



“Our commitment to creating and maintaining safe environments is absolute and will not be compromised.”

- Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

STATUS REPORT ON SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST CLERICS

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s ***Decree on Child Protection*** cites the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ ***Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People***. The ***Charter*** is very clear in regards to Clerics who have sexually abused children:

When even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accordance with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants.

If the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state has not been applied (e.g., for reasons of advanced age or infirmity), the offender ought to lead a life of prayer and penance. He will not be

permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to administer the sacraments. He is to be instructed not to wear clerical garb, or to present himself publicly as a priest.

When an accusation has been shown to be unfounded, every step possible will be taken to restore the good name of the person falsely accused.

Definitions

Substantiated Allegation – For purposes of the list below, a substantiated allegation is one which, based upon investigation and a review of the available facts and circumstances, is more likely than not to be true.

Laicized – When a Cleric is laicized (permanently dismissed from the clerical state) in accord with canon law at the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, he is no longer incardinated and is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

Permanently Removed from Ministry – When a Cleric is permanently removed from priestly ministry at the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, he is prohibited from wearing clerical clothing and publicly presenting himself as a priest. He is expected to lead a life of prayer and penance, and he is still under the authority of the bishop or archbishop and subject to certain priestly responsibilities including celibacy.

Incardinated – This refers to the dedication of a Cleric to ministry in a particular diocese, religious order, or other equivalent institution. All Clerics are incardinated when they are ordained deacons.



I. Status Report of Clerics incardinated in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati against whom a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a child was made and investigated while the Cleric was living.

Keith Albercht

Ordained: 1977

Status: Laicized/deceased

John Berning

Ordained: 1934

Status: Removed from ministry/deceased

Thomas Brunner

Ordained: 1974

Status: Laicized

George Cooley

Ordained: 1976

Status: Laicized

Ronald Cooper

Ordained: 1983

Status: Laicized

Geoffrey Drew

2004

Removed from ministry

Thomas Feldhaus

Ordained: 1976

Status: Laicized

Ellis Harsham

Ordained: 1968

Status: Laicized

Thomas Hopp

Ordained: 1966

Status: Removed from ministry/deceased

David Kelley *

Ordained: 1974

Status: Died in Process

Thomas Kuhn

Ordained: 1967

Status: Laicized

Francis Massarella

Ordained: 1941

Status: Removed from ministry/deceased

Daniel Pater

Ordained: 1979

Status: Removed from ministry

Kenneth Schoettmer

Ordained: 1968

Status: Laicized/deceased

Lawrence Strittmatter

Ordained: 1957

Status: Laicized/deceased

Richard Unwin

Ordained: 1979

Status: Laicized

* The laicization case of David Kelley was in process at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith when he died on June 6, 2009.

II. Status Report of Clerics who have ministered in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, but who were not incardinated in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, against whom a substantiated allegation of child abuse was made.

The names on the following list were provided to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and based on investigations conducted by third-parties, such as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), the Dominican Friars, Glenmary Home Missioners, The Marianists, and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Harry Barton**

(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1940

Status: Deceased

Louis Bonacci**

(Jesuit, Maryland Province)

Ordained: 1973

Status: Removed from ministry

Robert Broome

(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1943

Status: Deceased

Raymond Chappa**

(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1975

Status: Left the Order/Laicized

James Condon

(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1939

Status: Deceased

Barry (Finbar) Coyle

(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1958

Status: Deceased

Lambert Dannenfelser**

(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1940

Status: Deceased

Frank Davied**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1976

Status:Left the Order

Thomas Doyle**
(Marianist, Cincinnati Province)

Ordained: 1974

Status: Deceased

Robert Erpenbeck
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1931

Status:Deceased

Mark Finan
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1948

Status: Deceased

John Finke**
(Marianist, Province of Cincinnati)

Ordained: 1937

Status:Deceased

Kent Hajduk**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1962

Status: Left the Order/Laicized/Deceased

Marcan Hetteberg**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1954

Status:Deceased

Adelbert Holmes
(Glenmary Home Missioners)

Ordained: -

Status: Deceased

Bernard Horst**
(Marianist, Province of Cincinnati)

