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## LIST: Springfield Diocese discloses names of priests who abused minors

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SPRINGFIELD — The Diocese of Springfield on Thursday afternoon, in response to a review by the Illinois Attorney General's office, released the names of 19 priests that it said were the subjects of substantiated charges of sexually abusing children.

A diocesan review board had determined that the priests named on the lists had substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of minors. The board, which has been in place since 2002, has been comprised of predominantly lay people with professional backgrounds in areas such as state and local law enforcement, criminal and civil law, education, and psychology, the diocese said.

"Any single case of abuse is one too many," Bishop Thomas John Paprocki said in a statement. "But this review has shown the positive impact of a zero-tolerance approach, and we are committed to sustain these efforts with heightened vigilance."

The diocese covers the Decatur area.

Twelve priests on the list are dead, with the most recent death in 2015. They were Alvin Campbell, Robert Dodd, Michael Driscoll, Robert Eagear, George Faller, Ray Franzen, George Kromenaker, Joseph C. O'Brien, Frank O'Hara, Daniel Ryan, Aloysius Schwellenbach and Frank Westhoff.

Four others — Joseph Cernich, Eugene Costa, Joseph Havey and Walter Weerts — were listed as laicized, or having been removed from ministry.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH INVESTIGATION**

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The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has been voluntarily cooperating with an inquiry from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan regarding the history and current policies and procedures relating to abuse of minors by priests in our diocese. We have provided the Attorney General's office with comprehensive documentation of our policies and procedures along with information about cases of abuse.

This review has recalled instances of past abuse by a small number of priests in this diocese and the pain and suffering inflicted upon their victims. Today, we are publishing the names of clergy with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of minors as determined by our Review Board, which has been in place since 2002 to review allegations of abuse by clergy. The Review Board in effect during this time has been comprised of predominantly lay people with professional backgrounds in areas such as state and local law enforcement, criminal and civil law, education, and psychology.

"Any single case of abuse is one too many," said Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. "But this review has shown the positive impact of a zero-tolerance approach, and we are committed to sustain these efforts with heightened vigilance."

In the wake of this inquiry, we welcome further discussion and suggestions from the Illinois Attorney General's office regarding any concrete steps to strengthen these measures.

We encourage anyone with information about a case of abuse to contact the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Allegations of clerical sexual abuse of minors

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Three names were denoted as "no longer in ministry": Garrett Neal Dee, Robert DeGrand and Francis Tebangura.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan released a statement Thursday morning saying, "Our initial review has found the number of Catholic clergy in Illinois with credible allegations of sexual abuse against minors, is more extensive than the Church previously has disclosed to the public."

Madigan has been investigating the Catholic church since August, after a Pennsylvania grand jury report identified at least seven priests with connection to Illinois.

Last week, several Roman Catholic bishops, including Paprocki, urged colleagues at their national meeting to take some sort of action on the clergy sex abuse crisis despite a Vatican order to delay voting on key proposals.

Paprocki suggested a nonbinding vote to convey a sense of the bishops' aspirations regarding anti-abuse efforts.

"We are not branch managers of the Vatican," he said. "Our people are crying out for some action."



**Lisa Madigan** ✓  
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The Vatican ordered the bishops to delay votes on two anti-abuse proposals until after a global meeting on sex abuse in February.

The Archdiocese of Chicago added 10 new names to the list of clergy accused of child sex abuse on Thursday, as did officials in Peoria and Rockford.

Madigan's office says they anticipate more names will be disclosed as her office continues to investigate.

“My investigation will continue in order to provide victims, parishioners and the public with a complete and accurate accounting of sexually abusive behavior with minors involving priests in Illinois,” she said in the statement.

*This story will be updated.*

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**List from Springfield Diocese**

**Deceased**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Ordination</b>	<b>Status Date</b>
Alvin Campbell	5/31/1952	12/2/2002
Robert Dodd	5/30/1964	3/28/2013
Michael Driscoll	3/30/1941	5/15/1989
Robert Eagear	6/2/1928	9/22/1984
George Faller	6/13/1918	10/23/1975
Ray Franzen	5/18/1940	10/4/1987
George Kromenaker	6/8/1947	5/10/2010
Joseph C. O'Brien	4/5/1942	3/27/1978
Frank O'Hara	3/30/1941	4/19/2006
Daniel Ryan	5/3/1956	12/31/2015
Aloysius Schwellenbach	3/28/1928	9/15/2000

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Ordination</b>	<b>Status Date</b>
Frank Westhoff	5/27/1961	1/7/2006

**Laicized**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Ordination</b>	<b>Status Date</b>
Joseph Cernich	5/2/1983	6/2/2003
Eugene Costa	7/24/1976	10/12/2007
Joseph Havey	5/29/1971	2/17/2006
Walter Weerts	12/18/1960	3/2/1989

**Not in Active Ministry.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Ordination</b>	<b>Status Date</b>
Garrett Neal Dee	5/23/1964	7/31/2002
Robert DeGrand	5/31/1980	5/1/2015
Francis Tebangura	12/9/1968	3/10/2006

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