

## List of clergy with substantiated claims of abuse

### Definitions:

**Child:**

Any person under 18 years of age.

**Child or Vulnerable Adult Abuse:**

Causing or attempting or threatening to cause harm to a child's or vulnerable adult's health or welfare, to include damage to the physical or emotional/psychological health and welfare of a child or vulnerable adult, resulting from non-accidental physical or mental injury, incest, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, molestation, or repeated negligent treatment or maltreatment.

**Cleric:**

A person ordained for service in the Roman Catholic Church.

**Complaint:**

An allegation of child or vulnerable adult abuse or sexual abuse of a child or vulnerable adult by personnel that is received by the Diocese and contains sufficient detail to identify the alleged abuse and the alleged abuser(s). A complaint may include allegations of a violation of the Code of Conduct's prohibition on behavior by personnel that constitutes grooming. A form for written complaints is attached as Appendix A.

**Life of Prayer and Penance:**

A cleric who has been sentenced canonically to a life of prayer and penance has been permanently removed from engaging in public ministry and is obligated to live alone in prayer.

**Religious Order Allegation:**

An allegation of sexual abuse of a child or vulnerable adult by a member of a religious order who, at the time of the alleged abuse or at the time the allegation is made, works, teaches, ministers, or resides within the Diocese. The allegation may assert a violation of the Code of Conduct's prohibition on behavior by a member of a religious order that constitutes grooming.

**Removed from the Clerical State:**

A cleric is removed from the clerical state if the Holy See has returned the cleric to a status essentially equivalent to that of a lay person. Practically speaking, a cleric who has been removed from the clerical state is prohibited from saying Mass, hearing confessions (except in certain extreme circumstances), administering the sacraments, wearing clerical garb, presenting himself as a cleric, using the title "Father" or "Reverend," or otherwise exercising sacred ministry in the Church. This is sometimes referred to colloquially as being "laicized."

**Vulnerable Adult:**

A person who is impaired by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness, or disability to the extent that he or she lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or

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| <div><b>Rev. John Aurelio</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1937   <i>Death:</i> 8/26/2009<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1966<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Removed from ministry 1993</div>                  |
| <div><b>Rev. Ramon Aymerich</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1948   <i>Death:</i><br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1975<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Left Catholic Church 1982; Episcopal priest</div>         |
| <div><b>Rev. Donald W. Becker</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1942   <i>Death:</i> 2/15/2022<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1967<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Deceased</div>                                |
| <div><b>Rev. Ron Baker</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1945   <i>Death:</i> 1/21/2009<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1972<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> 1<br/><i>Status:</i> Deceased priest of the Diocese of Trenton</div>      |
| <div><b>Rev. David M. Bialkowski</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1961   <i>Death:</i><br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1988<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Removed from ministry 2011; Case sent to Rome</div>  |
| <div><b>Rev. Robert J. Biesinger</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1931   <i>Death:</i> 7/22/2012<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1956<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Removed from ministry 1994; deceased</div> |
| <div><b>Rev. Richard John Bohm</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1933   <i>Death:</i> 10/22/1984<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1965<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Deceased</div>                              |
| <div><b>Msgr. George Brennan</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1921   <i>Death:</i> 1/31/2006<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1949<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Deceased</div>                                 |
| <div><b>Rev. Gerald P. Collins</b><br/><i>Birth:</i> 1927   <i>Death:</i> 6/8/1995<br/><i>Ordination:</i> 1954<br/><i>1 or more Allegations:</i> +<br/><i>Status:</i> Deceased</div>                                |

Ordination: 1951  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. James H. Cotter**  
Birth: 1916 | Death: 7/14/1991  
Ordination: 1950  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Richard C. Crumlish**  
Birth: 1921 | Death: 4/15/2006  
Ordination: 1945  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Louis S. Dolinic**  
Birth: 1940 | Death:  
Ordination: 1966  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2018; Case sent to Rome

**Rev. John S. Doyle**  
Birth: 1903 | Death: 1/3/1977  
Ordination: 1929  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Daniel G. Duggan**  
Birth: 1923 | Death: 1975  
Ordination: 1948  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Donald S. Fafinski**  
Birth: 1941 | Death:  
Ordination: 1966  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance; Removed from ministry 2003

