

Court-Ordered Listing

The United States Bankruptcy Court, on August 21, 2012, ordered the Diocese to list on its Website the names of the priests that X identified and for whose acts X's matrix claim was paid. The three priests are Fathers John Bonn, Michael Broderick, and William Dawson. The Bankruptcy Special Arbitrator decided that a preponderance of the evidence supported the claim. The Diocese has not been informed of the nature and extent of the Special Arbitrator's investigation.

On the other hand, the Review Board of the Diocese found that the reports were not substantiated by clear and convincing evidence, a more rigorous standard always utilized with deceased priests because they are not alive to defend themselves. Court-appointed private investigator James Sweeney performed an exhaustive investigation of the claim. The Review Board examined hundreds of pages of documents and met at length with X's attorney before determining that the evidence of abuse by the three priests was not sufficiently corroborated by clear and convincing evidence.