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List of clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, last updated July 13, 2020



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This list of clergy who have served in the Diocese of Lansing (1937 until present) and were subject to a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is divided into four categories:

- I. Diocese of Lansing clergy permanently removed from ministry;
- II. Diocese of Lansing deceased clergy;
- III. Extern clergy – clergy of other dioceses – that had a credible allegation of sexual abuse during their time in the Diocese of Lansing; and
- IV. Religious Order clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor during their time in the Diocese of Lansing.

For purposes of this list, the term “credible allegation” means that diocesan officials have determined, that regarding an allegation of clerical sexual abuse of a minor made to the Diocese, one or more of the following exists:

- With the assistance of the Diocesan Review Board, the Bishop of Lansing determined that the allegation was credible, i.e., that the allegation appeared to be true;
- The accused admitted the allegation;
- The allegation resulted in a criminal conviction;
- The allegation resulted in the accused’s removal from ministry or laicization; or
- The allegation resulted in a civil settlement with either the accused or the Diocese.

This list was originally published on September 27, 2019 and is based on the Diocese of Lansing's best available records at that time. The Diocese intends to update this list should new information become available. The list of names was compiled with the assistance of the Diocese of Lansing’s Review Board for the Sexual Abuse of Minors, including past Review Board chairs.

The published figures as of September 27, 2019 listed a total of 17 priests who have been subject to a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor during that time: 13 diocesan priests; three priests from religious orders; and one priest from another diocese.

For each of the clergy listed below, the following information is given as available and if applicable: year of ordination, year of incardination, date of senior priest status (i.e. retirement from active ministry), date of removal and/or laicization, date of death, and listing of assignments.

Zero-tolerance policy:

The Diocese of Lansing has a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse of minors. Those with credible allegations are removed from ministry. The diocese is aware of no one currently active

in ministry within the diocese who has abused a child. The diocese is committed to cooperating fully with law enforcement so that anyone who harms children can be brought to justice.

If anyone has reason to suspect physical, sexual or emotional abuse of any person of any age, please contact Protective Services or the police, as appropriate.

If abuse by anyone connected to the Church is suspected, contact the office of the Michigan Attorney General Investigation hotline at (844) 324-3374. For healing and support, please also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (888) 308-6252 or email: vac@dioceseoflansing.org.

An asterisk * by the name is also included if the cleric had multiple allegations against him.

I. Diocese of Lansing clergy permanently removed from ministry:

Crowley, Timothy

Ordained for the Congregation of the Holy Ghost – 1976

Incardinated to Diocese of Lansing – 1982

Removed from ministry – 7/15/02

Laicized - 6/26/15

Assignments

St Patrick, Brighton - Parochial Vicar

Holy Rosary, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson - Parochial Vicar

St Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale – Pastor

St Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor – Pastor

Archdiocese of Anchorage

DeLorenzo, Vincent Anthony

Ordained – 1965

Removed from ministry – 1/23/02

Laicization pending

Assignments

St Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing – Parochial Vicar

St Joseph, Kalamazoo – Parochial Vicar

St Augustine, Kalamazoo – Parochial Vicar

St Casimir, Lansing – Parochial Vicar

St Pius X, Flint – Pastor

St Robert Bellarmine, Flushing – Pastor

Holy Redeemer, Burton – Pastor

* **Guoan, Paul James**

Ordained – 1987

Removed from ministry – 3/11/02

Laicized - 6/26/15

Assignments

St Pius X, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St Robert Bellarmine, Flushing – Parochial Vicar

St Gerard, Lansing – Parochial Vicar

SS Charles and Helena, Clio - Pastor

Jackson Area Hospital Chaplain, In-Residence, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson

Jackson Area Prison Chaplain, In-Residence, St Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson

St Joseph Home, Jackson – Sacramental Minister

 **Kelly, Michael Robert**

Ordained – 1976

Left active ministry - 12/1/83

Laicized - 2/9/92

Assignments

St Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor – Parochial Vicar

St Michael, Flint – Parochial Vicar

Holy Family Grand Blanc – Parochial Vicar

St Therese, Lansing – In-Residence

St Casimir, Lansing – Parochial Vicar

St Mary Cathedral, Lansing – Parochial Vicar

SEP: * Novak, James Martin

Ordained – 1957

Senior Priest status - 6/25/97

Removed from ministry – 11/25/02

Laicization pending

Assignments

St John the Evangelist, Jackson – Parochial Vicar

St Luke, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St John, Benton Harbor – Parochial Vicar

St Ann, Cassopolis – Pastor

Office of Catholic Education, Lansing Catholic Central High School

St Agnes, Fowlerville – Parochial Administrator

St Joseph, Owosso – Pastor

St Therese, Lansing – Pastor

St Mary, Westphalia – Pastor

II. Diocese of Lansing deceased clergy:**Aubin, Joseph Emile**

Ordained – 1961

Senior Priest Status – 6/26/02

Removal from public ministry - 11/15/2018

Died - 4/15/20

Assignments

St Paul, Owosso – Parochial Vicar

St Leo, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St Philip, Battle Creek – Parochial Vicar

Michigan Boys Training School - Chaplain

St Isidore, Laingsburg – Pastor

St John the Evangelist, Davison – Pastor

St. Mary, Durand – Pastor

Fitzgerald, Alexander Thomas

Ordained – 1942

Senior Priest Status – June 1989

Died – July 5, 1996

Assignments

Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

Parochial Vicar, St. John, Benton Harbor

Parochial Vicar, Holy Redeemer, Flint (Burton)

