



CONGREGATION of HOLY CROSS
UNITED STATES PROVINCE OF PRIESTS AND BROTHERS

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List of Those Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Minor



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The list that follows is of those individuals of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross for whom an accusation of the sexual abuse of a minor has been deemed credible.

An allegation is deemed “credible” if, after an independent review of available and relevant, factual information, in consultation with a review board, the provincial council, and the provincial administration, there is reason to believe the allegation is more likely true than not. An allegation is also determined to be credible if the accused member of

Holy Cross admits to the allegation, or the accused is convicted by civil authorities in a court of law.

This list was initially developed with the assistance of an outside law firm, which independently reviewed all personnel files of the Province. It has been vetted by the Province Review Board as well as by the Provincial Council. Changes to the list are possible given new information that may emerge. The list will be updated as necessary on our website.

You will note that the earliest incident for which an accusation has been made dates back to the 1940s. The most recent incident for which an accusation has been made was in the early 1990s. All who are on the list would have served in the Eastern Province, the Southern Province, or the Indiana Province of Holy Cross, which together now constitute the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. None of the individuals on the list is currently in ministry. While a list of assignments is included for each person, the incident(s) did not necessarily occur at one of the listed assignments.

It is important to note that inclusion on this list does not necessarily mean that these allegations are true or correct or that the accused religious has been found guilty of a crime or liable for any civil claim. Many of these allegations arise from events that occurred decades after the alleged abuse would have taken place, making it difficult to conduct a complete investigation. In addition, some of

these allegations were made after an accused religious died and, therefore, he did not have the opportunity to respond for himself.

Finally, you will note that there are fifteen names on this list. Of them, ten are deceased and two are removed from ministry and have no access to minors. Three are no longer with the Congregation of Holy Cross, one of whom is incarcerated.

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, has a [*Policy on Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors*](#), which articulates our procedural actions, prevention and treatment measures, along with steps to assist victims.

Name	Number of Allegations	Years & Location of Incident(s)	Status	Assignments (alphabetical)
Rev. Lawrence Dark, CSC Born: 1925 Ordained: 1952 Deceased: 1984	Multiple	1960s-1970s Louisiana	Allegations received in 1994 and 2008 after his death	Reynold's Institute - Louisiana Sacred Heart Parish - New Orleans, LA St. George's College - Santiago, Chile
Rev. John Fitzgerald, CSC Born: 1943 Ordained: 1969	One	1970s Illinois	Allegation received 1992 Removed from ministry 1992 Left Holy Cross 1997	Andre House - Oakland, CA Andre House - Phoenix, AZ Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN
Rev. James Gildea, CSC Born: 1930 Ordained: 1957 Deceased: 1986	Multiple	Late 1960s-early 1980s Connecticut	Allegations received 2002-2012 after his death	Notre Dame High School - Bridgeport, CT
Rev. Paul Lebrun, CSC Born: 1956 Ordained: 1983	Multiple	1980s-1990s Indiana & Arizona	Allegations received 2000 Permanently removed from ministry 2000 Dismissed from Holy Cross 2007 Incarcerated in Arizona	Blessed Sacrament Parish - Tolleson, AZ Little Flower Catholic Church - South Bend, IN St. John Vianney Catholic Church - Goodyear, AZ
Rev. Ralph Luczak, CSC Born: 1931 Ordained: 1958 Deceased: 1970	One	1960s Michigan	Allegation received 1969 Removed from ministry 1969	Christ the King Parish - South Bend, IN Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL
Rev. Archibald McDowell, CSC Born: 1905 Ordained: 1933 Deceased: 1994	Multiple	1950s Oregon, Indiana, Louisiana	Allegations received 1949-1950s Permanently removed from ministry 1962	Sacred Heart Parish - New Orleans, LA St. Edward's University - Austin, TX University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN University of Portland - Portland, OR
Rev. Louis L. Meyer, CSC Born: 1917 Ordained: 1945 Deceased: unknown	One	1960s California	Allegation received in 2007 Handled by Archdiocese of Los Angeles Withdrew from Holy Cross 1974	Holy Cross Parish - South Bend, IN St. Francis Xavier Parish - Burbank, CA
Br. Lewis Morrow, CSC Born: 1937 Profession: 1963 Deceased: 2004	Multiple	1970s New York	Allegation received 1977 Permanently removed from ministry 2003 after review of files	Lutheran Medical - Brooklyn, NY Milton Hospital - Milton, MA Sacred Heart Parish - Burlington, NH St. Ann's Church - Raritan, NJ St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Brighton, MA Victory Memorial Hospital - Brooklyn, NY
Rev. Richard Nowery, CSC Born: 1938 Ordained: 1968 Deceased 2018	Multiple	1980s Texas	Allegations received 1986 Ministry restricted 1986-1994 Permanently removed from ministry 2002 after review of files Withdrew from Holy Cross	Sacred Heart Parish - New Orleans, LA St. Ignatius Martyr - Austin, TX
Rev. Cornelius Ryan, CSC Born: 1937 Ordained: 1966	Multiple	1980s Africa	Allegations received 2013 Removed from ministry 2013 In long-term treatment facility with no access to minors	East Africa Little Flower Parish - South Bend, IN St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel - Fort Wayne, IN
Rev. Edgar Szymanski, CSC Born: 1914 Ordained: 1943 Deceased: 1998	Multiple	1940s & 1950s Michigan	Allegations received 1999 and 2018 after his death	Boysville - Clinton, MI Gilmour Academy - Gates Mills, OH Holy Trinity Parish - Chicago, IL Sacred Heart Military Academy - Watertown, WI St. Casimir Parish - South Bend, IN St. Edward's University - Austin, TX St. Hedwig Parish - South Bend, IN St. Stanislaus Parish - South Bend, IN
Rev. James Trepanier, CSC Born: 1929 Ordained: 1955	One	1980s Illinois	Allegation received 1991 Ministry restricted in 1991 Permanently removed from ministry 2002 In nursing facility with no access to minors	Holy Cross Parish - South Bend, IN St. Pius X Parish - Granger, IN University of Portland - Portland, OR
Rev. David Verhalen, CSC Born: 1928 Ordained: 1954 Deceased: 2012	One	1970s Illinois	Allegation received 2007 Permanently removed from ministry 2001	LeMans Academy - Rolling Prairie, IN Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN
Rev. Gordon Wilcox, CSC Born: 1928 Ordained: 1955 Deceased: 1984	Multiple	1970s California	Allegations received 2003 and 2012 after his death	Moreau High School - Hayward, CA Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL St. George's College - Santiago, Chile University of Portland - Portland, OR
Mr. Randall Blum, CSC (Seminarist) Born: 1948 1st Vows: 1983	Multiple	1980s Indiana	Allegations received in 1986 after dismissal from Seminary Convicted in court of law 1987	Christ the King Parish - South Bend, IN (Seminarist)

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