Please click here for a PDF list of priests with substantiated allegations.
Priests Who Have Served in the Diocese of Owensboro Against Whom A Substantiated Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor Has Been Made

For purposes of this list, an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a priest is substantiated when there is probable cause for believing the claim is true. The following may be considered as evidence of probable cause: 1) admission of guilt by the accused; 2) accused does not contest the allegation; 3) guilty finding rendered by a court; 4) finding rendered by an investigative process shows cause for believing the allegation is true on an objective basis.

Priests ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro

This section contains the names of priests who were ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro against whom was made at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor occurring within the Diocese of Owensboro.

Baker, Gerald

Diocese/Order: Owensboro

DOB: 1-25-57

Date of Ordination: 5-21-83
Date of Death:

Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:

83-85: St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

85-87: St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville with responsibilities at Trinity High School

87-89: Immaculate Conception, Earlington; Holy Cross, Providence; Resurrection, Dawson Springs

89-03: Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

03-12: St. Ann, Morganfield

12-16: St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

13-16: St. John, Fordsville

Clerical State: Removed from public ministry 2016.

Allegation(s): Three allegations deemed substantiated by the Diocesan Review Board.

Greenwell, Paul

Diocese/Order: Owensboro (originally from Archdiocese of Louisville until Owensboro established in 1937)
DOB: 10-10-1896

Date of Ordination: 6-2-1928

Date of Death: 11-24-1964

Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:

1932-47: St. Augustine, Reed

1947-56: St. Peter Waverly

1956: Retired to Albuquerque, NM

Clerical State: deceased 1964

Allegation(s): Multiple allegations from the 1940’s and 1950’s deemed substantiated.

Hancock, Walter

Diocese/Order: Owensboro

DOB: 10-23-1920

Date of Ordination: 5-27-1947
Date of Death: 3-2-2012

Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:

1947-49: St. Anthony, Browns Valley
1949-1952: Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
1952-1959: St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
1959-1965: St. Anthony, Peonia
1965-72: St. Alphonsus
1972-1983: St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
1983-1989: St. Sebastian, Calhoun
1989-1992: Sacred Heart, Russellville
1995: Allowed to retire
1998: Administrator at Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Irvington


Allegation(s): Multiple allegations deemed substantiated.
Henninger, Gilbert

**Diocese/Order:** Owensboro

**DOB:** 12-18-1907

**Date of Ordination:** 5-22-1937

**Date of Death:** 3-5-1990

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

6/27/37 – 8/16/37: St. Peter, Stanley

8/16/37-9/4/37: St. Rose, Cloverport

1937-38: St. Francis de Sales, Paducah


1939-41: Chaplain at St. Francis Academy, Owensboro

1941-43: student in Ottawa, Canada

1943-62: Chaplain to Ursulines at Mt. St. Joseph
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**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

- Jan. 1980 – May 1980: St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- June 1980-June 1983: St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 1988 – June 1995: Christ the King, Madisonville

June 1995 – June 2008: Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

June 2008 – Nov. 2013: Blessed Mother, Owensboro

**Clerical State:** Removed from public ministry in 2013.

**Allegation(s):** One allegation deemed substantiated by the Diocesan Review Board.

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**Piskula, Louis**

**Diocese/Order:** Owensboro

**DOB:** 1-6-1940

**Date of Ordination:** 5-10-1975

**Date of Death:** 10-11-2018

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

1975-77: St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

1977-82: Blessed Mother, Owensboro
1982-85: St. Leo Murray and Chaplain at Newman Center in Murray

1985-89: St. John the Evangelist, Paducah


**Clerical State:** Removed from public ministry in 2002. Deceased 2018.

**Allegation(s):** Six allegations deemed substantiated. In 2014, he was convicted of child sexual abuse and sentenced to prison.

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**Speaks, John**

**Diocese/Order:** Owensboro

**DOB:** 5-25-1947

**Date of Ordination:** 6-8-1974

**Date of Death:**

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

1974-77: Blessed Mother, Owensboro
1977-81: St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
1981-82: St. Sebastian, Calhoun and St. Charles, Livermore
1982-83: Christ the King, Madisonville
2/83 – 6/83: St. Alphonsus, Daviess County
1987-1989: Holy Name, Henderson
1989 – 1994: Hospital Chaplain, Owensboro Daviess County Hospital & Mercy Hospital, Owensboro

**Clerical State:** Removed from public ministry in 2002.

**Allegation(s):** One allegation deemed substantiated.

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**Wheatley, Carroll**

**Diocese/Order:** Owensboro

**DOB:** 2-11-1945
**Date of Ordination:** 5-10-1975

**Date of Death:** 10-7-2013

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

- 6/75-8/75: St. Mary, Whitesville
- 1975-81: Chaplain/Teacher: Trinity High School, Whitesville
- 1977-81: St. William & St. Lawrence, Knottsville
- 1981-82: St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- 1982-84: St. Mary, LaCenter
- 1985-2011: Chaplain in U.S. Navy

**Clerical State:** Removed from public ministry in 2011. Deceased 2013.

**Allegation(s):** Two allegations deemed substantiated.

**Wieder, Henry**

**Diocese/Order:** Owensboro
Priests from another diocese or religious order

This section contains the names of priests either from another diocese or from a religious order who at one time served in the Diocese of Owensboro and against whom was made at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor occurring within the Diocese.

