Pursuant to the Archdiocese's 2002 policy of notifying posthumously accused priests, Kenny'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 Kenny had been accused of child abuse in about 1981 relating to events in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Kenny was assigned to the Archdiocese of the Little Flower from 1942 to 1963, St. Joseph (Taneytown) from 1962 to 1967, St. Rita (Dundalk) from 1967 to 1973, and St. Clement (Lansdowne) from 1973 to 1987.


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*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.* [1]

*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 1978 to 1979 and as Provincial Minister of the Order (Ellicott City) from 2001 to 2010. [1]

*Kruse, William Earl—“Jay” (Archdiocese of Washington)*—In 1996. *Father William Earl—“Jay” Kruse pled guilty to six counts of molesting deaf boys he befriended in the early 1970s.* Media report that Kruse served in the boundaries of the Archdiocese at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick. [1]

*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 1962 to 1984 and Cathedral Mary Our Queen from 1984 to 1987, and as Chaplain at Franklin Square Hospital from 1988 to 1998 when residing at our Lady Queen of Peace.* [1]

*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 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.* [1]

*Langan, Xavier (Christian Brother)*—In 2002, an individual alleged that he was sexually abused by Brother—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 (Taneytown) from 1963 to 1967, St. Rita (Dundalk) from 1967 to 1973, and St. Clement (Lansdowne) from 1973 to his retirement in 1987. [1]


*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.* [1]

*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 1978 to 1979 and as Provincial Minister of the Order (Ellicott City) from 2001 to 2010. [1]

Krouse, William Earl—“Jay” (Archdiocese of Washington)—In 1996. *Father William Earl—“Jay” Krouse pled guilty to six counts of molesting deaf boys he befriended in the early 1970s.* Media report that Krouse served in the boundaries of the Archdiocese at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick. [1]

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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. (Sulpician, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 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 1932, 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.*

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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.*

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+ Lusk, George — In 2002, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father George Lusk in the late 1960s. Lusk admitted the allegation, and the archdiocese removed him from his parish and removed his faculties to function as a priest. He was ordained at St. Bernard Parish from 1965 to 1972, St. Michael (Overlea) from 1972 to 1975, St. Thomas More from 1975 to 1985, and St. Dominic from 1985 until his removal in 2002.

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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.

Tooley, Jerome – In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father Jerome Tooley in the mid-to late-1960s. Tooley denies the allegation. “This matter was widely covered in the media. Tooley has been on leave without faculties to perform ministry, since 1993. [Tooley subsequently pled guilty to sexual abuse in 2005 and has been laicized].” He served at St. Francis of Assisi from 1977 to 1984, and at Chaplin 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, Tooley also served on the Board of Directors for John Carroll High School and assisted at St. John (Hylton).

Toulas, James (Redemptorist) – In 1993, an individual alleged sexual abuse by Father James Toulas during the late 1950s and early 1970s at Sacred Heart 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.]

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.]

Vazquez-Ortega, Urban-Capuchin – In November 2016, 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 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 victim was 18 years old in 2007.
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