Clergy with credible claims against them concerning sexual abuse of a young person

As part of the Diocese of Duluth’s ongoing efforts to foster safe environments for children and young people, Bishop Paul D. Sirba released on December 31, 2013 information about clergy members who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of young persons while serving or residing in the Duluth Diocese. Included in the release are clergy members who served as diocesan priests as well as clergy from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time worked or resided in the Duluth Diocese.

Despite our best efforts to make sure our information is accurate and complete, we know that it may include errors or be incomplete. We ask that anyone who believes they have information about any instance of child sexual abuse involving any member of the clergy to contact their local law enforcement and the diocese or a diocesan assistance coordinator. Contact information for the diocese and its coordinators is listed in the diocesan newspaper and on the diocesan website.

The list below includes those clergy members whose names were provided to the John Jay Study conducted in 2004, one diocesan priest against whom credible claims have been made subsequent to the compilation of the John Jay list and four non-diocesan clergy who worked or resided in the diocese and who are the subject of allegations made against other institutions. The names included in the John Jay Study have had credible accusations made against them which, for purposes of the study, was a standard defined to be “not implausible.” An allegation was considered “implausible” only if it could not possibly have happened under the given circumstances.

1. Rev. Kirby Blanchard

Date of birth: 11/16/1928  
Date of ordination: 5/30/1953  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
- Pastor: Our Lady of Fatima Church, Garrison – 1/7/1965 – 8/24/1966  
- Pastor: St. Joseph's Church, Deerwood – 1/7/1965 – 8/24/1966  
- Pastor: St. Mary's Church, Deer River – 8/24/1966 – 2/27/1969  
- Retired: 12/5/1993  

Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: 12/27/1995  
Current location: Deceased  
2. Rev. Louis Brouillard

Date of birth: 07/27/1921
Date of ordination: 12/17/1948
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
  - Pastor: St. Anne, Kelly Lake - 7/11/1984 – 11/12/1985
Diocese or religious order: Priest of the Diocese of Agana, Guam
Date removed from ministry: 11/12/1985
Current location: Pine City, MN
Current status: Not in ministry, Faculties revoked

3. Rev. Victor Chateauvert, MSF

Date of birth: 5/25/1919
Date of ordination: 8/25/1973
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order: Priest of the Holy Family Missionaries
Date removed from ministry: 12/28/1992 – Returned to Order
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 3/3/1999

4. Rev. Leonard Colston

Date of birth: 10/10/1936
Date of ordination: 1980
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest
Date removed from ministry: 9/6/1986 Resigned from the Diocese of Duluth
Current location: Deceased
5. Rev. Raymond Cossette

Date of birth: 12/24/1929
Date of ordination: 6/4/1955
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Instructor, Dean of Discipline, Athletic Director, Principal, Chaplain - Duluth Cathedral High School; Duluth – 8/16/1962 – 7/21/1965
Chaplain: Carmel Heights, Duluth – 8/16/1962 – 7/21/1965
Pastor: St. Peter’s Church, Duluth – 8/24/1966 – 9/9/1969
Diocesan Superintendent of Schools: 8/24/66-9/9/69
Chaplain: Brainerd State Hospital - 7/29/75 – 1/1 1995
Retired: 1/1/1995
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest
Date removed from ministry: Re-investigation initiated
Current location: Brainerd, MN
Current status: Retired

6. Rev. Frederick Fox

Date of birth: 08/28/1926
Date of ordination: 7/7/1952
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Asst. Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 7/30/1952 – 9/14/1956
School: Catholic University of America – 9/14/1956 – 7/5/1957
Asst. Pastor: St. John the Evangelist Church, Duluth – 7/5/1957 – 1/18/1965
Director: St. James Children’s Home, Duluth 1/18/1965 -8/19/1970
On Leave: to work with Family Services-Duluth Drug Abuse Program 12/13/1970
Retirement: 6/1/1987
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest
Date removed from ministry: 1/28/1988
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 6/17/1999
7. Rev. John Golobich

