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List of all Clergy With Credible and Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors

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Letter from Bishop Knestout

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, consistent with my promises of transparency and accountability, I am publishing a list of clergy that have a credible and substantiated claim of sexual abuse against a minor.

I express my deep gratitude to the victims and survivors that have come forward and for your patience as we prepared this list. As your bishop, I am called to be a good shepherd, attentive to the care and needs of all our people, especially the most vulnerable.

Therefore, I asked for an independent and comprehensive review of clergy personnel files, and the files from the Diocesan Safe Environment Office and the Diocesan Review Board.

By publishing this list, we can help bring about healing to those who have experienced abuse in the Church and heighten the awareness of this tragic situation.

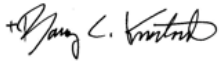
To those who experienced abuse from clergy, I am truly, deeply sorry. I regret that you have to bear the burden of the damage you suffered at the hands of those you trusted. I am also sorry that you must carry the memory of that experience with you. Moreover, I apologize to family members and friends of the abused, and to all members of the Catholic Church.

This crisis calls us to be immersed in three aspects of reconciliation. We need to bring to light the damage that has been done by child sexual abuse in the Church in order for healing to take place. We must express our sorrow and contrition publicly and clearly to acknowledge what we have done and what we have failed to do. We must continue to demonstrate our commitment to never let this happen again. In doing so, we make known — and support with actions — our commitment to repair the damage that has been done.

To the victims and to all affected by the pain of abuse, our response will always be about what we are doing, not simply what we have done. We will seek not just to be healed but will always be seeking healing. We will seek not just to be reconciled but will always be seeking reconciliation.

Together, let our prayer and support for the Church. Be assured I will do all in my power to restore your trust and to make our Church an authentic witness to the Gospel now and throughout our journey to eternal life.


Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

February 13, 2019

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Introduction

Below are the names of clergy that have served in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and have a credible and substantiated allegation of sexual abuse involving a minor. This list is being published by the Diocese as we seek to redouble our efforts to assist survivors of abuse. To those who have been abused and who have not contacted law enforcement or diocesan officials, please know that we are here for you.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond urges individuals who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese to report abuse directly to law enforcement, including Child Protective Services (CPS) at 1-800-552-7096, and by calling the Attorney General’s Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064.

We also encourage individuals to contact the 24-hour confidential Victim’s Assistance Reporting number at 1-877-887-9603 or email vac@richmonddiocese.org (<mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org>) to report sexual abuse.

If you have questions about this list or the Diocese’s response to the sexual abuse crisis, please send an email to: Safeenvironment@richmonddiocese.org (<mailto:Safeenvironment@richmonddiocese.org>).

List of Clergy (Updated July 22, 2022)

Click name for details

Priests of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Name of Priest

Status ⁽²⁾

Name of Priest	♥ Donate (https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/)	COVID-19 Status (https://richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus/)	Ethical Reporting Protecting God's Children (https://richmonddiocese.org/reporting/) - Ethical Reporting (protecting-gods-children/)
Beardsley, Frederick James (https://richmonddiocese.org/fredrick-james-beardsley/)		Suspended/Deceased	
Beattie, Robert Dixon (https://richmonddiocese.org/robert-d-beattie/) ⁽¹⁾		Deceased	
Blankenship, John Paul (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-paul-blankenship/)		Convicted/Laicized	
Bostwick, John Raymond (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-raymond-bostwick/)		Removed	
Butler, John Robert (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-robert-butler/)		Laicized	
Cassidy, Patrick J. (https://richmonddiocese.org/patrick-j-cassidy/)		Deceased	
Goff, Richard Bernard (https://richmonddiocese.org/richard-bernard-goff/)		Laicized	
Goodman, Julian B. (https://richmonddiocese.org/julian-b-goodman/)		Removed/Deceased	
Hesch, John Beaman (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-beaman-hesch/)		Deceased	
Higgins, Philip J. (https://richmonddiocese.org/philip-j-higgins/)		Removed/Deceased	
Leonard, John E. (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-e-leonard/)		Convicted/Removed/Deceased	
Leveille, Roland Edmund (https://richmonddiocese.org/roland-edmund-leveille/)		Dispensed/Deceased	
Majewski, Joseph B. (https://richmonddiocese.org/joseph-b-majewski/)		Suspended	
McConnell, James Henry (https://richmonddiocese.org/james-henry-mcconnell/) ⁽¹⁾		Deceased	
Murphy, Dennis Paul (https://richmonddiocese.org/dennis-paul-murphy/)		Suspended	
Pham, Joseph Thang Xuan (https://richmonddiocese.org/joseph-thang-xuan-pham/)		Suspended	
Quinn, Patrick Francis (https://richmonddiocese.org/patrick-f-quinn/) ⁽¹⁾		Deceased	
Rizer, James Lee ⁽¹⁾ (https://richmonddiocese.org/james-lee-rizer/)		Deceased	
Rodriquez, Oscar Alexander "Paul" (https://richmonddiocese.org/oscar-alexander-paul-rodriquez/)		Convicted	
Rule, Steven R. (https://richmonddiocese.org/steven-r-rule/)		Suspended	
Shrader, Dwight Edward (https://richmonddiocese.org/dwight-edward-shrader/)		Laicized/Deceased	
Slowik, Joseph (https://richmonddiocese.org/joseph-slowik/)		Suspended	

