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## Publication With Respect to Archdiocesan Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child



### Cardinal's Decision Regarding the Archdiocese of Boston's Publication With Respect To Its Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child

August 25, 2011

My Dear Friends in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Boston's commitment and responsibility is to protect children and to ensure that the tragedy of sexual abuse is never repeated in the Church. Since the crisis erupted in 2002, we have endeavored to regain trust by addressing the needs of survivors and those who have suffered as a result of clergy sexual abuse, investigating and responding to all allegations of misconduct involving minors, removing abusive priests from active ministry consistent with our zero tolerance policy, and creating and maintaining safe environments for children in our churches and schools. Much has been accomplished in Boston since 2002, but our work in this area is continuing, and we will remain ever vigilant.

The Archdiocese is continually evaluating its policies and practices to ensure that our child protection and abuse prevention efforts are further strengthened. Consistent with that effort, I have studied suggestions that we enhance the present Archdiocesan policy with respect to sharing information about clergy accused of sexually abusing minors. This is a complex issue involving several competing considerations. On the one hand, there is the critically important need to assure the protection of children and also important considerations related to transparency and healing; on the other, there are interests related to the due process rights and reputations of those accused clergy whose cases have not been fully adjudicated, including deceased priests who were not alive to respond to the allegations. After a careful study of our present policy in light of these considerations, as well as after a chance to consult with my

advisors and advisory bodies, including the Presbyteral Council and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, I am announcing today revisions to the policy of the Boston Archdiocese with respect to disclosing names of clergy accused of sexually abusing minors.

This revision comes after serious and thoughtful consideration and prayer by myself and many others. I am acutely aware of the harm that the abuse of children by clergy has caused in the lives of so many. And while I know there will be some who believe our policy changes should go further, after careful consultation and consideration of views expressed by many people and groups, I believe that the changes we are making are appropriate and I would like to share my rationale for arriving at this decision.

Since 2002, the Archdiocese has had in place a vigorous policy with respect to disclosing information about clergy accused of abusing minors. First and foremost, it is the policy of the Archdiocese to immediately report to law enforcement all allegations of clergy sexual abuse of children. These notifications are made to local District Attorneys' offices, the Massachusetts Attorney General, and, when appropriate, federal law enforcement. These notifications are made whether or not the person reporting the abuse is still a minor, whether or not the accused cleric is still alive, and whether or not the allegations have been evaluated to have even the semblance of truth. Second, the Archdiocese publicly discloses when a member of its clergy is removed from active ministry pending an investigation into an allegation of child abuse. Finally, the Archdiocese publicly discloses when a member of its clergy is convicted of sexual abuse of a child as a result of a criminal process or when, after a canonical process, a member of the clergy is removed from the

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a criminal process or when, after a canonical process, a member of the clergy is removed from the clerical state.

In addition to these disclosures in individual cases, the Archdiocese has released extensive information about the abuse cases in Boston. The Archdiocese published, in February 2004, a comprehensive report on the number of accused priests in the Boston Archdiocese, as well as the number of victims of those priests, in the period 1950-2003.<sup>1</sup> This report compiled various key statistics regarding the allegations of abuse made against clergy in the Boston Archdiocese, as well as information on settlements that had been reached historically by the Boston Archdiocese. In addition to this report, the Archdiocese has published annual financial reports starting in 2006, including, among other financial information, information about the abuse settlements reached each year, the financial sources for those payments, and the related costs for Archdiocesan pastoral and child protection efforts.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the Archdiocese has produced extensive documentation with respect to past allegations of clergy sexual abuse both in response to requests from law enforcement and in civil litigation. Information from those files has been summarized in a report published in 2003 by the Massachusetts Attorney General's office.<sup>3</sup>

The policy which I am announcing today will retain our present practices and also supplement them in key respects. First, the Archdiocese has created for its website ([www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org)) a compiled list of names of accused clergy in the following categories:

- The names of all Boston Archdiocese clergy who have been found guilty of sexually abusing a child, either by the Church (canon law), the State (criminal law), or both. In the case of criminal convictions, the cleric either has been convicted after a criminal trial or has pled guilty to a crime involving the sexual abuse of a child. In the case of canonical processes, the clerics whose names are included either have been dismissed from the clerical state at the end of the canonical process, or have been assigned to a life of prayer and penance, with no ministry possible.
- The names of all Boston Archdiocese clergy who have been laicized after having been accused of sexually abusing a minor. Laicization under Church law is a process whereby the priest voluntarily requests that he be separated from the clerical state.
- The names of all clergy of the Archdiocese who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a child where canonical proceedings remain to be completed. In each case, the cleric involved has been removed from public ministry and remains on administrative leave.
- The names of Boston Archdiocese clergy who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a child, but who had already been laicized and therefore were no longer in active ministry by the time the accusations were received.
- The names of those deceased clergy of the Archdiocese who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a child, but where criminal or canonical proceedings were not completed. In most of these cases, the accused priest had died before the allegations were received.

