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Disclosures Regarding Clergy Sexual Abuse of Minors

Updated May 22, 2014

In December 2013, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis released a list of names of priests who previously had assignments in the archdiocese, and who have had substantiated claims against them of sexually abusing a minor in our archdiocese. A claim is substantiated when there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reported abuse occurred. Most of the reported incidents of abuse occurred between the mid-1950s and the mid-1980s, and most of these men have been previously identified in media reports. All of these men have been permanently removed from ministry, and most of them have been out of ministry for a decade or more. Additional names were added to this list in February and May 2014, when additional substantiated claims were discovered through an independent review of clergy files.

This disclosure is part of the archdiocese's ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability to all faithful and our larger community. Transparency and accountability are essential in pursuit of our goals to protect the young and vulnerable, care for victims of abuse, and restore trust among the faithful, as well as among our clergy who are serving honorably.

Clergy who have committed acts of sexual abuse have caused insufferable harm to victims, families, parishioners, and the Church. We grieve and pray for all who have been harmed and are committed completely to combating acts of sexual abuse and doing all we can to ensure that these horrors are never repeated in the Church. We do not tolerate sexual abuse of minors and we have taken multiple steps to strengthen prevention and intervention efforts. We urge all victims to contact law enforcement and we pledge to cooperate with civil authorities on all allegations of abuse reported to us.

Archbishop John Nienstedt apologizes to victims, their families and their communities and asks for forgiveness for the grave harm done to young people by clergy who abused, and for failures in the Church's handling of this abuse. He asks that we all keep those harmed by sexual abuse in prayer.

We acknowledge the harm done by clergy sexual abuse to victims, their family and their friends. We are committed to hearing about their experiences as part of healing. We stand with victims and support them in their courageous step forward to give a voice to those harmed. We are saddened and ashamed by the evil actions of men ordained to serve people with love and mercy.

Each man has a disclosure page that may be accessed by clicking on his name. This disclosure summary page contains information about accusations of sexual abuse against a minor or minors, as well as information about the man including his assignment history. In deference to victims, information about victims and the abuse committed against them is limited in this summary.

For more information, read a [Q&A on the disclosure of names](#).

Included in this disclosure are clergy members from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time worked in the archdiocese and were accused of engaging in sexual abuse of minors in our archdiocese, to the extent we have reliable and sufficient information to determine whether the claim was credible and could be substantiated.

Also, please note: Despite our best efforts to provide accurate information, our listing may include some errors or omissions. The archdiocese requests that anyone with additional information or corrections regarding clergy members that are or should be subject to disclosure, to contact Greta Sawyer, the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator at 651-291-4497.

Priests with substantiated claims against them of sexual abuse of a minor

- **Thomas Adamson** - Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese in 1985.
- **John Brown** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Cosmas Dahlheimer** - Permanently removed from ministry 2002 (died in 2004).

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- **Gilbert DeSutter** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- **Gilbert Gustafson** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Louis Heitzer** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1969 (died in 1969).
- **Rudolph Henrich** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1976 (died in 1992).
- **Francis Hoefgen** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Richard Jeub** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Dennis Kampa** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- **Robert Kapoun** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Jerome Kern** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Lee Krautkremer** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Ronan Charles Liles** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1985 (believed to have died sometime before 2006).
- **Alfred Longley** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1968 (died in 1974).
- **Brennan Maiers** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Timothy McCarthy** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1991.
- **John McGrath** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1995 (died in 1995).
- **Paul Palmitessa** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2012.
- **Joseph Pinkosh** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1992.
- **Francis Reynolds** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1987 (died in 1988).
- **Richard Skluzacek** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2005 (died in 2012).
- **Michael Stevens** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Thomas Stitts** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1985 (died in 1985).
- **Robert Thurner** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002.
- **Clarence Vavra** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- **Joseph Wajda** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- **Raymond Walter** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2003.
- **Curtis Wehmeyer** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2012.
- **Robert Zasacki** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2002 (died in 2008).

Disclosures As a Result of Comprehensive File Review

The following names were released February 17, 2014 as a result of a comprehensive file review by an outside national firm. For more information about this disclosure, please see this [statement from the archdiocese](#).

- **Robert Blumeyer** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1983 (died in 1983).
- **Gerald Funcheon** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1993.
- **Kenneth Gansmann** - Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese in 1960 (died, date unknown).
- **Thomas Gillespie** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1996.
- **Michael Kolar** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1991.
- **Kenneth LaVan** - Retired from full time ministry in 1998. Removed from all active ministry December 2013.
- **Francisco (Fredy) Montero** - Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese in 2007.
- **James P. Stark** - Permanently removed from ministry in 1986 (died in 1999).
- **Harold Walsh** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2005.

Additional Disclosures As a Result of Comprehensive File Review

The following names were released May 22, 2014 as a result of a comprehensive file review by an outside national firm. For more information about this disclosure, please see this [release from the archdiocese](#).

- ***Stephen Baker** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2000 (died 2013)

- ***Edmund Frost** – Left archdiocese 1975, unknown when permanently removed from ministry (died sometime before 2006)
- ****Robert Ruglovsky**, pled guilty to criminal charges 1987, permanently removed from ministry in 1987 (died 2006)
- **Justin Weger**, permanently removed from ministry in the archdiocese in 1972 (died 2005)
- **Francis Zachman**, permanently removed from ministry in 1983 (died 1983)

Clergy included on John Jay Commission list with unsubstantiated claims

On Monday, December 2, 2013 we disclosed the names of 29 of the 33 priests on the list provided to the John Jay Commission in 2004 by the archdiocese. We have been able to determine that those 29 priests had substantiated claims asserted against them of sexually abusing a minor. We continue to investigate whether the other four priests had substantiated claims against them of sexually abusing a minor in this archdiocese. One of these men, Roger Vaughn, had substantiated claims of abuse while he was Crosier religious order priest assigned in another diocese, but we find no record of Vaughn's assignment or abuse in this archdiocese.