Name of Priest [Teslovic, Eugene John \(https://richmonddiocese.org/eugene-john-teslovic/\)](https://richmonddiocese.org/eugene-john-teslovic/)
Status (2) Removed/Deceased

Priests ordained in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, alleged to have committed abuse in the present-day territory of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and later incardinated to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, or alleged to have committed abuse in both dioceses.

Name of Priest	Status (2)
Creamer, Leo Patrick (https://richmonddiocese.org/leo-p-creamer/) (1)	Deceased
Findlay, Harris Markham (https://richmonddiocese.org/harris-markam-findlay/) (1)	Deceased
Kamerdze, Paul Jude (https://richmonddiocese.org/paul-jude-kamerdze/) (1)	Deceased
Krafcik, Andrew William Paul (https://richmonddiocese.org/andrew-william-paul-krafcik/)	Laicized/Deceased
Munley, John Joseph (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-joseph-munley/) (1)	Deceased
Nudd, Robert Eugene (https://richmonddiocese.org/robert-eugene-nudd/) (1)	Deceased
Rea, John (https://richmonddiocese.org/john-rea/) (1)	Deceased
Reinecke, William Thomas (https://richmonddiocese.org/william-thomas-reinecke/) (1)	Deceased
Ryder, Austin Lewis (https://richmonddiocese.org/austin-lewis-ryder/)	Deceased

Religious and Priests of Other Dioceses with allegations of abuse that occurred in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Name of Priest/ Religious	Status (2)	Religious, Other Diocese
Bourbon, Francis C., S.J. (https://richmonddiocese.org/francis-r-bourbon/)	Deceased	Jesuit
Brady, Martin D., T.O.R. (https://richmonddiocese.org/martin-d-brady-tor/)	Deceased	Franciscan

Name of Priest/ Religious, Other, Diocese	Status	Religious, Other, Diocese
Burkhardt, Gordian, O.S.B. (https://richmonddiocese.org/gordian-burkhardt-osb/) ⁽¹⁾	Deceased	Benedictine
Doyle, Terence, S.T. (https://richmonddiocese.org/terencedoyle/)	Deceased	Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity
Dozier, Carroll T. (https://richmonddiocese.org/carroll-t-dozier/) ⁽¹⁾	Deceased	Diocese of Memphis
Earley, Richard R., S.S.J. (https://richmonddiocese.org/richard-earley-r-sj/)	Deceased	Josephite
George, Frederick, O.S.B. (https://richmonddiocese.org/frederick-george-osb/)	Removed	Benedictine
George, George (https://richmonddiocese.org/george-george/)	Convicted	Maronite
Holmes, Adelbert (Del), G.H.M. (https://richmonddiocese.org/adelbert-holmes/)	Deceased	Glenmary Home Missioners
Manning, Aedan, S.T. (https://richmonddiocese.org/aedan-manning/)	Deceased	Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity
Melody, Roland (Owen John), m.s.ss.t (https://richmonddiocese.org/roland-owen-john-melody-m-s-ss-t/)	Convicted	Trinitarian
Philben, Francis M., C.S.Sp. (https://richmonddiocese.org/francis-m-philben-css-p/) ⁽¹⁾	Deceased	Holy Ghost
Pucci, Joseph J., O.M.I. (https://richmonddiocese.org/josephpucci/)	Deceased	The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Ryan, Paul David (https://richmonddiocese.org/paul-david-ryan/)	Convicted/Removed	Ballarat, Australia
Smalls, Oliver Joseph (https://richmonddiocese.org/oliver-joseph-smalls/)	Unknown	Belize
Sykes, Thomas D., S.A. (https://richmonddiocese.org/thomasdsykes/)	Laicized/Deceased	Franciscan

