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**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**



**MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS  
OF  
SISTER JUDITH DAVIES**

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Sister Judith A. Davies, O.S.F.  
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February 24, 1994

Dear Sister Judith,

It was good speaking to you today by phone and I appreciate your offer of sending me copies of Joliet's updated policies on clerical sexual misconduct with minors. There is no doubt the problem is anything but unique to our grand State of Illinois, but a person would be hard-pressed to suggest that the various dioceses in our state are not trying hard to appropriately address the problem.

As you know, I shared with you in our conversation that on 4-13-93, an anonymous person, who stated he or she wished to remain anonymous, left a voice mail recorded message on our Archdiocesan toll-free 800# which stated the following: "At St. John the Apostle Parish in Villa Park, 1965-1966, one to three boys were victims of sexual abuse at the time by a priest." The caller, a female, added that she thinks his name was "Fisher."

The caller provided no further information on the phone recording, and as such no name, phone number, address of the caller, or any further details regarding the blanket accusation were provided. Also please note that the caller did not specify the identity of the priest, nor particularly note that the priest was a diocesan priest from Joliet. In any event, my Office 800# has received no further calls from this person to our knowledge nor any written correspondence; we were unable to ever inform the caller that St. John the Apostle Parish, as we later learned, was not within the Archdiocese of Chicago. As such, we expected that the caller would likely contact the Joliet Diocese (or call us again although she did not) if she intended to pursue the matter further.

As I had noted over the phone, under our own policies in Chicago, our Review Board would probably be unable to formally proceed with this matter given its anonymous nature, the lack of details, and no definite specification as to the alleged priest perpetrator of sexual misconduct. Our policies do call for confidentiality, and so ordinarily I would not disclose the above information, but in reviewing our records for the past year, in that I had not been contacted by the Diocese of Joliet officials with any requests for information about any such caller or priest (if he exists), I felt it appropriate, per our policies, to "provide

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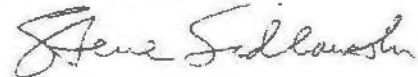
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access to all information to the competent superior in connection with" this pseudo-type of allegation about who might be a priest within the Joliet Diocese, although even that is not definite to my knowledge.

I hope the above information is helpful to you in some way, nonetheless, and if you have any further questions about it, please feel free to call at your convenience. My number is listed at the top of this letter.

Best of luck to you and the Joliet Review Committee in grappling with these difficult matters!

Sincerely,



Steve Sidlowski  
Professional Fitness  
Review Administrator

SS/rm

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

May 4, 2002

When Mr. [REDACTED] was at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade, it was determined that he was hyperactive and very intelligent. His teacher thought he should be promoted to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but his parents said no. Instead, they took the recommendation of Fr. Slade, an uncle of 4 boys who lived across the alley from him, that instead he should received counseling from "Fr. Fred" who was at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville. "Fr. Fred" was studying psychology.

Mr. [REDACTED] saw "Fr. Fred" a total of 5 times between the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the beginning of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There were 2 sessions in the living room at the seminary and 2 sessions in the bedroom where the abuse took place. At session 5, Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he stood up to "Fr. Fred", telling him that he wasn't coming back. Mr. [REDACTED] told his parents of the abuse, but he wasn't believed and was beaten for what he said.

For about 15 years, Mr. [REDACTED] has tried to stay sober through AA. His faith was shattered by "Fr. Fred" and Fr. Slade. He says that he has anger management problems because of his alcohol abuse and has alienated himself from his family. His mother is very fragile because of her own emotional problems. He believes it is a result of the guilt she has/had because of not believing what she was told about the priests.

Mr. [REDACTED] wants this to be kept confidential. He does not want Fr. Slade's name to be mentioned. He just wants "Fr. Fred" to stop hurting anyone else. He had been to a psychiatrist who wanted to put him on medication, but he feels his 12-step program is working. Although not married, he has a 10 month old son.

He wants to meet with the Bishop and someone from the Review Committee at the same time so he doesn't have to tell his story twice.

