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This category includes priests, seminarians, and other religious against whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made that meets the semblance of truth standard previously defined and who were incardinated in the Diocese of Fall River and/or assigned to public ministry in the Diocese of Fall River.

This category is divided into three subcategories:

- (A) Incardinated in the Diocese of Fall River
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For those in sub-categories B and C, respectively, the priest was incardinated in another diocese or was a member of a religious order but exercised public ministry in the Diocese of Fall River.

A. Incardinated in the Diocese of Fall River

Search:

Name	Year of Birth	Year of Ordination	Diocese of Incardination	Assignment History in the Diocese of Fall River	Status
Andrade, Manuel Jr.	1926	1949	Diocese of Fall River	St. Anthony of Padua, Fall River St. John of God, Somerset Santo Christo, Fall River Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, New Bedford Our Lady of the Angels, Fall River Espirito Santo, Fall River Immaculate Conception, New Bedford Our Lady of Health, Fall River St. Michael, Fall River St. John the Baptist, New Bedford St. Anthony, Taunton	Deceased (1995)
Annunziato, Armando	1931	1956	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, North Attleboro St. Francis of Assisi, New Bedford St. Mary's Home, New Bedford St. Vincent's Home, Fall River St. Bernard, Assonet St. James, New Bedford St. Mary, Mansfield	Deceased (1993)
Avila, Jose M. Bettencourte (aka George Avellar) ¹	1906	1930	Diocese of Fall River	St. Anthony, Taunton Immaculate Conception, New Bedford Our Lady of Health, Fall River St. Anthony, East Falmouth Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, New Bedford	Deceased (1988)
Baker, William F.	1949	1977	Diocese of Fall River	St. John, Attleboro St. Patrick, Falmouth Our Lady of Grace, Westport St. Mary, Seekonk St. Joseph, Fall River	Faculties Removed; Laicized (2015)
Barney, H. Stanley	1949	1975	Diocese of Fall River	St. Dominic, Swansea Sacred Heart, Fall River St. Pius X, South Yarmouth	Faculties Removed

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				Our Lady of Victory, Centerville St. George, Westport St. Mary, Mansfield	
Bernier, Adrien E.	1919	1957	Diocese of Fall River	St. Michael, Ocean Grove Notre Dame, Fall River St. Mathieu, Fall River Sacred Heart, New Bedford St. Anne, New Bedford	Deceased (1989)
Boffa, William J.	1949	1975	Diocese of Fall River	St. Louis and St. Joseph, Fall River Our Lady of Grace, Westport Immaculate Conception, North Easton St. Vincent de Paul Camp, Westport St. Joseph, Taunton Coyle & Cassidy High School, Taunton Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Seekonk St. John Neumann, East Freetown St. William, Fall River St. Stephen, Attleboro St. Pius X, South Yarmouth	Faculties Removed
Boulet, Normand J.	1940	1969	Diocese of Fall River	St. Hyacinth, New Bedford St. Stephen, Dodgeville St. Joseph, Attleboro Boy Scouts of America, Attleboro Immaculate Conception, Taunton Our Lady of Grace, Westport Boy Scouts of America, New Bedford St. Michael, Swansea St. Anthony, New Bedford St. Jacques, Taunton Boy Scouts of America, Taunton	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2015)
Bowen, Donald J.	1938	1964	Diocese of Fall River	St. Patrick, Somerset St. Joseph, North Dighton St. Mary, Norton St. John the Evangelist, Attleboro	Laicized (2007)
Buckley, James F.	1931	1959	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River Sacred Heart, Fall River Immaculate Conception, Fall River St. Joan of Arc, Orleans St. Augustine, Vineyard Haven St. Margaret, Buzzards Bay Holy Redeemer, Chatham	Faculties Removed
Byington, Edward J.	1939	1970	Diocese of Fall River	St. John, Attleboro Sacred Heart, Taunton St. Patrick, Fall River St. Paul, Taunton St. George, Westport Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Seekonk Girl Scouts of America, Attleboro Area Sacred Heart, Fall River St. Francis, Hyannis St. Thomas More, Somerset	Faculties Removed
Clark, James A.	1929	1955	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, New Bedford Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Taunton	Laicized (2000); Deceased (2011)
Connolly, Paul G.	1929	1956	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, Taunton Immaculate Conception, Fall River St. Francis Xavier, Hyannis St. Mary, New Bedford St. Elizabeth, Edgartown	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2007)
Cronin, John P.	1931	1957	Diocese of Fall River	St. Patrick, Fall River St. Vincent's Home, Fall River St. Bernard Church, Assonet St. Joseph, Taunton Our Lady of Fatima, Swansea St. Joseph, North Dighton St. Anne, Fall River	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2014)
de Souza, Maurice	1912	1939	Diocese of Fall River	St. John the Baptist, New Bedford St. Anthony, East Falmouth	Deceased (1996)

