

Crosier Statement – Notice of Claims: Gerald Funcheon

20-NOV-2014 (*Phoenix, Arizona*) -- On Nov. 19 and 20, we were notified of nine individuals asserting claims in three lawsuits alleging sexual abuse of a minor against Gerald Funcheon while he was a Crosier. The Crosiers take each of these claims seriously, along with any claim of abuse by any Crosier, staff person or volunteer associated with us.

We are unwavering in our commitment to ensure transparency and accountability. The Crosier Province is doing all that it can to protect the people whom the Order serves and to assist victims in their healing.

“The Crosiers do not tolerate any forms of sexual misconduct, and we are profoundly sorry for actions committed by Gerald Funcheon while he was a member of our Order. The Crosiers have stringent policies and actions of accountability in place to prevent future abuse,” said Fr. Thomas Enneking, osc, prior provincial of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers. “We are devoted to fostering healing for the victims and their families.”

Gerald Funcheon’s assignments to serve included: Teacher, St. Cecilia High School, Hastings, Neb., 1965–66; Teacher and Athletic Director, Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Syracuse, Ind., 1966–69; Graduate student/Weekend Pastoral Assistance, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., 1969–70; Assistant Pastor/Teacher, St. Odilia Church, Shoreview, Minn., 1970–73; Teacher/Prefect of Discipline, Wawasee Preparatory, Syracuse, Ind., 1973–75; Teacher, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1975–76; Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1975–76; Catholic Chaplain on Active Duty, United States Air Force, San Antonio, Texas, and Wilford Hall Hospital, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, 1976–79; Teacher/Prefect of Discipline, Crosier Seminary, Onamia, Minn., 1979–80; Teacher/Spiritual Director, Cathedral High School, St. Cloud, Minn., 1980–82; Teacher, Damien High School, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1982–84; Chaplain to Christian Brothers/Teacher, Palma High School, Salinas, Calif., 1984–85; Parochial Vicar, St. Stephen, Anoka, Minn., 1985–86; Teacher, Central Catholic High School, Lafayette, Ind., 1986–87.

He permanently left the Order in 1987 to become a member of the Diocese of Lafayette, Indiana. He was removed from ecclesiastical ministry in 1993.

It is important to recognize the seriousness of the abuse in the Church and having recognized it, to respond compassionately.

Anyone who wishes to report past abuse is encouraged to contact our Victim Assistance Line at 320-248-1563 or Prior Provincial Thomas Enneking, osc, at 602-443-7100. Other contact information may be found [here](#).

You may find further information about the Crosier Misconduct Policy and the ways in which the Crosiers are dealing with misconduct by its members, including the

results of the separate investigation conducted by the Minnesota-based law firm Faegre-Benson in 2002, in the [Safe Environment](#) section of this website.