Religious and Priests of Other Dioceses with allegations of abuse elsewhere, who worked in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Name of Priest/ Religious	Status ⁽²⁾	Religious, Other Diocese
Banaszek, Stanley F. (https://richmonddiocese.org/stankey-banaszek/)	Suspended/Deceased	Maryknoll
Burton, Charles Jeffries, S.J. (https://richmonddiocese.org/charles-jeffries-burton-s-j/)	Removed/Deceased	Jesuit
Canu, Anthony Michael, T.O.R. (https://richmonddiocese.org/anthonycanu/)	Laicized/Deceased	Franciscan
Dyer, Bernardine George, O.P. (https://richmonddiocese.org/bernardine-george-dyer-o-p/)	Dismissed/Deceased	Dominican Friar
Fedor, James (https://richmonddiocese.org/james-fedor/)	Laicized	Scranton
Gormley, James J. (https://richmonddiocese.org/james-gormley/) ⁽¹⁾	Deceased	Jesuit
Mateo, Leonardo, G. (https://richmonddiocese.org/leonardo-mateo/)	Suspended/Deceased	Tagbilaran, Philippines
Nguyen, Vincent The Quang (https://richmonddiocese.org/vincent-nguyen/)	Unknown	Saigon, Vietnam
Ludwig, Augustine, O.S.B. (https://richmonddiocese.org/augustine-ludwig-osb/)	Abandoned Ministry/Deceased	Benedictine
Scales, Donald, O.S.B. (https://richmonddiocese.org/donald-scales-osb/)	Deceased	Benedictine
Smith, Ed, G.H.M. (https://richmonddiocese.org/ed-smith/)	Deceased	Glenmary Home Missioners

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ – The allegation of abuse was made after the priest's death.

⁽²⁾– A glossary of terms used is included with the Frequently Asked Questions.

Please note: The [♥ Donate \(https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/\)](https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/) [COVID-19 \(https://richmonddiocese.org/engines/\)](https://richmonddiocese.org/engines/) [Ethical Reporting \(https://richmonddiocese.org/reporting/\)](https://richmonddiocese.org/reporting/) [Protecting God's Children \(https://richmonddiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/\)](https://richmonddiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/) credible and substantiated claim of sexual abuse of a minor has been made. A separate FAQ document may be found on the Diocese's website which provides more information about Bishop Barry C. Knestout's and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's pastoral response (<https://richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response/>) to the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. (Updated February 15, 2019)

Why is this list being published now?

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What prompted both Dioceses in Virginia to release the list of names on the same day?

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Who decided which clergy would be included on the list?

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What are the criteria for being on the list?

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Is every priest or deacon who had an allegation of abuse made against him on the list?

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How many priests have served in the Richmond Diocese and how many have had a credible and substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor made against them?

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How are Bishop Knestout and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond confronting child sexual abuse?

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Are there any priests or deacons that have a credible and substantiated allegation of abuse of a minor serving in ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond?

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Will the list of clergy with allegations of sexual abuse of minors be updated, and if so, how often?

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Does the Diocese continue to support a priest removed from ministry as a result of an allegation of sexual abuse?

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Why are religious order priests and priests from other dioceses on a separate list?

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How can I report abuse? What procedures and/or resources are in place to help abuse victims?

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Glossary of Terms Used:

Clergy – Ordained bishops, priests, or deacons.

Deacon – Ordained to perform certain sacramental functions, such as the distribution of Holy Communion, the reading of the Gospel, the proclamation of the Word, the administration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the blessing of the faithful, and the offering of the Eucharist. Deacons may also be assigned to other services. May not preside at Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation, or Anointing of the Sick.

Diocesan Priest – Ordained to serve in the Catholic Church under a bishop who exercises supervision, provides assignments and offers support.

Religious Order Priest – Ordained to serve in the Catholic Church as a member of a particular religious community whose work may include duties within the diocese.

Incardinated – A canonical action by which a priest or deacon becomes a member of a particular diocese or religious order.

Minor – Any person younger than age 18.

Removed – A canonical action imposed by the Holy See (Vatican/Rome) through which no public active ministry is to occur, yet there remains obligation for supervision and support from the Diocese.

Laicized/Dismissed – A canonical action imposed by the Holy See through which no public ministry is to occur. No obligation for supervision by and financial support from the diocese or religious community remains.

Dispensed – A canonical action imposed by the Holy See at the request of the priest so that he is no longer obliged to public ministry. No obligation for supervision and financial support remains.

Suspended – A canonical action imposed by the diocesan Bishop in which no public ministry is to occur, pending the possibility of removal by the Holy See.

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