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Disclosures regarding clergy sexual abuse of minors

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In the interest of accountability, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis maintains an updated list of names of men who have substantiated claims against them of sexually abusing a minor while they were assigned as priests in our archdiocese. A claim is substantiated when there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reported abuse occurred. The initial disclosure list was posted in December 2013. More names were added to this list in February, May and October 2014, when additional substantiated claims were determined.

On October 13, 2014, as part a [settlement with St. Paul law firm Jeff Anderson and Associates](#), the archdiocese reached an agreement on a mechanism to disclose additional names of men with substantiated claims of committing clergy sexual abuse. The first cooperatively-developed disclosure list contains the names of and basic information about 17 men. Of these 17 men, nine are the subjects of substantiated claims of abuse of a minor *within* this archdiocese. In addition, the status has changed for three men whose names were previously disclosed.

- [Donald Dummer](#) – Archdiocese removed faculties in 2006.
- [Ambrose Filbin](#) – Died in 1990.
- [Ralph Goniea](#) – Died in 2003.

- [Reginald Krakovsky](#) – Died in 1997.
- [Harry Majerus](#) – Died in 1995.
- [William Marks](#) – Died in 1979.
- [Wendell Mohs](#) – Left religious order in 1982.
- [Charles Potocki](#) – Died in 1992.
- [Adalbert Wolski](#) – Died in 2012.

The remaining eight individuals from the list of 17 are or were priests of other dioceses or religious order priests who are alleged to have committed acts of sexual abuse of a minor *outside* of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The archdiocese is not aware of any substantiated claim of sexual abuse of a minor asserted against these individuals relating to any conduct that occurred in this archdiocese. Some of these eight individuals held temporary assignments in this archdiocese. In other cases, they may have traveled to the archdiocese, or resided here without ministry faculties or lived here as a lay person. Their names are being disclosed by the archdiocese in the interest of accountability, to champion the [Child Protection Protocols](#) first announced to the public on October 13, 2014, and to aid in healing for victims/survivors.

- [Edward Beutner](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2005.
- [Robert Clark](#) – Removed from active ministry on March 26, 2002.
- [Thomas Ericksen](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1988
- [Jerry Foley](#) – Faculties removed in 2005; laicized in 2006.
- [James Nickel](#) – Died in 2008.
- [John Owens](#) – Faculties permanently removed in this archdiocese in 2005.
- [James Porter](#) – Died in 2005.
- *******[Roger Vaughn](#) – No longer in ministry as of 2000; left religious order in 2001.
- [James Vedro](#) – Faculties permanently removed in this archdiocese in 1991; left religious order in 2008.

Additionally, there is a change in status of three of the men noted in the category of “Men included on John Jay Commission list with unsubstantiated claims” when they were first disclosed in December 2013. Both Eugene Corica and Robert Loftus are now moved to the list of men who are subjects of substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor *within* this archdiocese, bringing the total number of names on that list to 55.

*******Roger Vaughn is added to the new list of men who are the subjects of substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor *outside* this archdiocese. There are a total of nine names on that list.

The archdiocese is committed to prudent and ongoing disclosure. This disclosure is part of the archdiocese’s commitment to accountability to all faithful and our larger community. Accountability is essential in pursuit of our goals to protect the young and vulnerable, care for victim/survivors of abuse, and restore trust among the faithful, as well as among our clergy who are serving honorably.

The archdiocese apologizes for the harm suffered by abuse victim/survivors, and their families, friends and communities. We are committed to doing all we can to ensure that the tragedy of sexual abuse is never repeated in the Church.

A few notes about this disclosure listing:

Clergy from other dioceses and from religious orders who have substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor are included in these lists. Most of the reported incidents of abuse occurred between the mid-1950s and the mid-1980s. All of these men have been permanently removed from ministry in this archdiocese; most of them have been out of ministry for a decade or more. At least 24 of the men are deceased.

Despite best efforts to provide accurate information, the disclosures may include some errors or omissions. The archdiocese requests that anyone with additional information or corrections contact the archdiocese at (651) 291-4497.

For more information, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions about Disclosure of Substantiated Claims](#).