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**Sr. Judith Davies**

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**From:** "Suggestion Box" <suggestionBox@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**To:** <jdavies@dioceseofjoliet.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2002 10:50 AM  
**Subject:** FW: St. Mary Immaculate Church

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2002 7:22 PM  
**To:** suggestionBox@dioceseofjoliet.org  
**Subject:** St. Mary Immaculate Church

I was absolutely stunned by the article appearing in The Herald News regarding the terrible mistreatment of the [REDACTED] family. If the facts are as represented I as a Catholic parent, cannot believe that Bishop Inesch would not intervene and rectify this matter. The "teambuilding" described in the article constitutes extremely suspect activity and I fail to see any relationship this has to Jesus and the gospels. Moreover, it makes the Catholic Church look like a sick joke. If I were in charge the youth director, the pastor, and the bishop would be looking for honest work. Instead decent people are turned away by "pervert" protectors.

*I have not responded  
to this person. Any suggestions?*

*Newspaper don't deny just the whole story.*

*The Bishop has spoken with the pastor and has  
expressed his opposition to the decision - however  
the Bishop feels this is a decision to be made at  
the parish level, as all other parishes matters are  
handled. The Bishop does not feel that he should or could  
micro-manage each parish*

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Anonymous

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A woman named [REDACTED] called and, phone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that her husband had been abused by Fr. Henri Slade while he was at St. Isidore. Her husband is age 44 now. She reported that her dad was best friends with Fr. Henri. She is a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. She stated that her husband was not interested in going to the press, or in money, but would like counseling.

We spoke for awhile, I listened and explained that her husband would have to put his accusations in writing to Bishop Sartain and then we could support him with counseling. She stated that she doubted that he would comply with this. I asked her to have her husband call me and I would encourage and support him. She said she would get back to me in a few days.

She left a message stating that her husband would not do this, and thanked me for my time and listening.

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## Catholic Diocese of Joliet Releases 54 Years of Data on Sexual Abuse of Minors by Clergy

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Contact: John Cullen  
Director of Communications  
312/498-6038 (cell)

(JOLIET, Ill. – February 21, 2004) In the 54 years since the founding of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet in 1949, 27 diocesan priests had 113 credible allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor made against them, the diocese said in a report issued today. That number represents approximately 3.5% of the 773 priests who have served in the Joliet Diocese from 1949 through 2003.

Not one of these priests is in ministry today. Of the 27, five are deceased and eight left ministry during the past 30 years. Fourteen priests were placed on Administrative leave; six of them before June of 2002 and eight others after June of 2002, including two during this past year. Of the fourteen who were placed on Administrative Leave, seven are retired.

In addition to these 27 priests, the Diocesan Review Committee found that allegations against seven other priests were not credible.

“Abuse of minors is a terrible crime especially when the abuse was committed by a priest who is called to be a witness of Christ’s love on earth”, said Joliet’s Bishop Joseph L. Imesch. “A great cloud was cast over the entire Church because love was replaced with sinful abuse. I apologize to those children and young people. I sincerely regret that those who trusted their priests received such shameful treatment. In the past, insufficient understanding led to insufficient action. However, that is not the case today. As the U.S. Catholic Bishops promised in June 2002, no priest who has had a credible allegation made against him is permitted to minister.”

The information was gathered for the diocesan response to a survey conducted by researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. At their June 2002 meeting in Dallas, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called for a survey to determine the nature and scope of known sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The results of the

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national study, covering 195 U.S. Catholic dioceses during the period between 1950 and 2003 will be released on February 27, 2004.

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"We hope that this report will aid in the process of healing for anyone who has been harmed by the sexual abuse of a minor," Imesch said. "I believe that once the full extent of abuse is known, it will help our efforts in preventing any future abuse to become even more effective."

In its report, the Diocese said:

Although most of the cases of abuse occurred in the 70's and 80's, nearly half of all allegations were only received by the Diocese since 2000.

During the 54-year period, the Diocese has provided therapy for victims and priests in the amount of approximately \$690,000.

The Diocese has settled civil cases with a number of victims. While the Diocese spent approximately \$1,940,000 on settlements, an additional \$837,000 was paid by insurance. Diocesan funds used for settlements were obtained from the sale of real estate and investment proceeds. No funds came from parishioners' donations to parishes or from any contributions to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Legal fees amounted to \$744,526, more than 90% of which was paid by the insurance company. By diocesan policy, priests pay their own legal expenses. If they are falsely accused, they are reimbursed for these expenses.

