

## Categories [Archdiocese of Detroit]

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### Cases Concluded

*Cases that have been concluded canonically (by dismissal from the clerical state or a sentence of prayer and penance), or criminally (by plea or conviction).*

This section contains the names of priests incardinated in the Archdiocese of Detroit who have been found guilty of sexually abusing a minor, by the Holy See and/or by civil authorities. With respect to the canonical process involving the Holy See, the priests whose names are included in this section either: (1) admitted to sexually abusing a minor; (2) were dismissed from the clerical state; (3) voluntarily sought and obtained laicization after an admission of guilt or in lieu of dismissal; and/or (4) were assigned to a life of prayer and penance, with no public ministry possible. With respect to criminal convictions, the priests whose names are included in this section were convicted after a criminal trial or pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a minor.

Name	Status
Harry Benjamin	Dismissed from the clerical state
Edmund Borycz	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
William Brennan	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
Gary Bueche	Permanently removed from public ministry
Robert Burkholder	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry

Anthony Conti	Deceased, previously dismissed from the clerical state
Michael Daly	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
Pat DeAngelo	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
Harold Depp	Left active ministry
Dennis Duggan	Dismissed from the clerical state
Lawrence Edwards	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
Jude Ellinghausen	Dismissed from the clerical state
Joseph Femminineo	Permanently removed from ministry
Louis Grandpre	Deceased, previously removed from ministry
Robert Haener	Permanently removed from ministry
Albert Hillebrand	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
C. Richard Kelly	Permanently removed from ministry
Dennis Laesch	Permanently removed from ministry
Walter Lezuchowski	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
Michael Malawy	Deceased, previously removed from public ministry
Dennis Martell	Deceased, previously dismissed from the clerical state
Alfred Miller	Permanently removed from ministry
Frank Mullen, former deacon	Dismissed from the clerical state
Timothy Murray	Permanently removed from ministry

Loren O'Dea	Deceased,previously removed from public ministry
Ralph Quane	Dismissed from the clerical state
Gary Schulte	Permanently removed from ministry
Joseph Sito	Deceased,previously laicized
Timothy Szott	Deceased,previously removed from public ministry
Peter Van der Linden	Deceased,previously removed from public ministry
Gerald Vesnaugh	Criminally convicted
Ronald Williams	Deceased,previously removed from public ministry
James Wysocki	Permanently removed from ministry
Robert Wyzgoski	Deceased,previously removed from public ministry

## Religious Orders and Other Dioceses

*Cases involving priests of religious orders, eparchies, or other dioceses, who lived in the Archdiocese of Detroit and/or were assigned by the Archbishop of Detroit to ministry.*

This section includes the names of priests who served in ministry or otherwise lived in the Archdiocese of Detroit, but were not incardinated in the Archdiocese of Detroit, who were named in an accusation of sexual abuse of a minor. This includes priests of religious orders, eparchies and other dioceses or archdioceses. When such complaints were received by the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese reported the accusation to the priest's religious superior, eparch, or bishop to process the case; because these individuals

were not incardinated in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Archdiocese did not have jurisdiction to review the cases. The Archdiocese did ensure that allegations it received were reported to law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's Office. The priests in this section no longer are in ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Archdiocese has decided to list these names in the interest of transparency and healing. Please note that as religious orders, arch/dioceses and eparchies function independently from each other, including in matters of abuse, this list is dependent upon the Archdiocese receiving notification of an individual's restriction and/or removal from ministry. More information about each individual's current status is available through the respective religious orders, eparchies and dioceses.

Name	Affiliation
Gary Berthiaume	Diocese of Cleveland
Robert Noel Brouillete, CFC	Congregation of Christian Brothers
Richard T. Brown	Diocese of Dallas
William Cahill, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuit)
Luis Javier de Alba Campos	Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos, Mexico
Anthony Cipolla	Diocese of Pittsburgh
Art Cooney, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Neil Emon, OSC	Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosier)
Steven Henrich, OSC	Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosier)
Mel Hermanns, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Vincent Holden, CSP	The Missionary Society of Saint Paul the Apostle (Paulist Father)
Thomas Johnston, OP	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Neil Kalina, PIME	The Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME)

