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Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston

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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
Barr, Frederick	1976	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest.
Bourgault, Ronald L.	1963	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; Senior Priest
Buntel, Richard A.	1971	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest, Deceased (2022)
Braley, James E.	1975	Found unsubstantiated, Restricted; Senior Priest
Byrne, Joseph F.	1969	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2014)
Carroll, John P.	1953	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest; Deceased (2021)
Chaisson, John C.	1966	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Curran, Tomas	1970	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest
Donahue, Richard	1968	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest Deceased (2024)
Donnelly, Thomas D.	1961	Found unsubstantiated; Absent without permission since 1981; Restricted
Fichtner, Robert C.	1955	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2013)
Flynn, John H.	1955	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2011)
Foster, Michael Smith	1980	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Fractic, Joseph P.	1964	Found unsubstantiated, Restricted; Senior Priest
Gillespie, Thomas M.	1968	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior priest
Hickey, Gerald J.	1963	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior priest; Deceased (2018)
Jacques, Roger N.	1978	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Johnson, Richard G.	1947	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2017)

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Kelley, Arnold E.	1956	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest; (Deceased 2020)
Keohan, Edward M.	1959	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2015)
Kirchmeyer, Robert W.	1952	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2008)
Lavoie, Victor C.	1971	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2014)
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
Mendicoa, John M.	1967	Found unsubstantiated; Restricted; Senior Priest; (Deceased 2019)
Mullin, Jay M.	1969	Found unsubstantiated, Restricted; senior priest
Murphy, Charles J.	1960	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2011)
Murphy, David C.	1963	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2014)
Picardi, John M., Jr.	1983	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted; On medical leave
Poitras, Steven W.	1993	Found unsubstantiated, Laicized (2018)
Power, James F.	1962	Deceased (2015)
Raux, Redmond M.	1982	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Scanlan, William J.	1972	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2013)
Sherry, Edward F.	1968	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2011)
Strahan, Francis V.	1959	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Sullivan, Eugene P.	1968	Found unsubstantiated; Not restricted
Vasaturo, Anthony J.	1955	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2013)
Walsh, Martin J., Jr.	1974	Found unsubstantiated; Deceased (2007)

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