Approximately 11,000 persons including priests, deacons, lay employees and volunteers have already participated in the *Virtus Protecting God's Children* program since June of 2003. Criminal background checks are required of clergy, school and religious-education administrators, teachers, catechists, athletic personnel, diocesan employees, and any others, including volunteers or contractors, who have significant or sustained contact with children.

For more than 20 years, the Diocese has required psychological testing for all candidates prior to their admission to the seminary.



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Last month, the National Review Board announced that since the adoption of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, approved by the USCCB in June of 2002, the Diocese of Joliet was in full compliance with the Charter's provisions. The Diocese was commended for taking a proactive stance in establishing a Diocesan Review Committee in 1990 to review allegations of sexual abuse and for requiring firms contracting work in the diocese to provide background checks for all their personnel. 000012

The Diocese has taken a number of preventive steps to ensure the safety of children [See attached fact sheet].

"Although I already have met with a number of victims, I renew my willingness to meet with persons who have been abused, including those who have not yet come forward," Imesch said. "I want to express my sincere apologies to all of the victims of abuse, to their families, to parishioners in the Diocese and to others who have suffered and continue to suffer because of the sins of a few. We cannot change the past, but we can put our full efforts into building a brighter future for all children. I pledge to do whatever I can to help with the victims' healing process."

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## FACT SHEET

### Catholic Diocese of Joliet programs to protect God's children

• Anyone who has had a credible allegation of sexual misconduct placed against him/her is not permitted to exercise ministry in the Diocese.

• The Review Committee, established in 1990 to review allegations of sexual abuse, continues its work of reviewing allegations. The current structure of the Review Committee has been in place since 1993. Its members include: a woman attorney, a member of a county states attorney's office, two women therapists, two retired judges, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a pastor, and a former sexual abuse investigator with the state police.

• All cases of sexual abuse of a minor from 1970 onward have been turned over to the States Attorney's office for review. The diocese continues to cooperate with civil officials.

• The *Virtus Protecting God's Children* program was adopted for use throughout the Diocese in 2003. Parish facilitators provide educational sessions for clergy, teachers, catechists, and others who have regular, sustained contact with children. Participants learn to avoid situations that could lead to sexual abuse as well as to recognize the warning signs of a perpetrator.

• Sister Mary Frances Seeley, OSF, was appointed as Victim Assistance Coordinator in 2002. She is responsible for offering support to victims by providing them with information about counseling, spiritual direction, retreats, days of reflection, etc. as well as extending an invitation to meet with the Bishop should that be desired. She also advises persons to contact law enforcement officials in order to report abuse. Sister Mary Frances Seeley can be contacted at 815/263-6467.

• The *Diocesan Pastoral Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors* was revised in 2003. It was distributed to all clergy, religious, diocesan, parish, school and religious education personnel. (The original policy in place since 1990, had undergone revisions in 1993 and 1997.)

• A document entitled *Standards of Behavior for Those Working with Minors* was published on June 1, 2003. It details standards of ministerial behavior and appropriate boundaries for clergy as well as for other church personnel who have regular contact with children and young people. Copies were distributed to all clergy, religious, diocesan, parish, school and religious education personnel as well as to parents of children in school and religious education programs.