This represents the first time that names of accused clerics have been compiled by the Archdiocese in a central location and a readily accessible format.

Second, as to each member of the clergy whose name is listed in these categories, the Archdiocese has included in this website the following pertinent information: the cleric's year of birth and year of ordination; whether the cleric is alive or deceased, and if deceased, the year of death; for members of the clergy who are alive, their status as well as the date of any laicization, dismissal, or conviction of the accused cleric; and a link to the cleric's assignment history. This list, which is searchable, will be regularly updated as additional announcements are made in the future.

Third, I have decided to publish a separate listing of the names of those clergy who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a child where the allegations have been found unsubstantiated by the Review Board after a preliminary investigation or where the priest has been acquitted after a canonical process. In a number of cases, these priests have been returned to active ministry.

The revised policy being announced today attempts to balance appropriately several considerations which bear on this matter:

- The Church needs to be open about clergy accused of crimes against children in order to help foster the process of healing and restoration of trust.
- Accused priests or deacons who have been laicized or dismissed are no longer in the clerical state and consequently no longer under the authority of the Archdiocese; to the extent they pose any ongoing risk to children, a comprehensive disclosure of their names may assist in addressing that risk.
- Not only must the Archdiocese honor its commitment to protect children, it must also be mindful of the due process concerns of those whose guilt has not been established. In the present environment, a priest who is accused of sexually abusing a minor may never be able to fully restore his reputation, even if cleared after civil or canonical proceedings.

Reputational concerns also become acute in cases concerning deceased priests, who are often accused years after their death with no opportunity to address the accusations against them.

In arriving at our revised policy in this area, I have carefully weighed these considerations. I also have considered what a number of other dioceses have done.

I believe that, to the extent possible, our revised policy addresses the concerns and views that have been expressed, is consistent with if not more expansive than civil law, and best balances the considerations mentioned above. In arriving at this revised policy, there were a few issues that were particularly difficult and I would like to comment briefly on them.

The first issue has to do with the listing of the names of deceased priests who have been accused of abusing a child. More concern was expressed as to this category than any other. As to deceased priests, there is, by definition, no consideration relating to child protection, and the countervailing considerations related to due process and protecting reputations become more substantial. In the vast majority of these cases, the priest was accused after he had already passed away and accordingly had no chance to address the allegations being brought against him. In a very large percentage of these particular cases, there has been a single allegation of abuse; that is not said by way of minimizing the allegations of misconduct, but rather to point out that there is little evidence on which to base a decision of guilt or innocence. It is extremely difficult to determine the credibility of these accusations, given that they involve matters that typically occurred decades ago.

After consideration of all perspectives, I have decided to include in our compiled list the names of deceased priests if the criminal or canonical proceedings against that priest were completed before his death or if the priest has already been accused publicly. I emphasize that our decision not to list the names of deceased priests who have not been publicly accused and as to whom there were no canonical proceedings conducted or completed (most were accused well after their death) does not in any way mean that the Archdiocese did not find that the claims of particular survivors who accused those deceased priests to be credible or compelling. Indeed, in many of those cases, the Archdiocese already has proceeded to compensate the survivor and provides counseling and pastoral care to those individuals.

Another issue which drew substantial commentary was whether a standard of "credibility" should be used to determine the listing of an accused priest. After consideration, I have decided not to rely on that term in making decisions about those accused clergy that should be listed on our website. The term "credibility" can have a variety of meanings, and, in this context, can mean anything from "plausible" but not proven, to "more likely than not" (the standard used in civil cases), to the high standard used for convictions in criminal and canonical cases ("beyond a reasonable doubt"/subject to "moral certitude"). I have decided instead to proceed by listing the names of clergy in the categories described above.

Another issue to which I have given substantial consideration has to do with listing names of accused priests who are not priests of the Boston Archdiocese, but are religious order priests or priests from other dioceses. After careful consideration, I have decided to limit the names that are being published on our website to clergy of the Boston Archdiocese. I have decided not to include names of religious order priests or priests from other dioceses on our list because the Boston Archdiocese does not determine the outcome in such cases; that is the responsibility of the priest's order or diocese. I recognize that, over the years, many religious order priests and priests of other dioceses have served within the territory of the Boston Archdiocese, including in assignments at our parishes.

In its 2004 report, the Archdiocese published information with respect to the number of religious order priests and priests from other dioceses who had been accused of abusing minors while serving within the Archdiocese. Archdiocesan policy is that, as soon as an accusation of misconduct is received against a religious order priest or a priest from a different diocese, we immediately notify law enforcement, as well as the superior of that order or the bishop of that diocese, and revoke the accused priest's faculties to minister within our Archdiocese. Under

canon law, it falls to the superior or to the bishop to investigate and evaluate the accusation, taking appropriate canonical action. I urge the religious orders and other dioceses to consider their own policies with regard to publishing the names of accused clergy. I hope that other dioceses and religious orders will review our new policy and consider making similar information available to the public to the extent they have not already done so.

