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USA Northeast Province Releases Names of Jesuits Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Minor



January 15, 2019

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Hoping to contribute to healing from the pain and anger caused by clergy sex abuse and the lack of accountability and transparency on the part of church leadership, I am making public a list of any Jesuit in the USA Northeast Province who has had a credible allegation of abuse against a minor or vulnerable adult since 1950. The USA Northeast Province is composed of what were separate Provinces at various periods over the past seventy years: Buffalo in the 1960s; New England and New York separately until 2014. This list includes Jesuits who belonged to any of those Provinces.

At the heart of this crisis is the painful, sinful and illegal harm done to children by those whom they should have been able to trust. We did not know any best practices to handle these violations many decades ago and regrettably made mistakes along the way. What winds up being a very shameful history for the Church at large was made clear by investigative reporting in Boston in 2002. It was the subsequent Dallas Charter that was accepted by the US Bishops that allowed us to codify and implement best practices. Under the watchful eye of our accreditation agency, *Praesidium, Inc.*, we have implemented these best practices for more than fifteen years and can be grateful, although no less vigilant, that there have been no new cases of abuse of minors or vulnerable adults in the Northeast Province.

Changed practices do not erase past history. The list I publish today notes criminal and sinful failures in the pastoral care of children. The majority of these allegations were made years or even decades after abuse occurred. This list includes any allegations where the offense was admitted by a Jesuit, or where it was established as credible after an investigation. Any living Jesuit with a credible allegation of abuse is removed from ministry and assigned to a community that does not serve minors where he lives under a closely monitored safety plan. Any case of abuse is shocking and a profound failure. Jesuits who have offended can no longer offend. Safeguards put in place since 2002 help create safe environments for everyone.

On behalf of all of the Jesuits of the USA Northeast Province, I apologize for any of our brothers who have committed crimes of abuse and pledge to work to provide safe environments for all to whom we minister and to offer support and possibilities for healing to victims. I urge anyone who has experienced abuse by a Jesuit to contact Kristin Austin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator at 443-370-6357 or UNEadvocacy@jesuits.org. She will offer both compassion and confidentiality.

These have been trying times for our Church, and the Body of Christ knows the suffering of its Lord in real ways. May we together pray for healing that our wounds may be transformed by the God of love.

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Remembering Jesuit Father James J. Curry

Jan. 15, 2019 - Fr. James J. Curry, SJ, was called to eternal life on Jan. 14, 2019. He was born on July 13, 1944, in New York, N.Y., entered the Society of Jesus on Aug. 14, 1962, and was ordained on June 8, 1974, at Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. He pronounced his final vows on May 31, 1984, at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester, N.Y.

St. Ignatius Church in NYC to host Human Rights Panel Discussion

Jan. 14, 2019 - On Mon., Jan. 28, the Alliance for Fair Food will be holding a panel discussion at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in NYC, to explore the connection between faith and the advancement of human rights, specifically in the agricultural industry.

Pope Francis' Prayer Request For January 2019

Jan. 9, 2019 - In his first video of 2019, Pope Francis spoke on his January intention, Young People and the Example of Mary. "Let us pray that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world."

Remembering Jesuit Father Lawrence E. Corcoran

Jan. 7, 2019 - Fr. Lawrence E. Corcoran, SJ, was called to eternal life on Jan. 6, 2019. He was born on July 27, 1932, in Brookline, Mass., entered the Society of Jesus at Shadowbrook, Lenox, Mass., on July 30, 1950, and was ordained on June 15, 1963, at Weston College in Weston, Mass. He pronounced his final vows on Nov. 6, 1970.

Remembering Jesuit Father Wayne Tkel

Jan. 4, 2019 - Fr. Wayne P. Tkel, SJ was called to eternal life on Jan. 1, 2019, on the island of Peleliu in Palau. He was born on Sept. 3, 1963, in Koror, Palau, entered the Society of Jesus in 1990 at the Manresa Jesuit Novitiate in Koror, Palau, and was ordained on June 22, 2002, in Koror, Palau. He pronounced his final vows in 2009, also in Koror, Palau.

Remembering Jesuit Father William J. McGarry

Jan. 2, 2019 - Fr. William J. McGarry, SJ, died on Dec. 29, 2018 in Pasig City in Metro Manila, Philippines. He entered the Society in 1945 and was ordained to the presbyterate in 1958.

Remembering Jesuit Father Clarence Burby

Jan. 3, 2019 - Fr. Clarence Joseph Burby, SJ, died peacefully at Campion Center on Sat, Dec. 29, 2018, at the age of 83. Throughout his life he ministered faithfully at numerous institutions throughout the Middle East: at Baghdad College; St. Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon; Maison St. Paul in Damascus, Syria; Equipes Notre Dame in Aleppo, Syria; and at The Jesuit Center in Amman, Jordan.

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In Corde Jesu,



Fr. John J. Cecero, S.J.
Provincial, USA Northeast Province

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