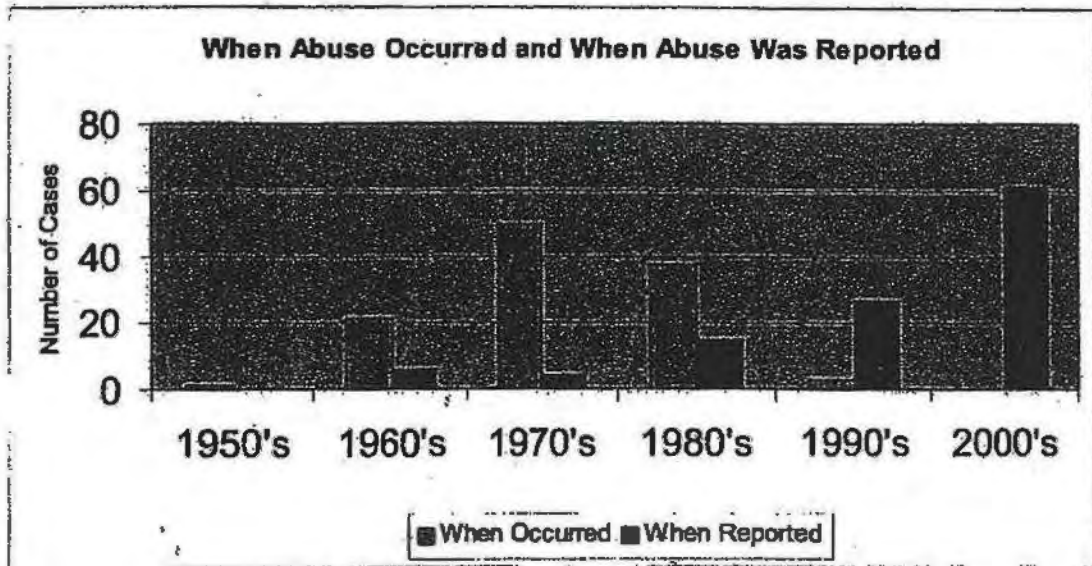
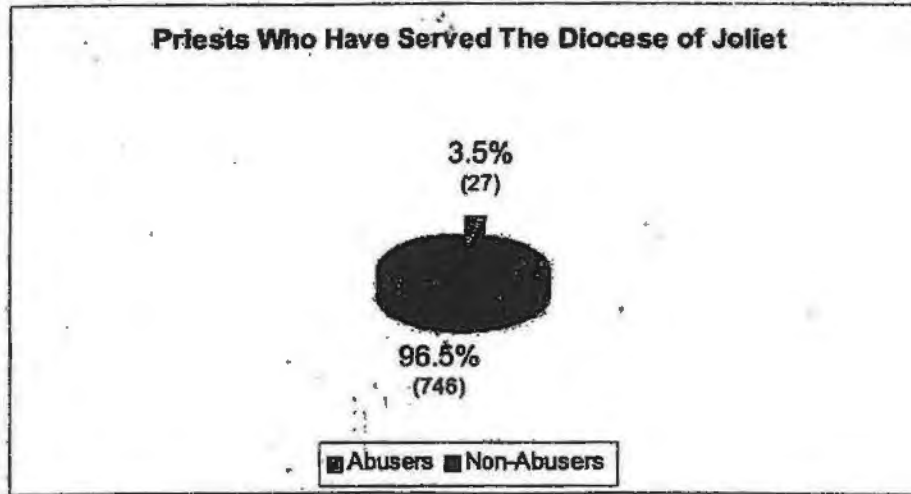
• Prior to anyone being accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese, he must undergo a thorough screening by the Vocation Office. This also includes a background check.

• Before any priest or deacon can begin ministry in the Joliet Diocese, his bishop or major superior must provide the Diocese with any information about his fitness for ministry, including knowledge of allegations regarding sexual abuse.