Date of birth: 03/03/1923
Date of ordination: 6/5/1948
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:
  - Pastor: St. Mary's Church, Silver Bay – 6/ 29/1965 – 7/1/1981
  - Pastor: St. Anthony's Church, Duluth – 7/1/1981 – 7/11/1984
  - Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 7/11/1984 – 7/14/1993
  - Administrator: St. Elizabeth Church, Duluth – 7/12/2001 – 1/15/2002
  - Retired: 7/14/1993
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest
Date removed from ministry: Reprimanded – inappropriate behavior involving hugging and kissing
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 6/5/2011

8. Rev. Ralph Goniea, OMI

Date of birth: 12/23/1937
Date of ordination: 1963
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
  - Asst. Pastor: St. Jean’s, Duluth – 9/1/1965 – 12/22/1966
Diocese or religious order: Priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Date removed from ministry: Cleric no longer in diocese at time of allegation
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 3/24/2003

9. Rev. Robert Klein

Date of birth: 10/17/1931
Date of ordination: 6/2/1956
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
  - Director of Liturgy: 1981 - 1983
  - Leave: Unassigned, Disability Leave – 8/1/1983
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest
Date removed from ministry: 9/18/1987
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 2/16/2000
10. Rev. Mark Makowski

Date of birth: 10/31/1956  
Date of ordination: 6/7/1987  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
  Pastor: St. Benedict's Church, Duluth – 7/18/1990 – 7/14/1993  
  Pastor: Queen of Peace Church, Hoyt Lakes – 7/14/1993 – 9/1/1993  
  Pastor: St. John's Church, Grand Marais – 9/1/1993 – 1/12/1995  
  Pastor: Holy Rosary Church, Grand Portage – 9/1/1993 – 1/12/1995  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: 1/12/1995  
Current location: Sun City, AZ  
Current status: Not in ministry, Faculties revoked

11. Rev. (Thomas) Gregory Manning

Date of birth: 05/25/1918  
Date of ordination: 3/25/1944  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
  Asst. Pastor: St. John the Evangelist Church, Duluth – 7/25/1946 – 7/20/1950  
  Pastor: St. Louis Church, Floodwood, & missions of Goodland & Warba – 7/20/1950 – 7/22/1953  
  Pastor: St. John the Baptist Church, Biwabik – 7/22/1953 – 10/16/1957  
  Left Diocese: 12/1/1957  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: 10/16/1957  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 8/15/1979


Date of birth: 01/23/1918  
Date of ordination: 6/5/1948  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
  Asst. Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 6/24/1948 – 7/22/1953  
  Director: Diocesan Director of Scouting – 8/5/1948 – 5/2/1961  
  Administrator, St. Mary's Church, Deer River, and  
  Pastor: St. Mary's Church, Deer River and St. Augustine, Cohasset – 4/28/1960 – 8/24/1966  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: Deceased  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 12/6/1988
13. Rev. Dennis Puhl

Date of birth: 03/28/1947  
Date of ordination: 6/15/1974  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
  Pastor: St. Casimir's Church, Cloquet and mission at Cromwell – 7/15/1978 – 7/15/1979  
  Sick Leave: 11/1/1980  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: 7/15/1986 signed a statement terminating priestly ministry and affiliation with Diocese of Duluth  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 12/11/1995

14. Rev. Thomas Stack

Date of birth: 05/11/1914  
Date of ordination: 3/25/1944  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
  Asst. Pastor: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Virginia – 4/20/1944 – 12/14/1950  
  Pastor: St. Joseph's Church, Gnesen and  
      St. Joseph's Church, Lakewood – 12/14/1950 – 8/10/1955  
  Pastor: Good Shepherd Church, Duluth – 9/29/1964 – 1/6/1968  
  Pastor: St. Anthony's Church, Ely – 9/27/1972 – 8/1/1973  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: Deceased at time of allegation  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 2/24/1987

15. Rev. Joseph Thibaudeau, OMI

Date of birth: 10/17/1869  
Date of ordination: 8/15/1896  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:  
  St. Jean’s, Duluth - 6/30/1910 – 7/1943  
Diocese or religious order:  
  Priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
Date removed from ministry: Deceased at time of allegation  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 1946, Manitoba, Canada
16. Rev. Stephen Toporowitz

