

Restoring Trust: Response to Sexual Abuse of Minors

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Since 2003, the Diocese of Madison has:

- Written, promulgated, and implemented the diocesan policy dealing with sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment.
 - Performed background checks and Virtus training of over 33,000 priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, seminarians, lay employees and volunteers of the Diocese of Madison and parishes.
 - Implemented the Safe Environment children's program in our schools and religious education programs and have trained almost 13,000 young people to recognize the need for maintaining a safe environment in their personal lives.
 - Bishop Morlino and Bishop Hying have personally met with any and all victims who desired to meet with him. The Chancellor or other diocesan Safe Environment staff met with every alleged victim willing to meet with a church official regarding their experiences. At the bishop's insistence, every person coming forward was treated with respect and every allegation was investigated to the fullest extent possible.
 - At the bishop's insistence, counseling was offered at the diocesan expense, to any person coming forward and identifying themselves as a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, seminarian, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Madison.
 - The bishop and his office have maintained transparent communication with regard to sexual abuse. Every priest with credible accusations against him was made public to the media and online, and frequent updates were offered to the public regarding every case. The diocese pledges to maintain the bishop's directives in this and all other matters..
 - The diocese has never rested on past laurels. We have remained vigilant and increasing urged all victims of abuse to bring their allegation to law enforcement officials and, if applicable, to Church officials as well.
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- Priests with credible accusations, of abuse of a minor, against them:

Name	Current Age	Date of Ordination	Year Left/Removed from Ministry in Diocese of Madison	Current Status	Assignments (alpha, by city)
Archie Adams	Deceased	5/14/1955	1993	Deceased 2008 (Previously placed on Administrative Leave w/o faculties)	St. Charles, Cassville; St. Mary, Marshall; St. Mary, Mineral Point; St. Thomas, Monfort (St. Philomena, Belmont; St. Michael, Calamine; St. John Nepomucene, Castle Rock); St. Luke, Plain; Immaculate Conception, Truman; St. John the Baptist, Waunakee
Curtis Alvarez	69	6/4/1976	1988	Laicized 2010	Our Lady of the Assumption, Beloit; Holy Rosary, Darlington; St. Joseph, East Bristol; St. Mary, Janesville; St. Patrick, Lodi; St. Dennis, Madison; St. Albert the Great, Sun Prairie)
J. Gibbs Clauder	73	5/18/1973	1999	Permanently Removed from Ministry - Life of Prayer and Penance	Holy Rosary, Darlington; St. Dennis, Madison; Madison General Hospital, Madison (In residence - St. Bernard, Madison); Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona
John Eberhardy	Deceased	5/3/1936	1992	Deceased 1992	St. Joseph, Argyle; St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains; Mary Help of Christians, Glen Haven; St. Mary, Mineral Point; St. John the Baptist, Princeton; St. Aloysius, Sauk City; St. Joseph, Sinsinawa

Kenneth Klubertanz	79	5/28/1966	2002	Permanently Removed from Ministry - Life of Prayer and Penance	St. Patrick, Janesville; St. Patrick, Lodi; St. John the Evangelist, Spring Green (St. Malachy, Clyde); Sacred Heart, Reedsburg
Michael Trainor	Deceased	5/12/1972	1984	Deceased 2016 (Laicized 2010)	St. Maria Goretti, Madison; St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison; St. Henry, Watertown
Lawrence Trainor	83	5/30/1964	1989	Laicized 2011	St. Joseph, Dodgeville; St. Peter, Madison; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona; St. John the Baptist, Muscoda (St. Joseph, Avoca)
Gerald Vosen	85	5/27/1961	2004	Permanently Removed from Ministry - Life of Prayer and Penance	St. Joseph, Avoca (St. Malacy, Clyde); St. Joseph, Baraboo; Immaculate Conception, Boscobel; St. Patrick, Cottage Grove; St. John Vianney, Janesville; St. Bernard, Madison; St. Dennis, Madison; St. Peter, Madison; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona; Sacred Heart, Reedsburg; St. Andrew, Verona

Prayer for the Church

Heavenly Father,

In every age, you have been our refuge.

Yet again and still, we stand before you
asking for your protection on your holy Church.

For the victims of abuse and their families,
pour out your healing and your peace...(More)

Make a Report of Abuse

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Safe Environment Training

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As always, any allegation of sexual misconduct should be brought to the attention of law enforcement officials. If allegations involve priests, deacons, or other Church personnel, regardless of when they are said to have occurred, they should also be reported to the Diocese of Madison, by way of the Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line, 608-821-3162. The diocesan policies regarding sexual abuse allegations, and instructions for making a report of sexual misconduct, are available on the diocesan website: madisondiocese.org/safeenvironment.