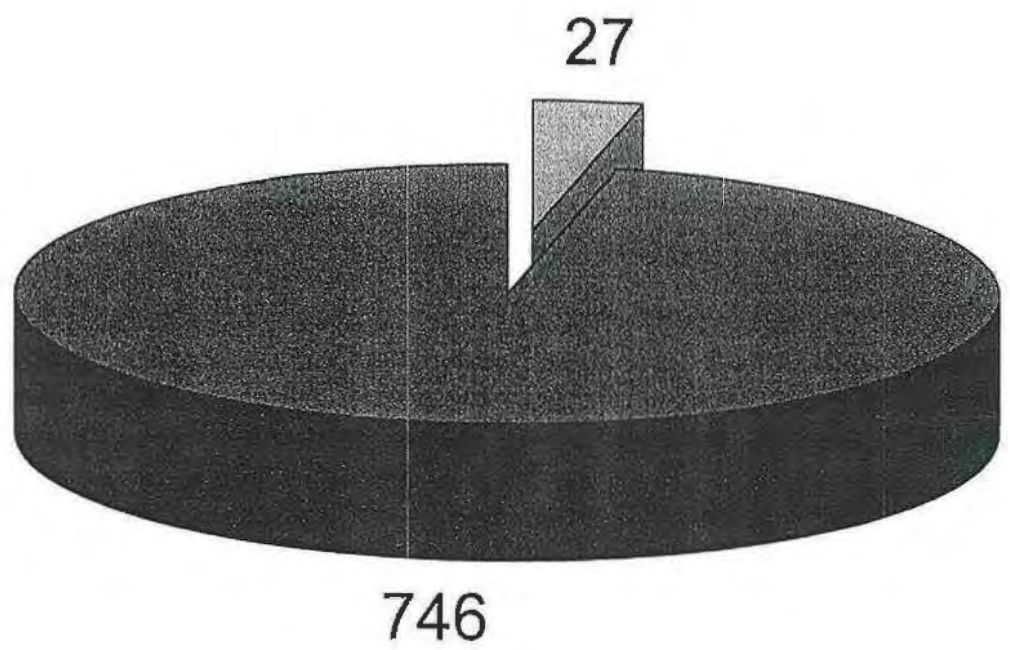
For more information, please visit the Diocesan Web site at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org).

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# Priests



■ Abusers ■ Non-Abusers

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1. Dedera
2. Dennerlein, A.
3. Fischer
4. Gibbney
5. Gibbs
6. Howlin
7. Lenczycki
8. Mateo
9. Meis
10. Mullins
11. O'Connor
12. Pock
13. Poff
14. Ruffalo
15. Ross
16. Slade
17. Slown
18. Stefanich
19. White, M.
20. White, T.

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Deceased & unknown

Dinan  
Frederick  
Storm  
Walsh, O

Retired & unknown

Formusa

Left ministry 35 years ago & unknown

Malzone

Out of ministry & unknown

Dugal

Name Dedera, Philip  
 Birth 5/6/44  
 Ordination 1972  
 Status Administrative Leave

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation
1974	[Redacted]	16	Fondling	4/1995	Counseling
<del>76-77</del>	[Redacted]	?		4/15/2002	
1974	John Doe	16		4/11/2002	\$100,000
1974	[Redacted]	15		4/2002	
1974	[Redacted]	16		4/18/2002	
70's	[Redacted]	17		4/18/2000	
70's	[Redacted]	?		10/4/2002	
70's	[Redacted]	17		4-15-2002 - occurred at St. Pius X	
70's	[Redacted]	17		MARCH 1994 - Reported by the priest [Redacted]	
70's	[Redacted]	17		April 2000 - Reported by [Redacted] who was a client of [Redacted]	
70's	John Doe Probably [Redacted]	17		occurred at St. Andrews	

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description	Result of action	Cost
1995		Evaluation & treatment	Placed in restricted ministry	Cost: \$1350 (full amt. pd. by Paracletes as gift to Diocese)
2002		Removed from ministry and placed on leave April 12, 2002.		

[Redacted]

Name Lenczycki, Frederick  
 Birth 6/12/1944  
 Ordination 1972  
 Status Administrative leave 2002

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
1979	[REDACTED]	?		1995	Confidentiality
1984	[REDACTED]	12		1996	\$175,000 (insurance pd \$75,000) from Self ins. Program
1984	[REDACTED]	13		2002	\$30,000 (all from insurance) from Self ins. program
1962	[REDACTED]	10		2002	Desired no counseling or compensation.
1984	[REDACTED]	12		2002	
1984	[REDACTED]	12		2002	
1984	DOE 87	12		2003	Letter dated 12-3-03
1987	TWO boys from ST Peter in Pacifica California	TEENS		2002	AUGUST

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description	Cost: Check w Finance Office
1985		On leave 1/1/84; sent for therapy, then placed in restricted ministry	
2002		Placed on Administrative leave in April, 2002.	