**Date of birth:** 5/13/1914  
**Date of ordination:** 6/7/1941  
**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**  
Pastor: St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Duluth – 9/4/1941 – 10/12/1944  
(Split Rock attached to Sturgeon Lake 4/20/1960)  
Pastor: St. Joseph's Church, Deerwood  
and mission of Our Lady of Fatima, Garrison – 6/10/1964 – 1/7/1965  
Chaplain: St. Joseph’s Hospital, Brainerd – 1/7/1965 – 8/24/1966  
Pastor: St. John's Church, Virginia – 8/24/1966 – 6/16/1969  
**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** Deceased at time of allegation  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 6/16/1969

17. Rev. Angelo Zankl, OSB

**Date of birth:** 04/19/1901  
**Date of ordination:** 5/29/1926  
**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**  
St. Clement’s, Duluth – 7/18/1951 – 8/8/1967  
Left the Diocese: 5/30/1987  
**Diocese or religious order:**  
Priest of the Order of St. Benedict03  
**Date removed from ministry:** Deceased at time of allegation  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 7/12/2007

18. UN-NAMED ACCUSED PERSON NO LONGER IN MINISTRY

The name of a former priest was included in the list provided to the John Jay Study solely on the basis of a single vague and ambiguous allegation that did not identify the priest by name. A subsequent investigation did not produce any further information or corroboration. This individual voluntarily left the priesthood prior to and not related to the allegation. As a result, the diocese is re-investigating this matter but is not releasing the former priest’s name at this time.
Rev. Cornelius Kelleher

**Date of birth:** 9/9/1932  
**Date of ordination:** 6/17/1956

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Asst. Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 9/14/1956 – 9/16/1959
- Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph's Church, Crosby – 9/16/1959 – 9/22/1960
- Pastor: St. Andrew's Church, Brainerd – 7/11/1986 – 7/16/1997
- Pastor: St. Patrick's Church, Hinckley and St. Joseph's Church, Beroun – 7/16/1997 – 7/11/2012
- Retired: July 11, 2012

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 10/2/2012

**Current location:** Proctor, MN

**Current status:** Removed from ministry, Faculties revoked

---

Rev. J. Vincent Fitzgerald, OMI

**Date of birth:** 12/9/1919  
**Date of ordination:** 5/28/1950

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Pastor: St. Michael’s, Northome; Our Lady of the Snows, Bigfork and St. Theresa, Effie – 11/13/1957 – 9/10/1961
- Pastor: Holy Cross, Orr – 9/1/1963 – 9/1/1964
- Pastor: Immaculate Conception, Nett Lake – 9/1/1963 – 8/2/1966

**Diocese or religious order:** Priest of Oblates of Mary Immaculate

**Date removed from ministry:** Deceased at time of allegation

**Current location:** Deceased

**Current status:** Died 2009
Rev. Othmar Hohmann, OSB

Date of birth: 1/28/1900
Date of ordination: 6/7/1931
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order:
Priest of the Order of St. Benedict
Date removed from ministry: Retired in 1976
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 1/24/1980

Rev. Richard Jeub

Date of birth: 2/21/1940
Date of ordination: 1966
Cleric’s prior assignments in archdiocese:
Associate priest, St. Joseph, Hopkins, 1966-1967;
Associate priest, Our Lady of Grace, Edina, 1967-1970
Associate priest, St. Mark, St. Paul, 1970-1976;
Associate priest, Christ the King, Minneapolis, 1976-1978;
Chaplain, Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, 1978-1982;
Chaplain, Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina, 1978-1982;
Pastor, St. Kevin, Minneapolis, 1981-1990;
Associate priest, Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale, 1996-1997;
Associate priest, Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence, Faribault, 1997-2000;
Associate priest, St. Rose of Lima, Roseville, 2000-2002;
Retired, 2002
Diocese or religious order: Priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002
Current location: Crosby, Minn.
Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Rev. Brennen Maiers, OSB

Date of birth: 4/27/1936
Date of ordination: 6/1/1963
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order:
Priest of the Order of St. Benedict
Date permanently removed from ministry: 6/2002
Current location: St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, MN
Current status: Permanently removed from ministry