**Rev. Douglas F. Faraci**  
Birth: 1943 | Death:  
Ordination: 1969  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance; Removed from ministry 2018

**Rev. Ralph P. Federico**  
Birth: 1927 | Death: 2007  
Ordination: 1952  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Frederick G. Fingerle**  
Birth: 1937 | Death: 1/25/2002  
Ordination: 1963  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

Ordination: 1957  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1992; Deceased

**Rev. Mark McCormick Friel**  
Birth: 1934 | Death: 2/24/23  
Ordination: 1963  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance; Removed from ministry 2003

**Rev. Dennis A. Fronczak**  
Birth: 1948 | Death: 10/6/2021  
Ordination: 1975  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased; Removed from ministry 2015

**Rev. Gerard Leo Green**  
Birth: 1928 | Death: 8/14/2012  
Ordination: 1956  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Thomas Gresock**  
Birth: 1956 | Death:  
Ordination: 1985  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from the clerical state

**Rev. John P. Hajduk**  
Birth: 1949 | Death: **10/18/2021**  
Ordination: 1976  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1994; awaiting judicial process

**Rev. Michael J. Harrington**  
Birth: 1910 | Death: 12/19/1989  
Ordination: 1942  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Brian M. Hatrick**  
Birth: 1945 | Death:  
Ordination: 1979  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance; Removed from ministry 2007

**Msgr. James Patrick Hayes**  
Birth: 1922 | Death: 11/29/1988  
Ordination: 1946  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Louis J. Hendricks**  
Birth: 1936 | Death: 10/27/1990  
Ordination: 1963  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

Ordination: 1946  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Fred D. Ingalls**  
Birth: 1948 | Death:  
Ordination: 1974  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Pascal D. Ipolito**  
Birth: 1944 | Death:  
Ordination: 1970  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Florian Anthony Jasinski**  
Birth: 1930 | Death: 12/19/1983  
Ordination: 1957  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Gerald C. Jasinski**  
Birth: 1942 | Death:  
Ordination: 1968  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1986; laicized 1988

**Rev. Richard P. Judd**  
Birth: 1924 | Death: 11/17/1988  
Ordination: 1964  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Michael Juran**  
Birth: 1948 | Death:  
Ordination: 1976  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2018; awaiting judicial process

**Msgr. Edward L. Kazmierczak**  
Birth: 1926 | Death: 2001  
Ordination: 1951  
1 or more Allegations:  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Timothy James Kelley**  
Birth: 1947 | Death:  
Ordination: 1978  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Transferred to St. Petersburg Diocese 1983; faculties revoked

**Rev. Thomas L. Kemp**  
Birth: 1927 | Death: 3/7/2019  
Ordination: 1952  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2004; Deceased

Ordination: 1918  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Paul James Kowalewski**  
Birth: 1947 | Death:  
Ordination: 1973  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Left priesthood 1976; laicized 1977; Episcopal priest

**Rev. John D. Lewandowski**  
Birth: 1932 | Death: 1/13/1982  
Ordination: 1962  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Donald J. Lutz**  
Birth: 1944 | Death:  
Ordination: 1970  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Bernard M. Mach**  
Birth: 1938 | Death: 2/17/2004  
Ordination: 1964  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1993; Deceased

**Rev. Louis Mako**  
Birth: 1934 | Death:  
Ordination: 1962  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Left Diocese 1972; retired in Vienna; case is in Rome

**Rev. Loville N. Martlock**  
Birth: 1937 | Death: 12/26/2014  
Ordination: 1963  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2004; Deceased

**Rev. Fabian J. Maryanski**  
Birth: 1941 | Death:  
Ordination: 1971  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Removed from ministry 2018; Awaiting extra judicial process

**Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy**  
Birth: 1941 | Death:  
Ordination: 1980  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Francis W. McKenna**  
Birth: 1901 | Death: 1/3/1977  
Ordination: 1927  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased



Ordination: 1976  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Removed from ministry 2018; Case sent to Rome

**Rev. Robert D. Moss**  
Birth: 1943 | Death: 3/29/2018  
Ordination: 1969  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Terrence N. Niedbalski**  
Birth: 1939 | Death: 7/10/1997  
Ordination: 1964  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1975; Deceased