Lastly, I have considered what should be done with the names of priests as to whom allegations were found unsubstantiated. I have decided to include in a separate list the names of accused clergy where the accusations have been found not substantiated after an investigation by civil authorities or by the Church if the names of those priests are already in the public domain. The Archdiocese already makes an announcement when a priest who previously has been publicly removed from ministry is allowed to return to active ministry following an investigation. However, I have decided not to include the names of accused clergy against whom allegations have been

have decided not to include the names of accused clergy against whom allegations have been found unsubstantiated where their names have not been previously publicized. I believe it would be unfair to these clerics to release their previously unpublicized names on a list of accused priests after civil or Church processes have already found the allegations against them to be unsubstantiated.

In total, 159 names of accused clerics of the Boston Archdiocese are included on the lists being published today. Of these, 22 represent cases that are still in process canonically, with the priest on administrative leave and having no public ministry. It is my wish and goal that these remaining cases be processed as expeditiously as possible. At the conclusion of those cases, additional announcements and amendments to the list will be made accordingly.

To put this information in context, there have been to date a total of 250 clerics of the Boston Archdiocese accused of sexually abusing a minor. There are 91 names that are not being included on the lists published today, which can be summarized as follows: 62 names of deceased clergy as to whom canonical proceedings were never conducted or completed and who have not been publicly accused; 22 priests of the Boston Archdiocese as to whom the accusations of misconduct with a minor could not be substantiated;<sup>4</sup> 4 priests or former priests of the Archdiocese who are not in active ministry and are the subject of a preliminary investigation; and 3 priests who were already laicized or dismissed by the time they were accused, and who have not been publicly accused.

It is important to note that the allegations of sexual abuse by Archdiocesan priests generally do not involve claims about current misconduct, but rather involve abuse occurring decades ago and before the Church adopted its current child protection policies. As described in detail in the report published by the Archdiocese in February 2004, the vast majority of the complaints received by the Archdiocese before 2004 involved incidents alleged to have occurred from 1965 to 1982, with a substantial decline in the number of incidents thereafter. More recent data, collected through 2010, confirm that same historical pattern. Only 4% of the 198 allegations received by the Archdiocese in the past six years involve child abuse alleged to have occurred more recently than 1990; over 90% of the incidents are alleged to have occurred before 1985. I do not say this in any way to minimize the abuse of minors by Boston priests, which is heinous, or the serious mistakes made by the Church hierarchy in responding to it. Nor do I seek to ignore the harm caused to survivors by these historical incidents, harm which is both current and the subject of our ongoing pastoral response. Rather I simply seek to place the problem in context and to give the faithful some confidence that the policies adopted by the Church to protect its children starting in the early 1990s have been effective.

These policies include equipping children to report abuse; training our clergy, volunteers, and staff to identify and report suspected abuse; conducting annual background checks for all clergy, volunteers, and staff; and upholding the norm of zero tolerance by ensuring that no priest who has sexually abused a child will be permitted to exercise any ministry. Since 2003, approximately 300,000 children have received safe environment training through their parish schools or religious education programs. Approximately 175,000 adults – including diocesan and religious order priests, deacons, candidates for ordination at Archdiocesan seminaries and in diaconate formation, educators, employees, parents, and volunteers – have been trained to recognize and report suspected abuse. More than 300,000 CORI checks have been conducted for Archdiocesan and religious priests, deacons, educators, volunteers, and other personnel working with children. Almost 400 reports of child abuse or neglect (51A reports) have been filed with the Department of Children and Families (formerly the Department of Social Services) by our parishes and schools since these safety programs began. The majority of reports were made as a result of a child self-disclosing abuse to someone in the parish. In almost all cases, the abuse involved someone in the child's family, a neighbor, other children, or an adult known to the child.

The Archdiocese will supplement the lists being published today on its website on a regular basis and will continue to make announcements at key stages of individual cases, consistent with prior policy. In addition, nothing that is being announced today undercuts the continued willingness of the Archdiocese to discuss with individual survivors of abuse information with respect to the accused priest.

Despite our every effort to provide accurate and current information, in this first effort to provide a listing there will be errors and omissions. I would ask that anyone with additional information or corrections to the lists being published to contact our Delegate for Investigations at (617) 746-5639.

It is my belief that in amending our policy and organizing this information on our website so that it is readily accessible, we take one more step forward in our efforts to assume responsibility for our past failures and reaffirm our commitment to assure that our present day standards protect the children of our community. We recognize that this announcement may serve as a painful reminder of the wounds many survivors carry and we invite any individual who has been harmed by clergy sexual abuse to contact our Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach at (781) 794-2581 or (866) 244-9603. Having met with hundreds of survivors, I know firsthand the scars you carry. And I carry with me every day the pain of the Church's failures. I express once again my sorrow for your

pain and my apology for any way the Church and its clergy have failed you.

My deepest hope and prayer is that the efforts I am announcing today will provide some additional comfort and healing for those who have suffered from sexual abuse by clergy and will continue to strengthen our efforts to protect God's children.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+ Sean, OFM Cap*

Archbishop of Boston

<sup>1</sup> Statement of Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley Regarding Clergy Sexual Abuse in the Archdiocese of Boston from 1950-2003, available at

[http://www.bostoncatholic.org/uploadedFiles/News\\_releases\\_2004\\_statement040226.pdf](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/uploadedFiles/News_releases_2004_statement040226.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Available at <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/annualreport.aspx?pid=508>.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/PSO.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> Of these 22 priests, 4 are deceased, 8 are retired or on health leave, 1 has been restricted by the Archdiocese from engaging in active ministry for other reasons, and 9 are in active ministry without restriction.

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## Publication With Respect to Archdiocesan Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child



### Categories of Archdiocesan Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child

The Archdiocese of Boston has published the following categories of its clergy accused of sexually abusing a child. For more information regarding what is included and what is not included in these categories, please see [Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley's letter dated August 25, 2011](#). For an explanation of the terms used in these lists, please see the accompanying [Glossary](#).

#### A. Cases That Have Been Concluded Canonically, Either By Dismissal or Sentence to Life of Prayer and Penance, or Criminally, Either By Plea or Conviction.

This section contains the names of those members of the clergy of the Boston Archdiocese who have been found guilty of sexually abusing a child, either by the Church, the State, or both. In the case of criminal convictions, the cleric either has been convicted after a criminal trial or has pled guilty to a crime involving the sexual abuse of a child. In the case of canonical processes, the clerics whose names are included in this section either have been dismissed from the clerical state ("dismissed") at the end of a canonical process or have been assigned to a life of prayer and penance, with no ministry possible. The Church assigns priests to a life of prayer and penance where they are not suited to dismissal due to age or infirmity.

Name	Ordination Date	Status
<a href="#">Barrett, Robert E</a>	1963	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004); Deceased (2008)
<a href="#">Buchette, Anthony L</a>	1957	Dismissed (2005)
<a href="#">Coughlin, Richard T</a>	1953; Excardinated to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (now Diocese of Orange) in 1971	Permanently Restricted
<a href="#">Crowley, Jr., Joseph I (Permanent Deacon)</a>	1980	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (1999); Laicized (2006)
<a href="#">Dempsey, Thomas F</a>	Ordained for the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin in 1955; Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Boston in 1976	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges in Wisconsin (1997); Deceased (1998)
<a href="#">Fay, Robert D</a>	1967	Dismissed (2005)
<a href="#">Gale, Robert V</a>	1968	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2004); Laicized (2006)
<a href="#">Geoghan, John J</a>	1962	Dismissed (1998); Convicted on

<b>Ann Lally</b> Director of the Office for Background Screening Email Office: 617-746-5840	<a href="#">Guthrie, Frederick L.</a>	1962	Criminal Charges (2000); Deceased (2003)
<b>Bob Kelley</b> Director of the Office of Child Advocacy Email Office: 617-746-5996	<a href="#">Guthrie, Frederick L.</a>	1962	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (involving attempted solicitation of a minor over the Internet) (2004); Laicized (2010)
	<a href="#">Hanlon, John R.</a>	1955	Convicted on Criminal Charges (1994); Laicized (2005)
	<a href="#">Hurley, Paul W.</a>	1970	Convicted on Criminal Charges (2006); Dismissed (2008)
	<a href="#">Iguabita-Rodriguez, Kelvin E.</a>	1999	Convicted on Criminal Charges (2003); Dismissed (2005)
	<a href="#">Johnson, Harold J.</a>	1949	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004); Deceased (2009)
	<a href="#">Keane, John F.</a>	1969	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2008); Dismissed (2009)
	<a href="#">Kelley, Edward T.</a>	1968	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2005); Deceased (2011)
	<a href="#">Lane, Bernard J.</a>	1960	Dismissed (2004)
	<a href="#">Laurano, Anthony J.</a>	1950	Dismissed (2007); Deceased (2007)
	<a href="#">Mahan, Paul J.</a>	1968	Dismissed (1998)
	<a href="#">McMahon, Gerard T.</a>	1961	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2006); Laicization Pending
	<a href="#">Murphy, Francis A.</a>	1957; Excardinated to the Archdiocese of Anchorage (1964)	Permanently Restricted
	<a href="#">Nyhan, W. James.</a>	1973	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2006); Dismissed (2007)
	<a href="#">O'Sullivan, Eugene M.</a>	1960	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (1984); Dismissed (2005)
	<a href="#">Paquin, Ronald H.</a>	1973	Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2002); Laicized (2004)
	<a href="#">Plourde, Raymond C.</a>	1958	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004)
	<a href="#">Rosenkranz, George J.</a>	1962	Dismissed (2006)
	<a href="#">Shanley, Paul R.</a>	1960	Dismissed (2004); Convicted on Criminal Charges (2005)
	<a href="#">Tague, Patrick J.</a>	1963	Dismissed (2006)
	<a href="#">Tivnan, Paul J.</a>	1963	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004)

<a href="#">Welsh, Joseph L</a>	1968	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004)
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**B. Cases That Have Been Concluded Canonically By Laicization.**

Laicization under Church law is a process whereby the cleric voluntarily requests that he be separated from the clerical state. The laicization process, because it is voluntary, does not involve a determination of guilt for crimes involving the sexual abuse of children. Included in this section

are the names of priests who have sought laicization after being accused of sexually abusing a minor.

Name	Ordination Date	Status
<a href="#">Balcom, Gary E</a>	1972	Laicized (1998); Deceased (2002)
<a href="#">Beale, Robert P</a>	1970	Laicized (2010)
<a href="#">Cartier, Jr., Frederick J</a>	1963	Laicized (2010)
<a href="#">Coleman, Joseph K</a>	1981	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">Connell, John K</a>	1965	Laicized (2005); Deceased (2007)
<a href="#">Conte, Denis A</a>	1975	Laicized (2004)
<a href="#">Daly, Robert F</a>	1967	Laicized (2011)
<a href="#">Finegan, Paul J</a>	1970	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">Forry, Thomas P</a>	1968	Laicized (2006)
<a href="#">Frost, Peter J</a>	1970	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">Govoni, Louis J</a>	1972	Laicized (2010)
<a href="#">Keefe, Dennis A</a>	1989	Laicized (2009)
<a href="#">Knapp, Robert J</a>	1965	Laicized (2010)
<a href="#">Matte, Richard O</a>	1964	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">McDonald, Paul E</a>	1964	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">McMahon, Jr., Benjamin J</a>	1968	Laicized (2010)
<a href="#">Meffan, Robert V</a>	1953	Laicized (2004)
<a href="#">Morrissette, Robert H</a>	1975	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">Ryan, Frederick J</a>	1964	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">Tourigney, Ernest E</a>	1961	Laicized (2006)
<a href="#">Walsh, William M</a>	1971	Laicized (2011)
<a href="#">Ward, Robert A</a>	1974	Laicized (2004)
<a href="#">White, Paul D</a>	1961	Laicized (2005)
<a href="#">Wilson, James L</a>	1990	Laicized (1998)



**C. Cases Involving Living Archdiocesan Clergy That Already Have Been Publicized, But Where The Canonical Proceedings Against Those Clergy Have Not Yet Been Resolved.** Included in this section are the names of priests or deacons of the Boston Archdiocese who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a child, but where there remain to be completed canonical proceedings involving those priests or deacons. In each case, the cleric involved has been removed from public ministry and remains on administrative leave. It must be emphasized that there has been no final determination of guilt or innocence in these cases.

Name	Ordination Date	Status
<a href="#">Barr, Frederick L.</a>	1976	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Berthold, George C</a>	1963	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Braley, James E.</a>	1975	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Butler, William L</a>	1961	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Byrne, Joseph F.</a>	1969	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Carroll, John P</a>	1953	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Charest, Edmund P</a>	1960	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Curran, Thomas M</a>	1970	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Foley, James J</a>	1978	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Fratte, Joseph P</a>	1964	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Gaudreau, James E.</a>	1969	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Graham, Daniel M</a>	1970	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Lyons, John P</a>	1955	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Maquire, Thomas H.</a>	1976	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Manning, Paul F</a>	1967	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">McLaughlin, Paul J</a>	1955	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Menna, F. Dominic</a>	1958	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Mullin, Jay M</a>	1969	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Pelletier, Leonard E</a>	1969	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Poitras, Steven W</a>	1993	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Rebeiro, Anthony J</a>	Ordained for Diocese of Nagpur, India in 1956; Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Boston in 1977	Administrative Leave; Case in Process
<a href="#">Surette, C. Melvin</a>	1956	Administrative Leave; Case in Process

**D. Cases Involving Priests Accused After Laicization On Other Grounds.**

Laicization under Church law is a process whereby the cleric voluntarily requests that he be separated from the clerical state. Included in this section are the names of priests who were already laicized (and therefore no longer in the clerical state) when they were publicly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.

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Name	Ordination Date	Status
<a href="#">Carew, Michael J</a>	1949; Incardinated 1964	Laicized (1971)
<a href="#">Dunn, John A</a>	1960	Laicized (1973)
<a href="#">Maloney, William F</a>	1959	Laicized (1974)
<a href="#">Towner, Robert K</a>	1969	Laicized (1990)

**E. Cases Involving Deceased Clergy for Whom Criminal or Canonical Proceedings Were Not Completed But The Existence of Allegations Has Been Publicized.**

This section includes the names of deceased clergy accused of sexual abuse of a minor for whom criminal or canonical proceedings were not completed, but the existence of allegations has been publicized. In most cases, allegations were received only after the priest's death. In others, the priest died before the conclusion of the proceedings. There has been no formal determination of guilt in these cases. Rather, the Archdiocese has decided to list these names in the interest of transparency and healing.

Name	Ordination Date	Status
<a href="#">Atwater, John T</a>	1963	Deceased (2006)
<a href="#">Aubut, Charles E</a>	1941	Deceased (2002)
<a href="#">Bailot, Eugene J</a>	1937	Deceased (1983)
<a href="#">Bayers, Sydney H</a>	1937	Deceased (1979)
<a href="#">Beauvais, Leon F</a>	1962	Deceased (1997)
<a href="#">Birmingham, Joseph E</a>	1960	Deceased (1989)
<a href="#">Bolduc, Paul J</a>	1960	Deceased (2009)
<a href="#">Boucher, Clarence R</a>	1940	Deceased (2001)
<a href="#">Breton, Philippe C</a>	1936	Deceased (1984)
<a href="#">Bullock, Myron F</a>	1953	Deceased (2007)
<a href="#">Collins, Jeremiah J</a>	1939	Deceased (1982)
<a href="#">Connelly, James E</a>	1943	Deceased (1985)
<a href="#">Cotter, John M</a>	1969	Deceased (1989)
<a href="#">Creighton, Gerald E</a>	1951	Deceased (2004)
<a href="#">Croke, Edmund W</a>	1928	Deceased (1971)
<a href="#">Cummings, William J</a>	1968	Deceased (1994)
<a href="#">Dever, Gerard V</a>	1971	Deceased (1997)
<a href="#">Dewey, Charles F</a>	1939	Deceased (1996)
<a href="#">Dewire, John J</a>	1946	Deceased (1994)
<a href="#">Dwyer, Leo V</a>	1932	Deceased (1989)
<a href="#">Fairbairn, Frank E</a>	1969	Deceased (2000)

<a href="#">Fusoni, Joseph A</a>	1960	Deceased (1988)
<a href="#">Guiney, John E</a>	1947	Deceased (1998)
<a href="#">Hagan, Arthur J</a>	1933	Deceased (1963)
<a href="#">Hyder, Raymond L</a>	1929	Deceased (1975)
<a href="#">Jansonis, Alphonse</a>	1945	Deceased (2000)
<a href="#">Kane, Charles R</a>	1953	Deceased (1986)
<a href="#">Keenan, Bernard J</a>	1948	Deceased (1966)
<a href="#">Kenney, Joseph F</a>	1931	Deceased (1992)
<a href="#">Lane, James H.</a>	1962	Deceased (2007)
<a href="#">Lane, John J</a>	1925	Deceased (1971)
<a href="#">LeBlanc, Kenneth</a>	1976	Deceased (2010)
<a href="#">Lombard, Samuel J</a>	1946	Deceased (1998)
<a href="#">McAndrews, John K</a>	1949	Deceased (1986)
<a href="#">McDonald, James T</a>	1953	Deceased (1999)
<a href="#">McKeon, James T</a>	1928	Deceased (1965)
<a href="#">Morgan, William H</a>	1950	Deceased (1999)
<a href="#">Moriarty, Paul J</a>	1948	Deceased (1982)
<a href="#">Motherway, Thomas F</a>	1969	Deceased (2003)
<a href="#">Murphy, Kenneth B</a>	1946	Deceased (1999)
<a href="#">O'Donovan, Rickard J.</a>	1949	Deceased (2000)
<a href="#">O'Neill, William V</a>	1931	Deceased (1960)
<a href="#">Ouellette, Lionel P</a>	1957	Deceased (2000)
<a href="#">Papile, Joseph A (Deacon)</a>	1988	Deceased (2009)
<a href="#">Reilly, Joseph P</a>	1943	Deceased (1992)
<a href="#">Roche, Allan E</a>	1946	Deceased (1997)
<a href="#">Ryer, Robert L</a>	1943	Deceased (1967)
<a href="#">Rynne, Paul P</a>	1956	Deceased (2001)
<a href="#">Shaughnessey, James C</a>	1937	Deceased (1989)

<a href="#">Shea, William B</a>	1946	Deceased (2005)
<a href="#">Shea, Francis S</a>	1932	Deceased (1972)
<a href="#">Spagnolia, D. George</a>	1964	Deceased (2008)
<a href="#">St. Hilaire, Bernard</a>	1951	Deceased (1977)
<a href="#">Sullivan, Michael D</a>	1945	Deceased (2005)
<a href="#">Thomson, J. Garrett</a>	1981	Deceased (2010)
<a href="#">Veneto, Joseph P</a>	1946	Deceased (1998)
<a href="#">White, John J</a>	1957	Deceased (2004)

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### Glossary of Key Terms

**Administrative Leave** – While on administrative leave pending an investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse of a child, clergy are restricted from performing public ministry.