Resident, St. George Church, George West, TX

St. Joseph Home for Boys, Jackson, Michigan

Parochial Vicar, St. Luke, Flint

Pastor, St. Joseph, Gaines

Pastor, St. Mary, Williamston

Pastor, St. Edward, Mendon

Pastor, St. Ambrose, Parchment

Pastor, St. Mary, Jackson

*** Healy, Terrence M**

Ordained for Diocese of Marquette – 1968

Incardinated to Diocese of Lansing – 1985

Removed from ministry - 9/4/87

Laicized - 6/12/92

Died - 1/1/19

Assignments

Holy Family, Grand Blanc – Parochial Vicar

St Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor – Parochial Vicar

St Joseph, Saint Johns – Parochial Vicar

Holy Family, Ovid – Parochial Administrator

Holy Family, Ovid – Pastor

St John the Baptist, Howell – Pastor

*** Lee, James William Jr**

Ordained – 1948

Senior Priest status - 10/15/84

Died - 1/25/92

Assignments

St John, Benton Harbor – Parochial Vicar

Resurrection, Lansing – Parochial Vicar

St John the Evangelist, Jackson – Parochial Vicar

St James, Mason - Pastor

Our Lady of the Pines, Nevis, Minnesota – In-Residence

St Alice, Plainview, TX – In-Residence

St Dominic, Clinton – Pastor

Holy Family Grand Blanc – Parochial Vicar

St Joseph, Ypsilanti – Pastor

St Peter, Blissfield - Parochial Administrator

Lesniak, Marian John

Ordained – 1950

Senior Priest status - 10/3/02

Died - 10/9/2011

Assignments

All Saints, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St Stanislaus Kostka, Jackson - Parochial Vicar

St Joseph the Worker, Jackson – Pastor

*** Martin, John Edward**

Ordained – 1918

Senior Priest status - 6/15/66

Died - 11/9/68

Assignments

St Vincent, Detroit – Parochial Vicar
Sacred Heart, Yale, MI – Pastor
St Philip, Battle Creek – Parochial Vicar
St Mary, Morrice – Pastor
St Isidore, Laingsburg – Pastor

*** Slowey, John Donald**

Ordained – 1940
1/13/83: Died

Assignments

Holy Maternity, Dowagiac – Parochial Vicar
St Michael, Flint
Percy Jones Army Hospital, Battle Creek – Chaplain
St Charles, Coldwater – Parochial Vicar
St Louis University – student
Catholic University – student
St Casimir, Lansing – Parochial Vicar
St Vincent Home for Children – Director
St Mary, Niles – Pastor

Tomaszewski, Chester Vincent

Ordained – 1959
Sick Leave - 1/15/87
Died - 10/21/87

Assignments

Holy Redeemer, Flint (Burton) – Parochial Vicar
St Joseph, Watervliet – Parochial Vicar
St Mary, Paw Paw – Parochial Vicar
St John the Evangelist, Davison – Parochial Vicar
Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center – Parochial Vicar
St Mary, Bronson - Parochial Vicar
St Ann, Cassopolis – Pastor

St Stanislaus, Detroit – Parochial Vicar

St Paul, Owosso – Parochial Vicar

St Stanislaus, Bay City – Parochial Vicar

SS Charles & Helena, Clio – Parochial Vicar

St Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale – Parochial Vicar

St Dominic, Clinton – Pastor

St Joseph, Ypsilanti – Pastor

Wyszynski, Darius

Ordained for Assumption BVM Franciscan Province, Wisconsin – 1958

Incardinated to Diocese of Lansing - 1970

Senior Priest Status - 11/5/07

Died - 2/17/2013

Assignments

St Stanislaus, Wyandotte – Parochial Vicar

St Mary, Green Bay, Wisconsin – Parochial Vicar

Immaculate Conception, Three Rivers – Parochial Vicar

St John the Evangelist, Jackson – Parochial Vicar

St Philip, Battle Creek – Parochial Vicar

St Michael, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St Leo, Flint – Parochial Vicar

St Joseph, Ypsilanti – Pastor

St Stanislaus Kostka, Jackson – Pastor

III. Extern clergy – clergy of other dioceses – that had a credible allegation of sexual abuse during their time in the Diocese of Lansing:

*** Jason Sigler**

Ordained for Archdiocese of Winnipeg – 1966

Dates present in Diocese – 1968-1970; 1974

Laicized – 2/23/99

Assignments

St. John the Evangelist, Jackson

St. Robert, Flushing

IV. Religious Order clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor during their time in the Diocese of Lansing:

Barkenquest, Lehr, OSFS Toledo-Detroit Province 

Ordained - 1964

Dates present in Diocese - 1991-2013

 Died - 2019

Assignments

St. Rita, Clarklake, - Pastor

Boardway, Alphonse O.F.M. Conv, Our Lady of Consolation Province

Ordination - 1967

Died - 1997

Assignments

Holy Cross, Lansing

*** McHugh, Joseph, CSSp, Irish Province**

Ordination - 1958

Dates present in Diocese - 1974-1976

Died - 9/25/07

Assignments

St Gerard, Lansing - In-Residence

*** Rapp, James, OSFS Toledo-Detroit Province**

Ordination

Dates present in Diocese - 1981 - 1986

Laicization - 9/21/09

Assignments

Lumen Christi High School, Jackson

V. Clergy from another diocese, who have been adjudged by that diocese to have a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against them, and are known to be residing in the Diocese of Lansing.

Fish, Eugene, Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota.

See [here](#) for Diocese of Fargo's list of credibly accused clerics.

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