**Rev. Basil A. Ormsby**  
Birth: 1912 | Death: 6/14/1997  
Ordination: 1942  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Norbert F. Orsolits**  
Birth: 1939 | Death: 3/25/2021  
Ordination: 1965  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2003; Deceased

**Rev. Daniel J. Palys**  
Birth: 1943 | Death:  
Ordination: 1969  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2018; Case sent to Rome

**Rev. Martin L. Pavlock**  
Birth: 1939 | Death:  
Ordination: 1966  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Michael Raimondo**  
Birth: 1877 | Death: Italy  
Ordination: 1903  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Joseph P. Rappl**  
Birth: 1952 | Death:  
Ordination: 1978  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Left priesthood 1999; married

**Rev. Leo F. Reddy**  
Birth: 1893 | Death: 1976  
Ordination: 1938  
1 or more Allegations:  
Status: Deceased

Ordination: 1960  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1995; Deceased

**Msgr. Joseph E. Schieder**  
Birth: 1908 | Death: 6/12/1996  
Ordination: 1935  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Msgr. Ronald P. Sciera**  
Birth: 1934 | Death:  
Ordination: 1961  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Joseph A. Schuster**  
Birth: 1939 | Death: 7/23/2007  
Ordination: 1966  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Gerald Paul Sheehan**  
Birth: 1938 | Death: 6/12/2006  
Ordination: 1964  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Ronald T. Silverio**  
Birth: 1944 | Death:  
Ordination: 1970  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry; left the priesthood

**Rev. Howard Bernard Slack**  
Birth: 1917 | Death: 8/18/1976  
Ordination: 1959  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Laicized 1976; Deceased

**Rev. Arthur J. Smith**  
Birth: 1945 | Death: 10/17/23  
Ordination: 1971  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance

**Rev. Gerard A. Smyczynski**  
Birth: 1953 | Death: 8/12/1999  
Ordination: 1980  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Clatus E. Snyder**  
Birth: 1907 | Death: 3/6/2001  
Ordination: 1934  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased



Ordination: 1971  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1982; Deceased

**Msgr. William G. Stanton**  
Birth: 1924 | Death: 1/7/2004  
Ordination: 1949  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Harry Richard Strassberger**  
Birth: 1917 | Death: 12/16/1999  
Ordination: 1950  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Joseph E. Vatter**  
Birth: 1952 | Death:  
Ordination: 1978  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Removed from ministry 2023; case sent to Rome (8/23)

**Rev. Samuel James Venne**  
Birth: 1942 | Death:  
Ordination: 1978  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Life of Prayer and Penance; Removed from ministry 2018

**Rev. Edward John Walker**  
Birth: 1906 | Death: 2/28/2002  
Ordination: 1936  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. William G. Ward**  
Birth: 1924 | Death: 12/2/2008  
Ordination: 1950  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Deceased

**Rev. Charles J. Werth**  
Birth: 1928 | Death: 12/9/2017  
Ordination: 1953  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 2004; Deceased

**Rev. William F. J. White**  
Birth: 1942 | Death: 5/27/2016  
Ordination: 1968  
1 or more Allegations: +  
Status: Removed from ministry 1993; Deceased

**Rev. Mark James Wolski**  
Birth: 1942 | Death:  
Ordination: 1967  
1 or more Allegations: 1  
Status: Removed from ministry 2018; awaiting judicial process

### Recommendations from the Independent Review Board (IRB) from 2023 to present:

Rev. Daniel Palys | *The IRB recommends that 3 allegations are substantiated and 2 are unsubstantiated.*

Rev. Louis Dolinic | *The IRB recommends that 1 allegation is substantiated and 1 is unsubstantiated.*

Rev. Msgr. Peter Popadick | *The IRB did not find the complaint against Fr. Popadick to have any merit whatsoever.*

Rev. Joseph Vatter | *The IRB recommends 1 allegation to be not substantiated and 3 to be credible but only 1 to constitute as sexual abuse of a child.*

Rev. Patryk Sobczyk | *The IRB recommends that there are no substantiated allegations of child sex abuse.*

## Religious Order Priests with Substantiated Claims of Abuse

## Priests placed on Administrative Leave



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