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				St. Anthony of Padua, Fall River St. Anthony, Taunton Our Lady of Health, Fall River	
Degagne, Richard E	1954	1982	Diocese of Fall River	St. John, Attleboro Holy Name, Fall River St. Anthony of Padua, New Bedford Notre Dame, Fall River Sacred Heart, North Attleboro Immaculate Conception, Taunton St. John Neumann, East Freetown Immaculate Conception, North Easton	Faculties Removed
DeMello, Arthur T.	1934	1962	Diocese of Fall River	Our Lady of Lourdes, Taunton Our Lady of Health, Fall River St. John of God, Somerset St. Mary, Taunton Immaculate Conception, New Bedford St. Elizabeth, Fall River	Faculties Restricted; Deceased (2004)
dos Reis, Arthur C.	1902	1926	Diocese of Fall River	Holy Family, East Taunton St. Michael, Fall River Espirito Santo, Fall River St. Anthony, Fall River Our Lady of Health, Fall River Santo Christo, Fall River	Deceased (1981)
Dupuis, J. Arthur G.	1907	1933	Diocese of Fall River	St. Joseph, Attleboro Notre Dame, Fall River St. Joseph Orphanage, Fall River St. Louis de France, Swansea	Deceased (1975)
Dylla, Hugo	1874	1899	Diocese of Fall River	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Bedford Holy Rosary, Taunton St. Stanislaus, Fall River Holy Cross, Fall River	Deceased (1966)
Fahey, James W.	1944	1970	Diocese of Fall River	Our Lady of the Assumption, Osterville Immaculate Conception, North Easton St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, South Attleboro	Faculties Restricted; Deceased (2016)
Fernandes, Stephen A.	1950	1976	Diocese of Fall River	St. John the Evangelist, Attleboro Holy Name, New Bedford Sts. Peter and Paul, Fall River St. James, New Bedford Christ the King, Mashpee St. Francis Xavier, Hyannis Our Lady of Fatima, New Bedford	Faculties Removed; Laicized (2008)
Fraga, Bento R.	1930	1956	Diocese of Fall River	St. John of God, Somerset St. Joseph, Taunton Holy Ghost, Attleboro St. John the Baptist, New Bedford St. Peter, Provincetown St. Paul, Taunton	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2012)
Furtado, Steven R.	1947	1973	Diocese of Fall River	Our Lady of Lourdes, Taunton St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford St. John, New Bedford Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River Sacred Heart, Fall River Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, New Bedford Our Lady of Health, Fall River St. Anthony of Padua, Fall River Espirito Santo, Fall River Holy Ghost, Attleboro	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2016)
Herrera, Hernando	1967	1998	Diocese of Fall River	St. Joseph, Taunton Coyle & Cassidy High School, Taunton Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Seekonk St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River	Faculties Removed; Laicized (2004)
Higgins, Phillip J.	1937	1973	Diocese of Fall River	St. George, Westport St. Peter, Provincetown St. Lawrence, New Bedford	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2007)