Name                    **John Malzone**  
Birth                    7/2/28  
Ordination            1955  
Status                   Left priesthood 1971

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
?	[REDACTED]	10		2002	\$5,000 compensation

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description
1961		Therapy for compulsions, psychosis, anxiety



Name **Mateo, Leonardo**  
 Birth 11/6/26  
 Ordination 1956  
 Status Extern, left Diocese on 1984; returned to the Philippines

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
1982	[REDACTED]	? 10 or 12		2002	Counseling offered, not accepted
1983	[REDACTED]	11		1987	\$3,000 therapy (parents did not want priest removed)
1983	[REDACTED]	9		1987	\$3,000 therapy (parents did not want priest removed)
1980	[REDACTED]	10		8/19/2002	\$3,000 therapy
80's	[REDACTED]	?		5/2002	
80's	[REDACTED]	8-10		8/2002	Ongoing therapy. So far \$5500

Counnseling for Mr. [REDACTED] \$300 & \$607.50 & \$2,130.00 & \$90.00 &  
 ? [REDACTED] (parent)

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description
1991		Letter to his bishop
2002		Letters to his bishop April 17 & October 9

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Name **Meis, Anthony**  
Birth 8/4/36  
Ordination 1972  
Status Administrative leave April 2002



*? Date when made accusation  
? You also should work please*

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
85-86	[Redacted]	16		1993	\$143,702 (therapy \$2,000)
1988	[Redacted]	17		1998	\$40,000 (therapy \$2,140)

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description	Cost: \$6,997 (50% covered by insurance)
1993		Removed from parish ministry & received therapy. Placed in restricted ministry	
2002		Administrative leave	

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Name **Mullins, Larry**  
 Birth 7/6/47  
 Ordination 1977  
 Status Left priesthood

**Accusations against Cleric**

AbuseYear	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
78-79		12		1986	
1978		14		1986	
75-85		11-14		1986	Nothing requested
1979	[REDACTED]		- also abused by Lenczycki	1995	<b>Requests confidentiality</b>
1980		12-14		2002	
1983		11-14		1993	
1980		12-14		2002	
1978		12-14		2002	

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 1978 [REDACTED]  
 78/79 [REDACTED]  
 1978 John Doe 1  
 1980 John Doe 2  
 1980 John Doe 3  
 ??? [REDACTED] ???

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description	
1986		Evaluation & therapy	
1993		Administrative leave & therapy	<b>Total cost: \$4,863.00</b>

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Name **Ruffalo, Richard**  
Birth 9/19/1934  
Ordination 1959  
Status Deceased 1997

**Accusations against Cleric**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Victim</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Acts</u>	<u>Denunciation</u>	<u>Settlement/compensation/therapy</u>
1980	[REDACTED]	12		11/2/1997	\$37,500 settlement

**Action against Cleric**

<u>Year</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>Description</u>
		Priest was already deceased when allegation was made.

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Name **Slade, Henry**  
Birth 11/5/39  
Ordination 1969  
Status Out of ministry

*Date alleged — 10  
Date abuse*

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
1989	[REDACTED]	18		1/4/1990	\$95,000 (all insurance)
?	[REDACTED] (deceased?)	10-12		6/4/2002	Nothing requested by parents

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description	Cost
1990		Removed from ministry; sent for evaluation & treatment	\$64,780

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Name Slown, John  
 Birth 2/15/1933  
 Ordination 1959  
 Status Left ministry 1983

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
1960's	[Redacted]	14		06/15/1971	
1960's	[Redacted]	15		06/15/1971	
1960's	[Redacted]	16		06/15/1971	
1960's	[Redacted]	?		06/15/1971	
1977	[Redacted]	13		09/07/1977	
1977	John Doe	13		09/09/1977	
1977	John Doe	13		09/09/1977	
1967	John Doe	13		07/28/1978	
1980	[Redacted]	13		02/06/1980	
1983	[Redacted]	13		11/11/1983	
1983	[Redacted]	?		11/12/1983	
1983	[Redacted]	14		11/12/1983	
1983	[Redacted]	14		11/12/1983	
1983	[Redacted]	13		11/12/1983	
1983	[Redacted]	14		11/12/1983	
1983	[Redacted]	13/14		11/12/1983	
1970's	[Redacted]	12		06/02/1993	Counseling: \$2350.00
74-75	[Redacted]	13		05/28/2002	Nothing requested
1977	[Redacted]	13		08/22/2002	Nothing requested
1975	Mike Doe (deceased)	14		04/18/2002	Nothing requested
1960's	[Redacted]	10-16		10/14/2003	Filed suit
1960's	[Redacted]	?		10/14/2003	Filed suit
1966	[Redacted]	?		10/17/2003	Nothing requested
1968	[Redacted]	13		7-28-1978	

