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Regarding Jude Ellinghausen »

7/22/2016

Jude Ellinghausen voluntarily petitioned the Vatican (the Holy See) for laicization. It was granted and took effect June 24, 2016. Jude Ellinghausen is no longer considered a priest.

Regarding Richard Lauinger »

3/28/2016

Richard R. Lauinger, 85. Ordained in 1956; laicized in 1975. Allegations of sexual abuse of minors while in ministry have been brought forward to the Archdiocesan Board of Review, considered, and found to be credible.

Regarding Father David West »

12/3/2015

Father David F. West. (1938-2004). Ordained in 1964. Years after his death, an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was brought forward to the Archdiocesan Board of Review, considered, and was found to be credible.

Regarding Fr. James Roth, OSFS »

3/25/2015

The Toledo-Detroit Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales (OSFS) has deemed credible a complaint of sexual misconduct with a minor by one of the religious order's priests, Fr. James Roth (1953-2015). From 1995-2004, during his time as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator at St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, Fr. Roth also helped with the weekend Mass and sacramental schedule at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Monroe, Michigan. Other assignments included schools in Utah and Ontario, Canada. Fr. Roth died February 11, 2015.

Regarding Fr. Thomas J. Cain... »

10/27/2014

Father Thomas J. Cain. (1919-1984). Ordained in 1945. Decades after his death, allegations of sexual abuse of a minor were brought forward to the Archdiocesan Board of Review, considered, and are believed to be credible.

Regarding Fr. James Kurtz, S.J. »

9/29/2014

Religious orders function in their internal governance separately from the archdiocese or diocese where they are headquartered and/or minister – therefore a matter involving a religious order cleric is handled by the order, not by the archdiocese. We understand from the statement from the Jesuits t

Resolution of the 2011 Incident at St. Peter Parish »

8/30/2014

In 2011, the Archdiocese of Detroit became aware of the failure of the pastor of St. Peter Parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Father Michael N. Cooney, to report

suspected abuse of a minor in a timely manner. The incident occurred in the final months of 2011 on St. Peter Parish property in Mount

[Regarding Fr. Joseph S. Skelton, Jr. »](#)

7/11/2014

The Communications Department has been asked to pass along the following information from Msgr. Timothy Hogan, Director of the Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life, and Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin, the Archbishop's Delegate for Clergy Discipline.

[Religious Order Priests Added to Detroit List of Accused, Removed Clergy »](#)

1/30/2014

The Archdiocese of Detroit has added three names to its online listing of clergy accused of and/or removed from ministry due to sexual abuse of minors. The three religious order priests were visiting and/or assigned to the Detroit archdiocese several decades ago. Their cases are being– or have been– handled by church officials elsewhere.

[On the Sentencing of Timothy Murray... »](#)

1/23/2014

U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts sentenced Timothy Murray, a priest removed from ministry in 2004, to 15 years and 8 months in federal prison for possessing and distributing child pornography. The Archdiocese of Detroit issues the following reaction...

[Regarding Fr. Louis Grandpre... »](#)

9/17/2013

Fr. Louis Grandpre, 79, a senior (retired) priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, has been restricted from all public ministry as the result of an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor dating back to the early years of his service in the Detroit archdiocese.

[Capuchins release full report on abuse dating to 19th century »](#)

6/27/2013

The results of a full, voluntary and independent audit regarding sexual abuse in the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph detail how the order and its leaders failed to protect young people from abuse over the years, but also represents a transparent effort by the order to "learn from the past to make our present and the future better," said Fr. John Celichowski, the Detroit-based order's provincial minister, in a news release June 18.

[Regarding Br. Baker and claims by SNAP... »](#)

1/30/2013

An open letter dated January 30, 2013, the group SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) levels a series of unfair and untrue statements regarding the Archdiocese of Detroit.

[Regarding Fr. Loren O'Dea »](#)

10/6/2012

Effective Friday, October 5, 2012, Fr. Loren O'Dea, 83, a senior (retired) priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, has been placed on an administrative leave of absence and restricted from any public ministry.

[Regarding Fr. Schulte »](#)

10/30/2011

Effective October 28, 2011, Fr. Gary Schulte, 66, pastor of St. Sylvester Parish in Warren, Michigan, has been placed on an administrative leave of absence by the Archdiocese of Detroit and is currently restricted from any public ministry. In September an allegation of sexual misconduct with a perso

[SNAP News Release Misinformed, Misguided »](#)

6/13/2011

Since 2002, the Detroit archdiocese has had a model agreement with the six Prosecuting Attorneys within its boundaries. Every complaint brought forward is immediately provided to civil authorities. SNAP knows this, and to suggest otherwise is sadly disingenuous.

[Archbishop Vigneron on the latest abuse study »](#)

5/18/2011

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, adopted by the U.S. bishops in 2002, called for two studies on the issue of clergy sexual abuse in the United States. The John Jay College for Criminal Justice conducted both studies; the first, The Nature and Scope of Sexual Abu

[Declaraciones del Arzobispo de Detroit acerca del mas reciente estudio sobre abuso sexual »](#)

5/18/2011

La "Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes", aprobada por los obispos de los E.E.U.U. en el año 2002, solicitó dos estudios sobre el tema del abuso sexual por parte del clero en los Estados Unidos. El colegio de justicia criminal John Jay College llevó

[Regarding Incident at Sacred Heart Parish School, Dearborn »](#)

2/4/2011

Dearborn Police are questioning man in relation to an incident observed this morning, Friday, February 4, on the Sacred Heart campus. No school children were harmed and at no point were any of them in any danger. The principal, Lisa Powaser, and the pastor, Fr. Peter Petroske (pe-trosck-key) have se

[Regarding Herbert Richey »](#)

1/27/2011

The Archdiocese of Detroit has learned that a Mr. Herbert Richey, removed from priestly ministry in the Toledo diocese in 1992 and laicized in 1997, has served recently as an organist at one of its parishes (St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Clair Shores) and possibly at other parish locations during th

[2010 Update on Fr. Roger Knapp »](#)

12/2/2010

Subsequent to the fulfillment of the terms set forth by Michigan's Thirty Third District Court, a 2009 case involving Fr. Roger Knapp, a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, has been fully resolved and dismissed. Fr. Knapp is no longer on a leave of absence and has returned to active ministry as a

[Regarding Fr. Roger Knapp »](#)

5/11/2009

We are aware of a pending legal matter involving Fr. Roger Knapp, a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Knapp, 57, who has served as pastor of St. Victor Parish in Gibraltar since 1996, is currently on a leave of absence to attend to this situation. Fr. Robert Shafer has been named administra

[Regarding Fr. Kenneth Kauchek »](#)

4/24/2009

Effective April 23, 2009, Fr. Kenneth Kauchek, 62, has resigned as pastor of St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak, and pastor of St. James Parish, Ferndale. He has been placed on an

administrative leave of absence and is currently restricted from any public ministry.
The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed

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