- **Eugene Corica** - No longer in ministry as of 1995.
- **Robert Loftus** - No longer in ministry as of 1977.
- **Patrick Joseph Ryan** - No longer in ministry as of 1965 (died in 1965).
- **Roger Vaughn** - Permanently removed from ministry in 2000.

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Additional Disclosure of Names – Part of The Archdiocese's Comprehensive Approach to Address Sexual Misconduct

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2014

Source: Jim Accurso

As part of our ongoing commitment to address sexual misconduct in Church ministry, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis today released the names and assignment history information of three priests and two religious brothers against who claims of sexual abuse of a minor within our archdiocese have been found to be substantiated. This information can be found by going to archspm.org and clicking on "**Clergy Abuse Disclosures**" in the upper right hand sidebar.

The names released today are:

Stephen Baker

Edmund Frost

Robert Ruglovsky

Justin Weger

Francis Zachman

All the men named today are deceased and in all cases the abuse occurred more than 25 years ago. Four of the men were members of religious orders and the other man was assigned by the Eparchy of Parma at a Byzantine rite parish within the geographical boundaries of the archdiocese. While religious brothers are not ordained clergy, we are including their names because they had an official parish assignment within this archdiocese.

We are making these disclosures as part of the ongoing review of clergy personnel files conducted by Kinsale Management Consulting at the request of the archdiocese. Beginning in December 2013, Kinsale reviewed the personnel files of all men in ministry as clergy in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis at any point from 1970 to the present, whether or not they remain in public ministry. Kinsale reviewed a total of 3,333 clergy files before completing their work in April 2014. The purpose of the review was to determine whether there are additional cases of sexual abuse or other misconduct that require investigation by law enforcement, public disclosure or other action by the archdiocese.

The archdiocese has shared information discovered through the Kinsale file review with law enforcement. We pledge to continue to cooperate with civil authorities and we urge any victims of abuse who have not yet come forward to please contact civil authorities to make a report.

The archdiocese will continue to make prudent and ongoing disclosures if additional information is found. We recognize that timely disclosure is important to safeguard children and youth and we are committed to making timely disclosure if a member of the clergy is accused of abuse. It is also clear from conversation with victims that disclosure is an important part of the healing process.

Archdiocesan leaders apologize for the harm done by clergy abuse and we acknowledge the pain caused to victims and their families and friends. We ask for forgiveness from victims and their loved ones and we pray for healing.

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*Stephen Baker

Date of birth: 1951

Date of ordination: n/a (religious brother)

Date the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis posted this cleric's name on a list of those with claims of substantiated abuse against them: May 22, 2014

Prior assignments:

- St Patrick, Inver Grove Heights 1977-1981
- Left the archdiocese in the early 1980s

Diocese or religious order: Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular

Date no longer in ministry: 2000

Current location: Deceased 2013

Current status: Deceased 2013

* Not a member of the clergy, however this man was a religious brother with a parish assignment within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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*Edmund Frost

Date of birth: Unknown

Date of ordination: n/a (religious brother)

Date the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis posted this cleric's name on a list of those with claims of substantiated abuse against them: May 22, 2014

Prior assignments:

- St. Albert the Great, Minneapolis 1964-1975
- Left the archdiocese in 1975

Diocese or religious order: Dominican Order

Date no longer in ministry: Unknown (Deceased sometime before 2006)

Current location: Deceased sometime before 2006

Current status: Deceased sometime before 2006

* Not a member of the clergy, however this man was a religious brother with a parish assignment within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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****Robert Ruglovsky**

Date of birth: 2/10/1937

Date of ordination: 1961

Date the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis posted this cleric's name on a list of those with claims of substantiated abuse against them: May 22, 2014

Cleric's prior assignments:

- St. John the Baptist, Minneapolis (Byzantine rite parish)

Diocese or religious order:

Date no longer in ministry: In May 1987, pled guilty to six counts of criminal sexual conduct in Hennepin County District Court in 1987; sentenced to 1 year in workhouse and 15 years' probation; permanently removed from ministry in 1987

Current location: Deceased 2006

Current status: Deceased 2006

**Ruglovsky was ordained in the Byzantine rite, but may have received faculties to provide ministry within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as well as within the Eparchy of Parma.

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Justin Weger

Date of birth: 1925

Date of ordination: 1952

Date the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis posted this cleric's name on a list of those with claims of substantiated abuse against them: May 22, 2014

Cleric's prior assignments:

- Outside the archdiocese
- In residence, St. Stephen, Minneapolis, 1970-1971
- In residence, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, 1971
- Native American ministry within the Archdiocese 1972
- In residence, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, 1972

Diocese or religious order: Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosiers)

Date no longer in ministry: The archdiocese removed him from ministry in 1972; the Crosiers permanently removed him from all ministry in 1976

Current location: Deceased 2005

Current status: Deceased 2005

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Francis Zachman

Date of birth: 1925

Date of ordination: 1951

Date the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis posted this cleric's name on a list of those with claims of substantiated abuse against them: May 22, 2014

Cleric's prior assignments:

- Pastor, Assumption, Richfield, 1973-1981
- Administrator, St. Albert, Albertville, 1981
- In residence, St. George, Long Lake, 1981
- Associate Pastor, St. Casimir, St. Paul, 1982

Diocese or religious order: Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular

Date no longer in ministry: 1983 (deceased)

Current location: Deceased 1983

Current status: Deceased 1983

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