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description
1977		Leave of absence
1980		Evaluation; therapy; treated for alcoholism; entered St. Luke Inst.; St. Luke recommended return to past.min. Ins.
1983		Problems with alcohol; placed on leave; evaluation; manic-depression diagnosis; therapy
1984		Placed in program in Jemez Springs, N.M. (1984 & 1985)

Total cost of therapy: \$19, 138.00

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ABUSE?*

Name **Stefanich, Edward**  
Birth 3/17/1938  
Ordination 1965  
Status Dismissed from clerical state

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
1975	[REDACTED]	8		1996	Therapy - \$550.00
84-86	[REDACTED]	14		1986	\$450,000 (insurance pd \$125,000)
				2003	Filed suit
				2003	Therapy (\$330 Oct, 2003)

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description
1988		Dismissed from clerical state, incarcerated

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Name White, Myles  
 Birth 6/3/41  
 Ordination 1968  
 Status Out of ministry

**Accusations against Cleric**

Year	Victim	Age	Acts	Denunciation	Settlement/compensation/therapy
				1993	Therapy \$4,500
				10/1992 1993	\$76,000(therapy\$50,405;insurpaymt 17,000) \$450 therapy
1981	[redacted]	11-12		1996	
82-92	[redacted]	?		7/1992	\$285,000 (all from insurance)
1971	[redacted] (deceased)	13		8/10/1992	
1972		?		9/20/1992	

[redacted] - tuition payment \$3,294.00 & \$2,450.00  
 [redacted] - therapy payments 12/21/92 - \$1,050.00  
 2/8/93 - \$3,000.00

[redacted] - denunciation 9/24/92  
 [redacted] - denunciation 9/4/92 of act that happened in 1972

Therapy 4/93-6/93 \$675.00

George Allen (trust established July 1996)  
 Therapy 5-15-94 80.00  
 5-30-94 80.00  
 6-1-94 80.00  
 6-14-94 80.00

Vance Vosika - suit filed 8/27/96; case dismissed

**Action against Cleric**

Year	By	Description
1990		Placed on leave; later incarcerated

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**Daily Herald**  
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## **Joliet Diocese will post offenders on Web site**

By Marni Pyke  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

*Posted Saturday, April 01, 2006*

The Joliet Diocese will list the names of priests credibly accused of sexual misconduct involving children on its Web site.

Bishop Joseph Imesch made the announcement in an annual report distributed this weekend to area Catholics in church bulletins.

"We have taken this step in the hope of further facilitating healing and closure for those who have been affected by the tragedy of sexual abuse of a minor," Imesch wrote.

The bishop's message comes on the heels of an audit of dioceses across the country that found bona fide allegations of molestation against children by priests declined from 1,092 cases in 2004 to 783 in 2005.

Imesch said the audit, conducted for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, contained positive news because it verified the steps the diocese is taking to keep children safe.

But he admitted recent events had upset parishioners, including allegations against the Rev. James Burnett, rector of the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Burnett, who served at churches in Naperville and Bensenville, was put on leave in February after being accused of molesting a boy in the 1980s at a Mokena church.

The diocese was criticized for dragging its feet in the case.

Other controversy involved a deposition by Imesch in a lawsuit, made public in February, where

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he spoke of accusations against priests. In the deposition, Imesch talked about diocesan leaders knowing of serious accusations against clergy, but questioned the need to inform police or parishioners.

"I know that some of my words in that deposition have caused pain to many in the diocese and have hurt our church," he wrote.

"For all of the hurt I have caused by my words and decisions, by what I have done or ought to have done, I am truly sorry. I ask your forgiveness and prayers."

Attorney Marc Pearlman, who represents alleged sex abuse victims in lawsuits against the Archdiocese of Chicago and the dioceses of Rockford and Joliet, called the report disingenuous.

"It's nothing more than a self-congratulatory statement, which goes to show how they continue to not deal with the (abuse) issue. There's no transparency," Pearlman said.

