

List of Priests with Allegations of Semblance of Truth of Sexual Misconduct with Minors

The Diocese of Fort Worth was established on August 22, 1969, having previously and most recently been a part of the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.

The following is a list of those priests, who have served in the Diocese of Fort Worth since it was established, who had allegations with a semblance of truth made against them regarding sexual misconduct with minors. The list includes priests who were diocesan priests of the Diocese of Fort Worth and those who served within the territorial limits of the Diocese of Fort Worth when the incidents of abuse were alleged to have occurred. None of these priests are currently in active ministry. The individuals who were ordained for the Diocese of Fort Worth or who were incardinated into the Diocese of Fort Worth will not be returned to active ministry. The decision concerning whether an individual, who is a member of religious order or who is incardinated in a Diocese, other than the Diocese of Fort Worth, can return to active ministry is made by the religious order or the Diocese to which the individual priest belongs and not the Diocese of Fort Worth.

An allegation is deemed to have a semblance of truth if there is reasonable cause to believe that the abuse could have occurred. The determination is not an admission that the alleged abuse occurred or an admission of liability. The standard for establishing that allegations have a semblance of truth is a far lesser standard than required by a civil court, where a preponderance of the evidence is required, or by a criminal court, which requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The determination that was made, after a consultation with the Diocese's Conduct Review Board, was that there is a similarity of truth to the allegations. It is not a determination that the alleged abuse actually occurred.

The Diocesan Conduct Review Board, in the process of making a determination concerning an allegation of abuse, attempted to obtain statements from the accuser and from the accused individual, if the accused individual was alive and the accused individual's location was known. No formal hearing was conducted. No cross examination of anyone giving a statement was conducted. The rights available to an individual under civil law and criminal law were not provided to the individual in this process. The process is not intended to and does not make a determination of whether the alleged abuse occurred.

Every effort has been made to make sure that the list is accurate and up to date. Questions about the list should be made in writing to the Office of the Vicar General, 800 West Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, Texas 76108-2919.

Priests Incardinated into the Diocese of Fort Worth

James Fitzpatrick Ordained in 1954 for the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth and died on August 6, 1973.

Assignments for Diocese of Fort Worth:
Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Wichita Falls): 1969-1973.

James Hanlon Ordained in 1981 for the Diocese of Fort Worth
Deceased on February 17, 1990.

Assignments for the Diocese of Fort Worth:
St. Michael's Catholic Church (Bedford): 1981-1983.
Holy Family Catholic Church (Fort Worth): 1983-1986.

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church (N. Richland Hills): 1986-1987.
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church (Arlington): 1987-1988.
St. Patrick Cathedral (Fort Worth): 1988-1989.
St. Rita's Catholic Church (Ranger); St. John's Catholic Church (Strawn); St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (Eastland); Holy Rosary Catholic Church (Cisco): 1989.

William Hoover

Ordained in 1955 for the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth
Deceased on October 19, 1996.

Assignments for the Diocese of Fort Worth:

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church (Ft. Worth): 1969-77.
Holy Name Catholic Church (Ft. Worth): 1977-1987.
St. Patrick's Cathedral (Ft. Worth): 1987-1995.

Philip Magaldi

Ordained for Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island in 1960.
Deceased August 8, 2008

He was incardinated into the Diocese of Fort Worth in 1995. He retired in 1999. He was formally removed from ministry in August, 2006. Laicization is in process. He was living in a residential nursing care center.

Assignments for the Diocese of Fort Worth:

St. Mary's Catholic Church (Henrietta); St. William's Catholic Church (Montague); St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Nocona); St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Bowie): 1990-1992.
St. John the Apostle Catholic Church (N. Richland Hills): 1993-1999.

Gilbert Pansza

Ordained for the Diocese of Fort Worth in 2000. He was removed from active ministry on December 14, 2006, after discovery in the files of a past admission of sexual misconduct with a minor dating from the 1970's.

Assignments for the Diocese of Fort Worth:

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church (N. Richland Hills): 2000-2002.
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (Decatur);
St. John the Baptizer Catholic Church (Bridgeport); St. Mary's Catholic Church (Jacksboro): 2002-2006.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (Wichita Falls): 2006.

James Reilly

Ordained for the Diocese of Dallas in 1945. He retired in 1987, moved to Philadelphia, and died in 1999.

Assignment for Diocese of Fort Worth:

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church (Arlington): 1969-1987.

Rudolph Renteria

Ordained in 1979 for the Diocese of Fort Worth. He was removed from active ministry on June 29, 2002. Laicization is in process.

Assignments for the Diocese of Fort Worth:

St. Matthew's Catholic Church (Arlington): 1979-1981.
Sacred Heart (Wichita Falls): 1981-1982.
Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church (Vernon); St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Crowell); St. Mary's Catholic Church (Quanah): 1982-1985. St. Philip the Apostle Catholic (Cont.)

Church (Lewisville): 1985-1987. Holy Family Catholic Church (Fort Worth): 1987-1989. Hospital Ministry in Fort Worth. Hospital Chaplain Ministry at St. Paul's Hospital (Dallas): 1989-2002.

Gerald Scholl

Ordained in 1962 for the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth and died on June 6, 2002.

Assignments for Diocese of Fort Worth:

University of Denver graduate school (Denver, Colo.): 1969-1970.

University of Texas at Arlington campus minister (Arlington): 1970- 1982.

College of Santa Fe (Santa Fe, New Mexico): 1982- 1985.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church (Keller): 1985-1995.

Tribunal (Fort Worth): 1995 to 2002.

Priest not Incardinated into the Diocese of Fort Worth

Thomas Teczar

Ordained in 1967 for the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts. He has been convicted of sexual abuse of a minor and is incarcerated in the State of Texas.

Assignments for the Diocese of Fort Worth:

St. Michael's Catholic Church (Bedford): 1988-1990.

St. Rita's Catholic Church (Ranger); Holy Rosary (Cisco);

St. John's Catholic Church (Strawn); St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (Eastland): 1990-1993.

Religious Order Priests

James Howlett, S.A.C.

Ordained in Ireland for the Pallotine Fathers. Removed from ministry by the Pallotine Fathers. He lives with the Pallotine Community in Dublin, Ireland with restrictions on his contact with individuals outside of the Pallotine Community.

Assignments for the Fort Worth Diocese:

St. Mary's Catholic Church (Graham); St. Theresa's Catholic Church (Olney): 1977-1984. St. Brendan's Catholic Church (Stephenville); St. Mary's Catholic Church (Dublin, Texas); Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Comanche); Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (De Leon): 1984-1985.

Joseph Tu Nguyen

Ordained in Vietnam for Dominican Fathers.

Assignments for the Fort Worth Diocese:

St. Matthew's Catholic Church (Arlington): 1975-1977.

St. Michael's Catholic Church (Bedford): 1979-1980.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church (Arlington): 1980-1993.

Francis A. Zimmerer

Benedictine Order based in Subiaco, Arkansas.
Deceased January 1983

Assignments for the Fort Worth Diocese:

**Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Decatur)
1975- 1981. Sacred Heart (Muenster): 1934-1941; St. Mary
(Windthorst): 1941-1942, 1951-1953.**