Donald Kurcz, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
James Kurtz, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuit)
John Edward Martin	Diocese of Lansing
Bruce Maxwell, OSC	Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosier)
Patrick McLaughlin, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
John McManus, SS	Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice (Sulpician)
Dennis Mitchell, CSP	The Missionary Society of Saint Paul the Apostle (Paulist Father)
Jim Moeglein, OSC	Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosier)
John Newton, CPPS	Missionaries of the Precious Blood
Thomas O'Brien, OSC	Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosier)
Edward Olszewski	Archdiocese of Miami
Donald J. O'Shaughnessy, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
John Powell, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
Herbert Richey	Diocese of Toledo
James Roth, OSFS	Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
Wendelin Schafer, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Austin Schlaefer, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Jason Sigler	Archdiocese of Winnipeg
Joseph Skelton	Diocese of Taglibaran
Joseph Smetana, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Gerald Smola, SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

Robert Spader, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Robert Spangenberg, C.S.Sp.	Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritan)
Francis Mary Sparacino, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Kenneth Stewart, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Chester Vincent Tomaszewski	Diocese of Lansing
Chet Warren, OSFS	Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
James Wolf, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph
Darius Wyszynski	Diocese of Lansing
Ronald Yarrosch, PIME	The Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME)
Hillary Zach, OFM Cap	Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph

## Deceased Priests

*Cases involving deceased priests for whom criminal and/or canonical proceedings were not completed.*

There has not been a final determination either under canon (Church) or civil law whether the priests listed in this section are guilty of sexually abusing a minor. Consistent with the principles of the American justice system and Church law, these individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

This section includes the names of deceased priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit who were accused of sexually abusing a minor and for whom criminal or canonical proceedings were not completed – in many cases, because either the allegation(s) were received only after the priest's death or the priest died before the conclusion of the proceedings. This list does not contain the names of priests who were identified in reports that were investigated and where the investigation concluded that there was insufficient evidence to establish the probability that the accused priest had sexually abused a minor. This list likewise does not include priests who were accused of sexually abusing a minor if a single report has been made after the death of the priest and the report was not investigated; this may

occur, for example, when a report is anonymous or when a victim declines to cooperate with an investigation. As with all cases on these lists, the cases nevertheless were reported to law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
Thomas Cain	Deceased
Arthur Michael Karey	Deceased
Lawrence Nawrocki	Deceased
Thaddeus Ozog	Deceased
Thomas Physician	Deceased
Gerald Shirilla	Deceased
Jan (John) Tyminski	Deceased
David West	Deceased

## **Priests Accused After Laicization**

*Cases involving priests who were accused after they voluntarily returned to the lay state, for reasons other than sexual abuse of a minor.*

There has not been a final determination either under canon (Church) or civil law whether the priests listed in this section are guilty of sexually abusing a minor. Consistent with the principles of the American justice system and Church law, these individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Included in this section are the names of priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit who had already voluntarily sought and were granted separation from the clerical state (and therefore were no longer priests) before the Archdiocese of Detroit received a report of an

accusation that they had sexually abused a minor. An example would be a priest who sought and obtained laicization in order to marry. Because these priests had already been returned to the lay state, their cases could not be processed canonically. However, as with all cases on these lists, these cases were reported to law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

Name	Status
Richard Lauinger	Laicized (voluntarily) 1975

## Cases in Process

*Cases involving living diocesan priests, whose canonical proceedings have not yet been resolved.*

There has not been a final determination either under canon (Church) or civil law whether the clergy listed in this section are guilty of sexually abusing a minor. Consistent with the principles of the American justice system and Church law, these individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Included in this section are the names of priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a minor, but the canonical and/or civil proceedings involving those priests are not yet complete. The priests in this section are prohibited from engaging in public ministry and may not publicly identify themselves as priests.

Name	Status
Joseph (Jack) Baker	Restricted from public ministry
Patrick Casey	Restricted from public ministry
Eduard Perrone	Restricted from public ministry
Robert Witkowski	Restricted from public ministry
Lawrence Ventline	Restricted from public ministry



## Under investigation by civil authorities

*Cases involving priests publicly named in civil investigations.*

This section includes names of priests who have been publicly named in civil investigations into allegations of clergy sexual abuse. This list includes individuals who served within the Archdiocese of Detroit after being ordained as priests or deacons for the Archdiocese of Detroit, another arch/diocese or religious order. Please note that we are able to add names to this category only after an investigation is publicized by the agency conducting the investigation.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
Joseph (Jack) Baker	Restricted from public ministry
Patrick Casey	Pleaded guilty to aggravated assault; restricted from public ministry
Neil Kalina	Left active ministry
Lawrence Ventline	Restricted from public ministry