Ordained: 1945

Status:Deceased

Christopher Kerr**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1979

Status: Left the Order/Laicized/Deceased

Allan Kirk**
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1965

Status:Deceased

Frank Klamet**
(Diocese of Cleveland)

Ordained: 1978

Status: Deceased

Severin Lamping
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1929

Status:Left the Order/Secularized/Deceased

Stephen Lamping**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1929

Status:Left the Order/Secularized/Deceased

Joachim Lux**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1961

Status:Deceased

Frederick Mathues**
(Marianist, Province of Cincinnati)

Ordained: 1952

Status:Deceased

Diego Mazon**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1960

Status:Deceased

Charles Meyer**
(Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Kansas City Province)

Ordained: 1931

Status:Deceased

Michael Montgomery
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1983

Status:Left the Order/Deceased

Donald Mastold

Donald Pastora
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1958

Status:Deceased

Edward O'Brien
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1962

Status:Deceased

Victorian Ostmeyer**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1935

Status:Deceased

Mariano Pariante**
(Marianist, Province of the Pacific)

Ordained: 1990

Status:Laicized 2001

Carter Partee
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1947

Status:Left the Order/Laicized/Deceased

Juvenal Pfalzer**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1942

Status:Deceased

Roman Pfalzer**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1947

Status:Deceased

Edward Pigott
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1955

Status:Removed from Public Ministry/Deceased

Robert Poandl
(Glenmary Home Missioners)

Ordained: -

Status:Deceased

Peter Richardson
(Glenmary Home Missioners)

Ordained: -

Status:Left society in 2007/Deceased

Thomas Richstatter
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1966

Status:Removed from Ministry

Lorenzo Ruiz**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1966

Status:Left the Order/Laicized

Lawrence Schreiber**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1960

Status:Removed from Ministry

Anslem Sippel**
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1929

Status:Deceased

Wilton Skiffington**
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1936

Status:Deceased

Ed Smith
(Glenmary Home Missioners)

Ordained: -

Status:Deceased

Michael Spegele**
(Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Kansas City Province)

Ordained: 1941

Status:Deceased

Joseph Tedesco**
(Marianist, Province of Cincinnati)

Ordained: 1983

Status:Deceased

Randolph Thompson
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1948

Status:Deceased

Daniel Triulzi**
(Marianist, Province of St. Louis)

Ordained: 1981

Status:Removed from ministry 2006/Deceased

John Turnbull
(Franciscan Friars, Province of St. John the Baptist)

Ordained: 1955

Status:Deceased

Stanley Wisniewski**
(Jesuit, Midwest Province)

Ordained: 1964

Status:Deceased

Benedict Wolf
(Glenmary Home Missioners)

Ordained: -

Status:Left society 1975/Deceased

** The substantiated allegation of child abuse occurred outside the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REGARDING SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST CLERICS INCARDINATED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Are any priests who have been identified as having a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse still serving in a parish, school or diocesan ministry? ▼

What is the definition of “sexual abuse” for the purposes of this list? ^

“Sexual abuse” is contact of a sexual nature that occurs between a minor (a person under the age of 18) and an adult, or contact of a sexual nature between an adult and a vulnerable adult. Sexual abuse includes:

- Any act constituting sexual abuse under Ohio law.
- Possessing, viewing, distributing or reproducing child pornography.
- Violating any state or federal law regarding receipt and/or possession of child pornography.

Sexual abuse of a minor is a serious sin against the Sixth Commandment and a grave delict (a serious crime) under the law of the Church.

What is the definition of "vulnerable adult?" ▼

In referencing this list of clerics with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse, what do the terms "laicized," "permanently removed from ministry" and "substantiated allegation" mean? ▼

Have the priests on this list been reported to the civil authorities? ▼

When did the Archdiocese of Cincinnati begin publishing a list of clerics with substantiated allegations of child abuse? ▼

Does the Archdiocese of Cincinnati update this list? ▼

If a priest who is on this list celebrated a sacrament for me (e.g., baptism, marriage, penance, anointing of the sick), is that sacrament considered valid? ▼

What can the faithful do to support victims of abuse and ensure a safe environment in the Church? ▼

We must continue to support victims, keep them in our prayers and completely commit ourselves to ensuring a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. We cannot allow ourselves to forget and become complacent — our dedication to these causes must be unwavering and must not cease.



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