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Kaszynski, Robert S.	1933	1960	Diocese of Fall River	St. Patrick, Fall River St. Stanislaus, Fall River	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2014)
Keliher, Cornelius J.	1907	1932	Diocese of Fall River	St. Patrick, Wareham Our Lady of the Assumption, Osterville St. Louis, Fall River Sts. Peter and Paul, Fall River St. Mary, Hebronville	Deceased (1993)
Kozanko, Andrew	1974	2000	Diocese of Fall River	Corpus Christi, East Sandwich Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Bedford St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River Notre Dame, Fall River St. Francis Xavier, Hyannis	Faculties Restricted
Lacroix, Daniel W.	1959	1988	Diocese of Fall River	St. Vincent de Paul Camp, Westport Holy Name Church, New Bedford Holy Redeemer, Chatham St. Patrick, Wareham St. Mary, Mansfield St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet St. Francis Xavier, Hyannis Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Seekonk St. Mary, New Bedford St. Joseph-St. Theresa, New Bedford Our Lady of Fatima, New Bedford	Faculties Removed
Landry, David J.	1962	1987	Diocese of Fall River	St. John the Evangelist, Attleboro St. Anne, Fall River St. Mary, Taunton Immaculate Conception, Taunton St. Jacques, Taunton St. Pius X, South Yarmouth Our Lady of Victory, Centerville	Faculties Removed; Laicized (2020)
Maguire, Joseph D.	1944	1970	Diocese of Fall River	St. James, New Bedford St. Patrick, Somerset St. Patrick, Falmouth Boy Scouts of Cape Cod Area St. Elizabeth, Edgartown Sacred Heart, Oak Bluffs St. Joseph, Taunton	Faculties Removed; Laicized (2007)
McCarthy, Raymond W.	1919	1945	Diocese of Fall River	Sacred Heart, Fall River St. Patrick, Somerset St. Patrick, Fall River St. Mark, Attleboro Falls Our Lady of Victory, Centerville St. John the Baptist, New Bedford	Faculties Removed; Deceased (2005)
Messier, Donald E.	1937	1968	Diocese of Fall River	St. Jean Baptiste, Fall River St. Mathieu, Fall River Our Lady of Fatima, New Bedford St. Patrick, Fall River St. Thomas More, Somerset Immaculate Conception, Taunton Marian Manor, Taunton	Faculties Restricted
Murphy, James E.	1935	1962	Diocese of Fall River	St. Patrick, Fall River St. Mary, Taunton Sacred Heart, Taunton St. Jacques, Taunton	Laicized (2006); Deceased (2020)
Neylon, Bruce M.	1948	1975	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, Mansfield Holy Name, Fall River St. Patrick, Wareham Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro St. John, Attleboro St. Mary, Seekonk St. Stanislaus, Fall River Holy Trinity, Fall River	Faculties Removed
Nichols, Herbert T.	1948	1975	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, New Bedford St. Joseph, Fall River St. Ann, Raynham St. Joseph, Taunton Boy Scouts of America, Attleboro-Taunton Area	Faculties Removed

