

Credibly Accused

The following clergy have had credible allegations of engaging in or perpetrating child sexual abuse while working in or associated with the Diocese of Boise since the 1950s. Six priests and one deacon are from the Diocese of Boise. It is estimated that since 1950, there have been more than 300 priests who have served in the Diocese.

In addition to priests affiliated with the Diocese of Boise, the list also includes priests from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time were assigned here. These priests from outside our Diocese total nine, dating back to the 1960s. The Diocese of Boise does not have control over the final disposition of cases regarding religious order priests or priests from outside the Diocese.

Per diocesan policy, these cases were presented to the Diocesan Review Board for Sexual Abuse of Minors beginning in 2002. Those credibly accused were removed from ministry if alive when the incidents were reported and retired if they were not already retired. Law enforcement has been informed in appropriate cases where the alleged perpetrator was known to be alive.

The years listed under “Incident” are believed to be at or near the time the incident or incidents were believed to have occurred. The years listed under “Reported” is the time when the incidents were first reported to the Diocese.

Diocese of Boise Clergy 1950s-to-current

Priests: 6 Deacons :1

Simmons, Donald (Deceased)

Incidents, 1950, '56
Reported, 2002

Later, Morris (Deceased)

Incidents, 1960s and 70s
Reported, 2003

Kuiper, Michael (Deceased)

Incident, 1974
Reported, 1994

Worsley, James

Incidents, 1976-1981
Reported, 1992
Left Idaho, laicized. Diocese to where he relocated was informed.

Gould, William (Deceased)

Incident, 1981
Reported, 2010.

Howell, Robert “Rap” (Deacon)

Incident, 2002
Reported, 2004.
Possession of Child Pornography
Served prison sentence, Laicized

Faucher, W. Thomas

Incident, 2018
2018 Convicted of Possession and Distribution of
Child Pornography.
Imprisoned, Laicized.

Religious Order Priests 1960s-to-current

Priests: 9

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Cornelius (McKenna), John

Seminarian, Ordained for Seattle Archdiocese
Incidents, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973
Reported, 2001
Left Diocese of Boise to be ordained elsewhere in 1970s. Seattle Archdiocese took action.

Meunier, Luke (Deceased)

Diocesan priest from Canada
Incident, 1971
Reported, 1993

Kuiper, Michael (Deceased)

Diocesan priest from Canada
Incidents: 1971
Reported: 1993

McSorley, James

Religious Order
Incident, 1972
Reported, 2004
Left Idaho in 1975. His religious order was notified, but his whereabouts are unknown.

Schuck, Martin (Deceased)

Diocesan priest from New York state.
Incidents, 1974-76
Reported, 2003

Baltazar, Carmelo Melchior (Mel)

Philippine Diocese of Metolos
Incidents, Late 1970s and 1985
Reported, 1985
Imprisoned, 1985

Garcia, Ruben

Incardinated in Diocese of Tijuana, Mexico
Incidents, 1980s
Reported, 1991
Imprisoned

Connolly, Thomas

Religious Order
Incidents, Early 1980s
Reported, 2012
Permanently removed from ministry, resides in another state. Incidents were reported to his home diocese and Religious Order.

O'Grady, Peter (Deceased)

Religious Order
Incidents: 1984 and 1985
Reported: 2003

Arockiam, Francis

Order from India
Incidents: 1996
Reported: 1996
Expelled from Diocese back to home in India.