



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

PUBLICATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

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OFFICE OF BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The current sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church has called forth, and rightfully so, greater accountability and transparency of bishops and dioceses in the resolution of cases of misconduct involving a member of the clergy. This is essential in restoring the trust that has been broken as the result of the misconduct of a few.

The Diocese of Rapid City remains committed to reaching out to victims of childhood sexual abuse within our Diocese as well as doing all that we can to protect our youth and vulnerable adults from harm.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, I have chosen, as part of our ongoing process of reaching out to the Diocesan community, to publicly identify those priests who have carried out ministry in the Diocese of Rapid City, and against whom there is a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor. An allegation is deemed to be credible if there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse occurred. This determination follows a process of consultation and is not a legal judgment. Inclusion on this list does not imply that the claims are true and correct in that the accused individual has been found guilty of a crime or liable for civil claims. In many instances, the claims were made many years or decades after the alleged events and therefore were not capable of an investigation and determination.

It is important to acknowledge the horrid truth of past abuse in the Church so that we can repent of these actions, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that no one is hurt moving forward.

I will ensure that the diocese remains vigilant and transparent in fulfilling its policies and procedures regarding reported sexual misconduct. Anyone who has been a victim of sexual misconduct by a bishop, priest, deacon or lay employee is invited to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator by calling 605-209-3418.

As the Body of Christ, let us all pray for reparation for the sins and failings of those who abused their power and authority which led to the injury of others, especially our children.

Please continue to pray for the healing of those victims and their families who have been harmed by such actions.

Please pray for me and our clergy as we move through this crisis. Pray, too, that the Lord Jesus, the Divine Physician, who gave his life for his Church, leads her to true healing, conversion and holiness. Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

Sincerely in the peace of Christ,

+ Robert D. Gruss

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

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The following list includes those priests who were incardinated and/or served in the Diocese of Rapid City, and who were alleged to have sexually abused a minor(s) in the Diocese. Throughout this report, the number of allegations is identified as S for one allegation and M for more than one allegation. The parish(es) to which the priest was assigned at the time of the allegation(s) are denoted by *.

The following priests were incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: JOHN CORRY – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 5/31/1952 Laicized: 3/24/2004 Died: 7/11/2018 Allegations: M

Date first allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: Sep16,1992

Date of first reported abuse: 1953 Date of last reported abuse: 1979

ASSIGNMENTS:

1952-53 Cathedral, Rapid City

*1953-55 St. Mary's, Lemmon

*1955-67 Blessed Sacrament, Bison/Meadow

*1967-69 St. Rose of Lima, Hill City/Keystone/Silver City

*1969-70 St. Mary's, Lemmon

*1970-71 St. Joseph, Gregory

1971-73 Nursing Home Chaplain, Rapid City

*1973-83 St. John the Baptist, Custer/Custer State Hospital

1983-92 St. Patrick's, Wall/Kadoka

1992 Retired

NAME: THOMAS GORMAN – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 6/4/1949 Died: 3/24/1987 Allegations: S

Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 8/24/2011

Date of reported abuse: 1957/58

ASSIGNMENTS:

1949-52 St. Patrick's, Lead

1952-53 Cathedral, Rapid City

*1953-69 Holy Cross, Timber Lake/Isabel/Firesteel/Glad Valley/Gopher

1969-75 St. Paul's, Belle Fourche

1975-79 St. Ambrose, Deadwood

1979-85 Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City

1985-87 St. Mary's, Lemmon

NAME: WILLIAM LAMBERT – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 5/28/1955 Died: 11/21/2005 Allegations: M

Date first allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1991

Date of first reported abuse:1958 Date of last reported abuse: 1984

ASSIGNMENTS:

1955-56 St. John's, Rapid City/St. John's Hospital

1956-58 St. Mary's, Lemmon

*1958-71 Immaculate Conception, Bonesteel/Fairfax

*1971-81 Christ the King, Presho/Vivian

*1981-91 St. John's, Ft. Pierre

1991 Removed from ministry

NAME: DONALD MURRAY – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 8/18/1945 Died: 10/11/1975 Allegations: M

ASSIGNMENTS:

1945-48 Sacred Heart, Dupree/Lantry/Bear Creek

1948-49 St. Anthony's, Draper/Vivian

1949-50 Sacred Heart, Strool

1950-64 St. Anthony's, Buffalo/Drew/Ralph/Camp Crook/Cox/Vessey/Reva

*1964-75 Released from the Diocese of Rapid City to be Full time Director of Sky Ranch for Boys

NAME: DENNIS RISS – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 6/7/1984 Laicized: 5/7/2004 Died: 5/30/2009 Allegations: M

Date allegation was first made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1984

Date of reported abuse: 1980, 1990

*1980 Prior to Ordination

ASSIGNMENTS:

*1984-90 Immaculate Conception, Bonesteel/Fairfax

1990 Added Burke to above assignment

1990 – 98 St. Joseph's, Faith/Red Owl/Plainview

1998-2002 St. Mary's, Lemmon/Morristown/Watauga

NAME: JAMES SHEEHAN – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 12/21/1940 Died: 3/7/1991 Allegations: S

Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 11/12/04

Date of reported abuse: 1977

ASSIGNMENTS:

1940-53 Cathedral, Rapid City/St. John's Hospital

1942 St. Michael's, Hermosa added to the above

1953-70 St. John's, St. Onge/Mud Butte/Red Owl

1970-84 St. Michael's, Hermosa with residence at St. John's, Rapid City
(St. John's became *St. Therese The Little Flower in 1976)

1984 Retired

NAME: FRANCIS VALLO – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Ordained: 5/25/1951 Died: 3/9/1992 Allegations: M

Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1992

Date of reported abuse: Late 1970's

ASSIGNMENTS:

1951-53 Cathedral, Rapid City

1953-54 Christ the King, Presho

1954-56 Sacred Heart, Vivian/Draper

1956-65 Sacred Heart, Glencross/Trail City

1965-69 St. Mary's, Newell

1969-71 St. Rose of Lima, Hill City/Keystone/Silver City/Mt. Rushmore Visitor Center

*1971-80 St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis

1981-84 Immaculate Conception, Bear Butte/Hereford

1984-87 Chaplain, Ft. Meade Veteran Hospital

1987 Retired

The following priest was incardinated into the Diocese of Albany and ministered in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: FRANCIS BELL – DIOCESE OF ALBANY

Ordained: 4/17/1948 Died: 9/29/1967 Allegations: S
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 4/29/1993
Date of reported abuse: 1965/67

ASSIGNMENTS:

*1965-67 Sacred Heart, Glencross

The following Religious Order priest was not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but was a member of the Order of St. Benedict under the supervision of his Abbot at the time he was ministering in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: GILBERT STACK – ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT

Ordained: 1/6/1939 Died: 9/30/2007 Allegations: S
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1992
Date of reported abuse: 1951/52

ASSIGNMENTS:

1946-48 St. Aloysius, Sturgis/Chaplain St. Martin Convent, Sturgis
*1946-56 Chaplain, St. Martin Convent, Sturgis
1957-92 Operated and managed the Shrine of the Nativity, Bethlehem, SD
1994 Returned to Kansas City

The following Religious Order priest was not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but was a member of the Order of the TOR Franciscans under the supervision of his Provincial at the time he was ministering in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: CLETUS ADAMS – ORDER OF TOR FRANCISCANS

Ordained: 6/9/1941 Died: 12/30/1996 Allegations: S
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: January 2005
Date of reported abuse: 1978

ASSIGNMENTS:

*1972-80 Our Lady of Victory, Kadoka/Midland
1981 Returned to the Franciscan Monastery
1982-83 St. Michael's, Kennebec/Reliance
1984 Cathedral, Rapid City, Ministry to Nursing Homes
May 1984 Returned to St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg, PA

The following Religious Order priest is not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but is a member of the Order of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti (ALCP/OSS) and is on loan for ministry in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: JOHN PRAVEEN KUMAR ITUKULAPATI - ORDER OF THE APOSTOLIC LIFE COMMUNITY OF PRIESTS IN THE OPUS SPIRITUS SANCTI

Ordained: 11/23/2009 Allegations: S

Suspended from Ministry: 10/2/2018

Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 10/2/2018

Date of reported abuse: September 2018

ASSIGNMENTS

2017-18 Cheyenne River Reservation

*June 2018- Oct 2018 Cathedral, Rapid City

October 2018 Suspended from Ministry

The following Priests/Brothers/Scholastics were not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but were members of the Society of Jesus (SJ) and supervised by their Provincial Superior at the time they were ministering on reservations in the Diocese of Rapid City. These individuals have ministered in the Diocese of Rapid City and have either been named on the regional Jesuit listings as alleged offenders in either the Diocese of Rapid City or other Dioceses or as named in a sexual misconduct lawsuit.

NAME: FRANCIS P. CHAPMAN SJ

Ordained: N/A Brother only Died: 11/30/1990 Allegations: Unknown

Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission

ASSIGNMENTS:

Dates unknown St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: BERNARD FAGAN SJ

Ordained: Unknown Died: 11/10/1997 Allegations: Unknown

ASSIGNMENTS:

1946-49 Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge - teaching

1954-69 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation – teaching and administration

1969-76 Superior, St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1981-82 Associate Pastor, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Rapid City

1983-92 Pastor for St. Bridget Parish, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1992-97 Associate Pastor, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Rapid City

NAME: PAUL A. V. FREY SJ

Ordained: N/A Brother only Died: 4/11/1986 Allegations: Unknown

Named in Lawsuit: St. Francis Mission

ASSIGNMENTS:

Dates unknown St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: JOSEPH GILL SJ

Ordained: 6/16/1959 Died: 12/9/2012 Allegations: Unknown

Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission

ASSIGNMENTS:

1953-56 Scholastic at St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1961-74 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1974-77 Teacher at Mission School, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1977-83 Station Manager for KINI Rosebud Indian Reservation

1984-94 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1994-97 St. Isaac Jogues, Rapid City

1998-2003 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: ALBERT JANKA SJ

Ordained: 6/12/1962 Died: 1/15/1986 Allegations: Unknown

Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission

ASSIGNMENTS:

1969-86 St. Francis Mission – Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: JAMES MCDONOUGH SJ

Ordained: 6/17/1961 Died: 12/19/2006 Allegations: S

ASSIGNMENTS:

1978-79 Cathedral, Rapid City

1979-82 Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City/Teacher at St. Martin's Academy, Rapid City

1982-83 Principal, St. Martin's Academy, Rapid City

NAME: THOMAS S. MCSHANE SJ

Ordained: 6/15/1960 Died: 10/16/2018 Allegations: S

ASSIGNMENTS:

1950's St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: EUGENE E. PARSHALL SJ

Ordained: N/A Scholastic Died: Unknown Allegations: M

ASSIGNMENTS:

1964 Scholastic, Holy Rosary Mission/Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

NAME: GEORGE PIEPER SJ

Ordained: 1948 Died: 1/26/1998 Allegations: Unknown

Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission

ASSIGNMENTS:

1950-57 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: KENNETH T. WALLEMAN SJ

Ordained: 6/26/1940 Died: 9/15/2014 Allegations: Unknown

Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission

ASSIGNMENTS:

1963-91 St Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

1991-92 On sabbatical

1992-97 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation