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### Priests removed from the clerical state

His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali, announces that the following actions have been taken:

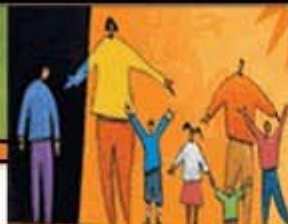
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### James J. Brzyski

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- Saint John the Evangelist, Morrisville;
- Saint Cecilia, Philadelphia.

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### Nicholas V. Cudemo

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- Saint Stanislaus, Lansdale;
- Saint John Neumann High School, Philadelphia;
- Archbishop Kennedy High School, Conshohocken;
- Cardinal Dougherty High School, Philadelphia;
- Saint Mary Magdalen De Pazzi, Philadelphia;
- Saint Irenaeus, Philadelphia;
- Epiphany of Our Lord, Philadelphia;
- King of Peace, Philadelphia;
- Saint Callistus, Philadelphia; and
- Our Lady of Angels, Philadelphia.

While in the education apostolate Nicholas Cudemo lived at the following parishes:

- Saint Paul, Philadelphia;
- Saints Cosmas and Damian, Conshohocken;
- Saint Helena, Center Square; and
- Saint Titus, Norristown.

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### John Delli Carpini

The Holy See has notified the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that the request of John Delli Carpini to be removed from the clerical state was granted. In response to a credible accusation of sexual misconduct involving a minor, John Delli Carpini was removed from active ministry in 2002. John Delli Carpini functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from May 1976 to April 2002, during which time he served in the following parishes:

- Saint Luke the Evangelist, Glenside
- Saint John the Evangelist, Philadelphia
- as well as on the faculty of Roman Catholic High School with residence at Immaculate Conception Parish, Jenkintown, and Saint Monica Parish, Philadelphia.

He served as a Seminary Professor at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, as Chaplain at Saint Cabrini Home, Senior Sisters Residence with residence at Saint Louis Parish, Yeadon, and was on staff at the Archdiocesan Office Center.

Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law John Delli Carpini is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and he is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

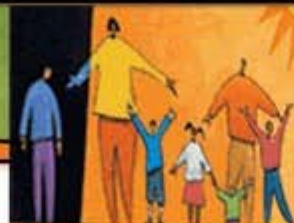
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### Edward M. DePaoli

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Edward DePaoli functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1970 to 1992, during which time he served in the following assignments:

- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Doylestown;
- Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia;
- Bishop McDevitt High School, Wyncote;
- St. John Vianney Parish, Colonia, NJ; and
- St. John the Baptist Parish.

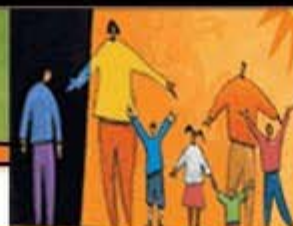
Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law, Edward M. DePaoli is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and he is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

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### Thomas J. Durkin

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Thomas Durkin functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1964 to March 1968, during which time he served in the following parishes:

- Saint Charles Borromeo, Bensalem;
- Holy Saviour, Linwood;
- Holy Spirit, Sharon Hill;
- Saint Francis Xavier, Philadelphia.

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### Richard G. Jones

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In response to a credible accusation of misconduct involving a minor, Richard Jones was removed from active ministry in 1988. Subsequently, Richard Jones sought removal from the clerical state.

Richard Jones functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1963 to October 1988, during which time he served in the following parishes/school:

- Saint Joseph, Spring City;
- Our Lady of Grace, Pennel;
- Saint Martin of Tours, New Hope;
- Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield;
- Resurrection of Our Lord, Chester;
- Saint Thomas the Apostle, Chester Heights;
- Saint Mary Magdalen, Media.

While in the education apostolate Richard Jones lived at the following parishes: Immaculate Conception (Front Street), Philadelphia and the Convent Our Lady of Angels..

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### Thomas M. Kohler

The Holy See has notified Cardinal Justin Rigali that the request of Thomas M. Kohler to be removed from the clerical state has been granted.

In response to a credible accusation of misconduct involving a minor, Thomas Kohler was removed from active ministry in 1994. Subsequently, Thomas Kohler sought removal from the clerical state.

Thomas Kohler functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1968 to June 1985, during which time he served in the following parishes:

- Saint Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill;
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Southampton;
- Saint Jerome, Philadelphia;
- Saint Dominic, Philadelphia;
- Saint Callistus, Philadelphia;
- Saint Charles Borromeo, Bensalem;
- as well as Chaplain, Boy Scouts of America.