The diocese had not yet posted names of suspected priests on the Internet as of Friday afternoon. The district's site is [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org).

The report also announced the diocese spent \$129,287 on sex abuse-related costs in its last fiscal year. It included a \$30,000 settlement, \$79,641 for legal fees and \$17,995 for the Protecting God's Children educational program.

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Dedmon, Philip	11/1/72	Removed from ministry 2002
Dennerlein, Arno	5/31/69	Removed from ministry 2003
Fischer, Lowell	5/8/54	Removed from ministry 2002
Formusa, Salvatore	4/27/35	Retired 1985
Frederick, James	5/30/59	Deceased 1988
Furdek, John	6/2/84	Removed from ministry 2000
Gibbney, Michael	5/24/75	Removed from ministry 1992
Gibbs, Lawrence	5/12/73	Removed from ministry 1992
Howlin, Carroll	5/26/61	Removed from ministry 2002
Lenczycki, Frederick	10/21/72	Left diocese 1984
Malzone, John	5/30/55	Left ministry 1970
Mateo, Leonardo	3/17/56	Left diocese 1984 (and later returned to the Philippines <sup>2</sup> )
Meis, Anthony	8/15/72	Removed from ministry 2002
Mullins, Lawrence	10/15/77	Removed from ministry 1993
O'Connor, Donald	5/23/64	Removed from ministry 2002
Pock, Donald	6/7/58	Removed from ministry 2002, deceased 2004
Poff, Edward	6/7/58	Removed from ministry 2002
Ross, Anthony	11/11/72	Left diocese 1993
Ruffalo, Richard	5/30/59	Deceased 1997
Slade, Henry	5/31/69	Removed from ministry 1990
Slown, John	5/30/59	Removed from ministry 1983
Stefanich, Edward	5/25/65	Removed from ministry 1987
White, Myles	5/28/68	Removed from ministry 1992

**DIOCESAN PRIESTS WITH A CREDIBLE/SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATION(S)  
OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS MADE AGAINST THEM  
WHILE SERVING IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE**

The following list of diocesan priests has been prepared in the hope that it will further facilitate healing and closure for those who have been affected by sexual abuse. It may also encourage others who have been sexually abused to come forward.

Priests listed below have had a credible/substantiated allegation(s) of sexual abuse of minors made against them while they were serving in the Joliet Diocese.

Persons wishing to report sexual abuse are asked to call the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Judith Speckman, at 815 263-6467 or to contact DCFS at 1-800-25ABUSE.

<u>Priest</u>	<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Status</u>
1) Dadera, Philip	11/1/72	Removed from ministry 2002
2 Dennerlein, Arno	5/31/69	On administrative leave 2003, canonical case pending
3 Fischer, Lowell	5/8/54	Removed from ministry 2002, deceased
4 Formusa, Salvatore	4/27/35	Retired 1985, deceased
5 Frederick, James	5/30/59	Deceased 1988
6 Furdek, John	6/2/84	Removed from ministry 2000
7 Gibbney, Michael	5/24/75	Removed from ministry 1992
8 Gibbs, Lawrence	5/12/73	Removed from ministry 1992
9 Howlin, Carroll	5/26/61	On administrative leave 2002, canonical case pending
10 Lenczycki, Frederick	10/21/72	Removed from ministry 2002
11 Mateo, Leonardo	3/17/56	Left diocese 1984, later returned to Archdiocese of Cebu
12 Meis, Anthony	8/15/72	Removed from ministry 2002
13 Mullins, Lawrence	10/15/77	Removed from ministry 1993
14 O'Connor, Donald	5/23/64	Removed from ministry 2002
15 Pock, Donald	6/7/58	Removed from ministry 2002, deceased 2004
16 Poff, Edward	6/7/58	Removed from ministry 2002
17 Ross, Anthony	11/11/72	Removed from ministry 2002
18 Ruffalo, Richard	5/30/59	Deceased 1997
19 Slade, Henry	5/31/69	Removed from ministry 1990
20 Slown, John	5 9	Removed from ministry 1983
21 Stefanich, Edward	5/25/65	Removed from ministry 1987

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