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				St. Mary, Taunton St. Anne, Fall River St. Joan of Arc, Orleans Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River St. James, New Bedford Our Lady of Lourdes, Wellfleet St. Anthony of Padua, New Bedford St. Bernadette, Fall River	
Norton, William W.	1941	1967	Diocese of Fall River	Sacred Heart, Taunton St. Kilian, New Bedford Cathedral Camp, East Freetown Bishop Stang High School, Dartmouth St. Mary's Home, New Bedford Holy Name, New Bedford St. Mary, New Bedford St. Patrick, Wareham St. Patrick, Fall River St. Joseph, Woods Hole Our Lady of Lourdes, Wellfleet Our Lady of Victory, Centerville St. Anne, Fall River St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River	Deceased (2004)
Paquette, Edward O.	1928	1957	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, Taunton St. Mary, Mansfield St. Kilian, New Bedford	Faculties Removed; Laicized (2009)
Pegnam, John W.	1931	1960	Diocese of Fall River	St. Francis Xavier, Hyannis Immaculate Conception, Taunton St. Mary, Norton	Deceased (1996)
Porter, James R.	1935	1960	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary, North Attleboro Sacred Heart, Fall River St. James, New Bedford	Faculties Removed; Laicized (1974); Deceased (2005)
Quinn, Justin J.	1926	1953	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River St. Kilian, New Bedford St. Thomas More, Somerset St. Lawrence, New Bedford St. Elizabeth, Edgartown St. Rita, Marion Immaculate Conception, Fall River St. Anne, Fall River St. Mary's Home, New Bedford Madonna Manor, Attleboro Sacred Heart, North Attleboro	Deceased (1996)
Rausch, Edward	1927	1954	Diocese of Fall River	St. John, Attleboro	Laicized (1971); Deceased (2014)
Robillard, Raymond A.	1940	1966	Diocese of Fall River	St. Hyacinth, New Bedford St. Joseph, Attleboro Notre Dame, Fall River Sacred Heart, New Bedford St. Louis, Fall River St. Jacques, Taunton St. Theresa, South Attleboro St. Stephen, Attleboro St. Pius X, South Yarmouth Holy Ghost, Attleboro Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Home, Fall River	Faculties Removed
Shovelton, William J.	1922	1946	Diocese of Fall River	Our Lady of the Isle, Nantucket St. Louis, Fall River St. Joseph, Fall River Sacred Heart, Fall River St. Thomas More, Somerset Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Seekonk St. William, Fall River	Deceased (2015)
Simoes, Gilbert J.	1933	1961	Diocese of Fall River	St. Michael, Fall River Our Lady of Mt Carmel, New Bedford Santo Christo, Fall River St. John the Baptist, Westport	Suspension from Ministry; Deceased (2009)
Tripp, Kevin F.	1942	1968	Diocese of Fall River	St. Patrick, Fall River Holy Name, Fall River	Laicized (2020)

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				St. John the Evangelist, Attleboro St. Luke's Hospital St James, New Bedford	

¹ The name George Avellar appeared on a list of clergy accused of sexual misconduct published by the Bristol County District Attorney in 2002. The Diocese has no record of an individual named George Avellar and believes that the name may be a mistranscription of Jose Avila.

B. Other Diocese

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Carrier, George R. ¹	1945	n/a	n/a	Cathedral Camp, East Freetown St. Vincent de Paul Camp, Westport St. Pius X, South Yarmouth	Deceased (2004)
Corbin, Anthony Andre	1929	1961	Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina	Our Lady of the Assumption, Osterville Our Lady Queen of All Saints Church Chapel, Mashpee	Deceased (2008)

¹ Seminarian.

C. Religious Order

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Name	Year of Birth	Year of Ordination	Religious Order	Assignment History in the Diocese of Fall River	Status
Gaudin, Rene	1927	1957	Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.)	St. Francis, Acushnet Our Lady of Lourdes, Wellfleet	Deceased (2001)
Genevive, Frank	1956	1983	Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M.)	St. Margaret, Buzzards Bay	Removed from ministry; Deceased (2014)
Guarin, Angelo Michael	1970	1998	Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate (F.F.I.)	Our Lady's Chapel, New Bedford	Faculties Revoked
McManus, Francis J.	1941	1973	Society of Jesus (S.J.)	Bishop Connolly High School, Fall River St. James, New Bedford St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford	Deceased (2015)
Mulryan, Thomas J. ¹	1932	1955 (perpetual profession of vows)	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)	Msgr. James Coyle High School, Taunton	Dispensed from religious vows; Deceased (2009)
Nickel, James R.	unknown	1970	Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.)	Holy Trinity, West Harwich Our Lady of the Annunciation, Dennisport St. Mary, Fairhaven	Deceased (2008)
Powers, John A.	1925	1952	Dominican Friars (O.P.)	St. Patrick, Falmouth	Removed from ministry; Deceased (2010)

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