**Child** – A person under eighteen (18) years of age.

**Clergy or Cleric** – Clergy (or clerics) are the ordained ministers of the Catholic Church, including bishops, priests, transitional deacons and permanent deacons.

**Dismissed** – A member of the clergy who has been dismissed from the clerical state. The Archdiocese may petition Rome for a priest's dismissal after a canonical process, or a priest may be dismissed by Rome *ex officio*.

**Laicized** – A member of the clergy who has been voluntarily removed from the clerical state. Clergy may voluntarily petition for laicization; petitions are granted by Rome.

**Prayer & Penance** – Priests who have admitted an accusation and who have been assigned to a life of prayer and penance because they are not suited for dismissal due to age or infirmity.

**Publicly Accused** – Clerics accused of sexual abuse of a child where: a) the accusations have been the subject of media coverage; b) the accusations have been the subject of a press release by the Archdiocese; and/or c) the cleric's name appears on lists maintained and published by advocacy groups such as BishopAccountability.com.

**Restricted** – A cleric who is prohibited from performing public ministry.

**Review Board** – A consultative committee consisting of at least five (5) and up to nine (9) members that advises the Cardinal in the assessment of complaints of child sexual abuse by a

cleric and in his determination of the suitability of an accused cleric for ministry. The Review Board reviews investigations which have been conducted by the Delegate for Investigations (an Archdiocesan office comprised of professional investigators.) In addition to advising the Cardinal on addressing particular complaints, the Review Board also advises on policy matters relating to the protection of children. The Review Board is comprised of psychologists, social workers, educators, retired law enforcement agents, survivors of clergy sexual abuse, parents, judges and pastoral ministers. Only one person is a member of the clergy of the Archdiocese and none of the other Board members are employees of the Archdiocese. The Cardinal appoints each member for a term of five (5) years, which can be renewed.

**Senior Priest** – Status granted by the Archdiocese to priests who have reached the age of 75.

**Sexual Abuse of A Child** – Sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a child and other behavior by which an adult uses a child as an object of sexual gratification.

**Substantiated** – A claim which, after review, is supported by sufficient evidence to establish the probability that the accused cleric has committed an offense of sexual abuse of a child.

**Unsubstantiated** – A claim which, after review, is not supported by sufficient evidence to establish the probability that the accused cleric has committed an offense of sexual abuse of a child.

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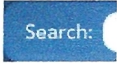
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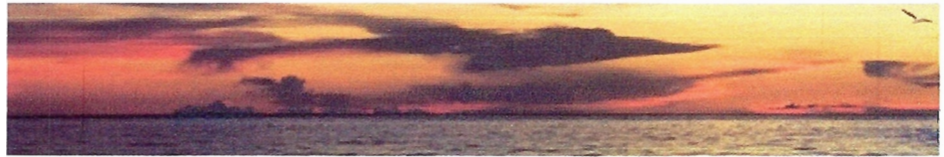
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### List of Unsubstantiated Cases

The following is a list of Boston priests (living or deceased) as to whom publicized allegations were found unsubstantiated by the Review Board after a preliminary investigation or who were acquitted of publicized allegations after a canonical process. The decision was made to restrict the ministry of certain of these priests for other reasons concerning their suitability for ministry.

Name	Year of Ordination	Status
Bourgault, Ronald L.	1963	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest
Buntel, Richard A.	1971	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Chaisson, John C.	1966	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Donnelly, Thomas D.	1961	Found unsubstantiated; Absent without permission since 1981; Restricted
Fichtner, Robert C.	1955	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest
Flynn, John H.	1955	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2011)
Foster, Michael Smith	1980	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Hickey, Gerald J.	1963	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior priest
Jacques, Roger N.	1978	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Johnson, Richard G.	1947	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Kelley, Arnold E.	1956	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest
Keohan, Edward M.	1959	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest
Kirchmeyer, Robert W.	1952	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2008)
Lavoie, Victor C.	1971	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Martin, Jon C.	1965	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
McDonagh, Edward C.	1962	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest
McLaughlin, John E.	1962	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
McPartland, Paul G.	1957	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest

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<b>Ann Lally</b> Director of the Office for Background Screening Email Office: 617-746-5840	Mendicoa, John M.	1967	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
	Murphy, Charles J.	1960	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2011)
<b>Bob Kelley</b> Director of the Office of Child Advocacy Email Office: 617-746-5996	Murphy, David C.	1963	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
	Picardi, John M., Jr.	1983	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; On medical leave
	Power, James F.	1962	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
	Raux, Redmond M.	1982	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
	Scanlan, William J.	1972	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest; Permanent Disability
	Sherry, Edward F.	1968	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2011)
	Sullivan, Eugene P.	1968	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
	Vasaturo, Anthony J.	1955	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Walsh, Martin J., Jr.	1974	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2007)	

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### Open Letter to Priests

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

Since being named your Archbishop, among my highest priorities has been the work of promoting healing and renewing trust with our brothers and sisters in the Church and the wider community following the clergy sexual abuse scandal. This work will be ongoing throughout our lives; the effects of the abuse are widespread and long-standing. Continuous vigilance is required on our part to ensure that the tragedy of the abuse is never repeated. As part of our efforts to address this issue forthrightly and rebuild trust through transparency, today, at my direction, and after much consultation, deliberation, prayer and a significant amount of effort, the Archdiocese of Boston has released a Publication With Respect To Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child.

There are many viewpoints concerning the publication of this report and it is likely that it will be received in different ways by the groups of people who make up the Church and society at large. With regard to this issue, our attention and concern must always be focused first and foremost on the survivor community and their families and loved ones. We must never fail in our responsibility to be absolutely clear that the sexual abuse of children is a crime and a sin. Such abuse violates the moral and the civil law, as well as the dignity and welfare of children. It is particularly reprehensible when committed by one entrusted with the care and protection of souls. It can never be tolerated and must always be rejected in the strongest possible terms.

It is not easy for us to face the realities of the terrible betrayal of children and criminal acts perpetrated by some of our brethren. Jesus made clear that if we are to be His witnesses in the midst of a world beset by sin and tragedy, we must be prepared to take the up the cross and carry it through times of darkness and pain. We are strengthened in our most difficult moments by the truth that there is no darkness that can overcome Jesus' healing mercy and the light of the

Resurrection. With the commitment to serve the people entrusted to our care, always for the good and never to harm, let us go forward to continue the work of renewing the Church.

With the assurance of my prayers and gratitude for your ministry,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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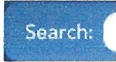
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### Open Letter to Survivors

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, at my direction, the Archdiocese of Boston has released a Publication With Respect To Its Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child. With this announcement, my thoughts and prayers are with you, the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and your families. Since the early 1990s, when I became Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, my ministry has been painfully impacted by the sexual abuse of children by members of the clergy. Over the years, most notably here in the Archdiocese of Boston and more recently during the Apostolic Visitation to Dublin, it has been my privilege to meet with hundreds of survivors and their families. In the most tragic of instances, I have met with families who have lost loved ones to suicide or drug overdose. Your voices, your stories, your faces, and your tears are prayerfully held in my heart. The nature of the abuse and the depth of the harm you have suffered because of heinous crimes committed against you by priests is a source of intense shame for me and for the Church. The past failures of Bishops and Church leaders to provide for the protection of children must be acknowledged with deep contrition.

I realize that nothing I can say will be sufficient to heal the psychological and spiritual wounds you have endured. No matter how frequently expressions of apology and remorse are offered, it is never enough. You have shown great courage by telling a terrible truth, and we as a Church must with sincerity and humility ask for your forgiveness.

I recall the extraordinary encounter between five abuse survivors from Boston and Pope Benedict XVI in Washington, DC in April 2008. At that meeting, I presented the Holy Father a hand-crafted book of the first names of survivors of clergy sexual abuse from the Archdiocese of Boston. The Holy Father gasped in sorrow as he turned the book's pages and read your names. I pointed out

to him the over fifty names of those who had died tragically marked by a small gold cross. Each one of you is a precious child of God known by name by our Creator, as witnessed by the words of the prophet Isaiah: *I will never forget you. Behold, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name. (Isaiah 49:15-16).*

Today, we take another step on this important journey of healing. The review of the names of clergy being published today will no doubt stir painful emotions among survivors and our Catholic community. It is my ardent hope that this also contributes to repairing your fractured trust and ensuring the safety of children.

As an Archdiocese, we have provided counseling and support for survivors. You have my promise that will continue as long as it is needed. We have taken steps of prevention at every level of the local church – and will continue to do so – in order to ensure that the tragedy of sexual abuse of children by clergy is never repeated.

Some of the most deeply moving moments that I have experienced in the course of meetings with survivors and family members have been when men and women who have suffered the most egregious abuse, even the death of a loved one, tell me that they are striving each day to forgive the man who abused them and in fact pray for him as part of their daily prayers. This is an extraordinary and humbling sign of God's goodness beyond all measure. May we join the example of our brothers and sisters in Christ praying for those men who have committed most grievous sins and crimes against children. May they receive the grace to turn to the mercy of God

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With the assurance of my prayers for you and your loved ones and asking for a remembrance in your prayers as together we travel the path of hope and healing, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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