Individuals with substantiated claims against them of sexual abuse of a minor *within* the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis:

Each man has a disclosure page that may be accessed by clicking on his name. This page includes each man's assignment history.

- [Thomas Adamson](#) – Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese in 1985.
- [*Stephen Baker](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2000 (died in 2013).
- [Robert Blumeyer](#) – Died in 1983.
- [John Brown](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Eugene Corica](#) – No longer in ministry as of 1995.
- [Cosmas Dahlheimer](#) – Permanently removed from ministry 2002 (died in 2004).
- [Gilbert DeSutter](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- [Donald Dummer](#) – Archdiocese removed faculties in 2006.
- [Ambrose Filbin](#) – Died in 1990.
- [*Edmund Frost](#) – Left archdiocese 1975, unknown when permanently removed from ministry (died sometime before 2006).
- [Gerald Funcheon](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1993.
- [Kenneth Gansmann](#) – Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese in 1960 (died, date unknown).
- [Thomas Gillespie](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1996.
- [Ralph Goniea](#) – Died in 2003.
- [Gilbert Gustafson](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Louis Heitzer](#) – Died in 1969.
- [Rudolph Henrich](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1976 (died in 1992).
- [Francis Hoefgen](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Richard Jeub](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Dennis Kampa](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- [Robert Kapoun](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Jerome Kern](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Michael Kolar](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1991.
- [Lee Krautkremer](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Reginald Krakovsky](#) – Died in 1997.
- [Kenneth LaVan](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2013.
- [Ronan Charles Liles](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1985 (believed to have died sometime before 2006).
- [Robert Loftus](#) – Laicized in 1977.
- [Alfred Longley](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1968 (died in 1974).
- [Brennan Maiers](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Harry Majerus](#) – Died in 1995.
- [William Marks](#) – Died in 1979.
- [Timothy McCarthy](#) – Permanently left ministry in 1991.
- [John McGrath](#) – Died in 1995.
- [Wendell Mohs](#) – Left religious order in 1982.
- [Francisco \(Fredy\) Montero](#) – Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese in 2007.
- [Paul Palmitessa](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2012.
- [Joseph Pinkosh](#) – Permanently left ministry in 1992.
- [Charles Potocki](#) – Died in 1992.
- [Francis Reynolds](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1987 (died in 1988).
- [**Robert Ruglovsky](#) – Pled guilty to criminal charges 1987, permanently removed from ministry in 1987 (died in 2006).
- [Richard Skluzacek](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2005 (died in 2012).

- [James P. Stark](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1986 (died in 1999).
- [Michael Stevens](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Thomas Stitts](#) – Died in 1985.
- [Robert Thurner](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Clarence Vavra](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- [Joseph Wajda](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- [Harold Walsh](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2005.
- [Raymond Walter](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- [Justin Weger](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in the archdiocese in 1972 (died in 2005).
- [Curtis Wehmeyer](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2012.
- [Adalbert Wolski](#) – Died in 2012.
- [Francis Zachman](#) – Died in 1983.
- [Robert Zasacki](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002 (died in 2008).

Individuals with substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor *outside* of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis:

Each man has a disclosure page that may be accessed by clicking on his name. This page includes each man's assignment history.

- [Edward Beutner](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2005.
- [Robert Clark](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- [Thomas Ericksen](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 1988
- [Jerry Foley](#) – Faculties removed in 2005; laicized in 2006.
- [James Nickel](#) – Died in 2008.
- [John Owens](#) – Faculties permanently removed in this archdiocese in 2005.
- [James Porter](#) – Died in 2005.
- [Roger Vaughn](#) – Permanently removed from ministry in 2000.
- [James Vedro](#) – Faculties permanently removed in this archdiocese in 1991; left order in 2008.

Individual included on John Jay Commission list with unsubstantiated claims

The following individual was on the list provided to the Jay College of Criminal Justice for its report on [The Nature and Scope of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests and Deacons in the United States 2005-2002](#). However internal and independent investigation has thus far been unable to substantiate claims of sexual abuse of a minor against this individual while he was assigned in this archdiocese.

- [Patrick Joseph Ryan](#) – No longer in ministry as of 1965 (died in 1965).

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