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### Raymond Leneweaver

The Holy See has notified the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that Raymond Leneweaver was dismissed from the clerical state by the Holy Father. This action was taken in response to a finding of sexual misconduct involving minors. Raymond Leneweaver functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from May 1962 to December 1980, during which time he served in the following parishes:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Chester
- Saint Monica, Philadelphia
- Saint Agnes, West Chester
- Saint Joseph the Worker, Fallsington
- Our Lady Help of Christians, Philadelphia,
- as well as on the faculty of Roman Catholic High School with residence at Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights, and Cardinal O'Hara High School with residence at Saint Laurence parish, Upper Darby.

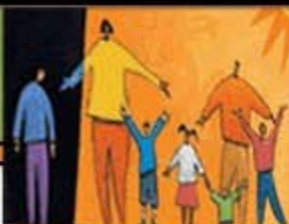
Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law Raymond Leneweaver is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

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### Martin J. Satchell

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Martin Satchell functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1993 to September 1993, during which time he served in St Raymond of Peñafort Parish.

Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law, Martin J. Satchell is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and he is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

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Laicization Update

**Michael W. Swierzy**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

[June 2005 ?]

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The Holy See has notified Cardinal Justin Rigali that Michael W. Swierzy was dismissed from the clerical state by the Holy Father. The action was taken in response to a finding of misconduct involving minors.

Michael Swierzy functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1975 to May 1997, during which time he served in the following parishes/schools:

- Saint Laurentius, Philadelphia,
- Saint William, Philadelphia,
- Cardinal Dougherty High School, Philadelphia,
- Saint John the Evangelist, Morrisville and
- Holy Angels, Philadelphia.

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**Francis X. Trauger**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
[June 2005 ?]

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The Holy See has notified Cardinal Justin Rigali that the request of Francis X. Trauger to be removed from the clerical state has been granted.

In response to a credible accusation of misconduct involving a minor, Francis Trauger was removed from active ministry in 2003. Subsequently, Francis Trauger sought removal from the clerical state.

Francis Trauger functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1972 to December 2003, during which time he served in the following parishes:

- Saint Leo, Philadelphia;
- Holy Cross, Springfield;
- Saint Titus, Norristown;
- Saint Matthew, Philadelphia;
- Saint Francis de Sales, Philadelphia;
- Saint Matthew, Conshohocken;
- Annunciation, B.V.M., Philadelphia;
- Saint Joseph, Aston;
- Saint Michael the Archangel, Levittown.

Francis Trauger also served as chaplain at Saint Hubert High School, Philadelphia.

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### Sylwester Wiejata

The Holy See has notified the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that the request of Sylwester Wiejata to be removed from the clerical state was granted.

In response to a credible accusation of sexual misconduct, Sylwester Wiejata was removed from active ministry in 1999. Subsequently, Sylwester Wiejata sought removal from the clerical state.

Sylwester Wiejata functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1996 to July 1999, during which time he served in:

- Our Lady of Calvary Parish, Philadelphia;
- Assumption B.V.M. Parish, West Grove.

Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law Sylwester Wiejata is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and he is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

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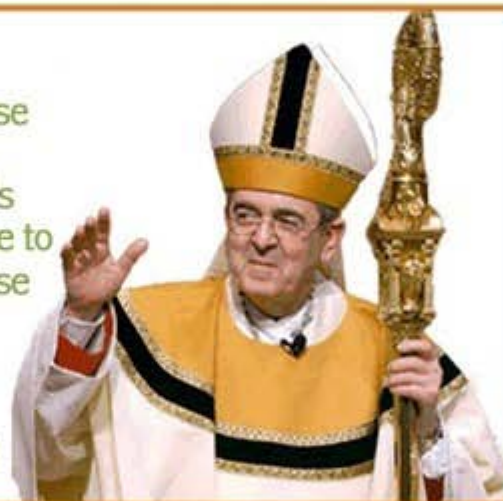
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"With profound sorrow, I offer deep apologies to the victims of sexual abuse by any cleric or church employee. I assure everyone of the Archdiocese's commitment of steadfast perseverance to ensure compassionate concern to those who have suffered as well as a safe environment for all our children."

Justin Cardinal Rigali



### Commitment of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

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