# Cases in Process

This category includes living priests of the Diocese of Fall River who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a minor, but the canonical and/or civil proceedings involving these priests have not yet been resolved. There has not yet been a determination either under canon (Church) or civil law regarding whether the allegations against clergy listed here are credible. Consistent with the principles of the American justice system and Church law, these individuals are afforded a presumption of innocence. The priests in this section are prohibited from engaging in public ministry while their cases are in process.

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| Buckley, James F. | 1931          | 1959               | Diocese of Fall River    | St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River  
Sacred Heart, Fall River  
Immaculate Conception, Fall River  
St. Joan of Arc, Orleans  
St. Augustine, Vineyard Haven  
St. Margaret, Buzzards Bay  
Holy Redeemer, Chatham |

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| Byington, Edward J. | 1939         | 1970               | Diocese of Fall River    | St. John, Attleboro  
Sacred Heart, Taunton  
St. Patrick, Fall River  
St. Paul, Taunton  
St. George, Westport  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Seekonk  
Girl Scouts of America, Attleboro Area  
Sacred Heart, Fall River  
St. Francis, Hyannis  
St. Thomas More, Somerset |

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| Degagne, Richard E. | 1954         | 1982               | Diocese of Fall River    | St. John, Attleboro  
Holy Name, Fall River  
St. Anthony of Padua, New Bedford  
Notre Dame, Fall River  
Sacred Heart, North Attleboro  
Immaculate Conception, Taunton  
St. John Neumann, East Freetown  
Immaculate Conception, North Easton |

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