DOB: 9-15-1962

Date of Ordination: 5-27-1989

Date of Death:

Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:

1989-91: Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro


1994-97: St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown

1997-2003: St. Thomas More, Paducah

Clerical State: Left active ministry in 2003.

Allegation(s): One allegation of sexual abuse received in 2002 involving incident prior to ordination, deemed substantiated.

https://owensborodiocese.org/list/
Alexander, Joseph, OSB

**Diocese/Order:** OSB (Order of Saint Benedict). Later became a priest of Diocese of Lafayette, LA.

**DOB:**

**Date of Ordination:** 1973

**Date of Death:**

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:** Early 1960’s: Monk at St. Maur’s Priory in South Union, Kentucky

**Clerical State:** Removed from public ministry in 2002 by Diocese of Lafayette in Louisiana.

**Allegation(s):** Allegation is from years prior to ordination while at St. Maur’s Seminary in South Union, Kentucky.

Pilger, Joseph

**Diocese/Order:** Covington, KY

**DOB:** ~1925
**Date of Ordination:** 1955

**Date of Death:** December 2003

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

1963: St. William, Knottsville

1964 – 8/30/65: St. Ann, Morganfield


February 1967: St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

August 1967: Immaculate Conception, Earlington

8/67 – 1/69: Holy Name, Henderson

1/69 – 11/27/71: St. Francis Borgia in Sturgis, St. Ambrose in Henshaw and St. William in Marion

12/9/72 – 6/29/76: Cathedral in Owensboro

**Clerical State:** deceased 2003

**Allegation(s):** Thirteen allegations deemed substantiated. Convicted of child sexual abuse in 1993.

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**Telegdy, Louis A**
**Diocese/Order:** Precious Blood Priest (CPPS)

**DOB:**

**Date of Ordination:** 1942

**Date of Death:** 1995

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

1972-74: St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

1974-76: Sacred Heart, Russellville

1976-78: St. Pius X, Calvert City

**Clerical State:** Deceased 1995

**Allegation(s):** One allegation received in the Diocese of Owensboro after his death. Three allegations in the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa deemed substantiated.

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**Waldruff, Raymond**

**Diocese/Order:** Franciscan Third Order Regular (TOR)
Allegations Which Occurred Outside the Diocese of Owensboro

This section contains the names of priests who were ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro, as well as priests from another diocese who at one time served within the Diocese of Owensboro, and against whom was made at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor occurring outside the Diocese of Owensboro.

Haas, Paul F.
**Diocese/Order:** Nashville

**DOB:** 12-14-1933

**Date of Ordination:** 5-23-1959

**Date of Death:** 6-7-1979

**Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:**

1966-1969: Immaculate Conception, Hawesville (including Catholic High School in Hawesville until its closure in 1969.)

1969-1977: Owensboro Catholic High School; assisting on weekends at St. William and St. Lawrence parishes; living at Carmel Home.

**Clerical State:** deceased 1979

**Allegation(s):** Multiple allegations in Tennessee were deemed substantiated. No allegations received in the Diocese of Owensboro.

__Odom-Green, William__
DOB: 5/25/1959

Date of Ordination: 5/25/1991

Date of Death:

Pastoral Assignments in the Diocese of Owensboro:


June 1994 – June 1995: St. Francis de Sales & Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Dec. 1997 – April 1999: Faculties granted by Diocese of Oakland, CA

April 1999: Faculties removed by Diocese of Oakland

Clerical State: Removed from public ministry in 1999.

Allegation(s): One allegation in the Diocese of Oakland, California in 1999. Convicted and sentenced to prison. No allegations received in the Diocese of Owensboro.

In a spirit of ongoing transparency, as new information is received in the future, it will be added to www.owensborodiocese.org/accountability.
To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney.

To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call:

Louanne Payne  
Pastoral Assistance Coordinator  
270-852-8380 (English)

Para reportar abusos a la diócesis, ya sean actuales o anteriores, por parte de cualquier persona que actúa en nombre de la Iglesia, favor de llamar al:

Nuria Elizondo  
Coordinador de Asistencia Pastoral  
270-880-8360 (Español)