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Names of 11 sexually abusive clergy added to the list at www.garabedian.com in October 2023, bringing the total to 401:

1. Father Pasquale J. Barietta – Archdiocese of Boston
2. Father James F. Buckley – Diocese of Fall River
3. Father Edward J. Byington – Diocese of Fall River
4. Father James H. Coffey - Archdiocese of Boston
5. Father Denis A. Conte -Archdiocese of Boston
6. Father Robert D. Fay - Archdiocese of Boston
7. Father James M. Gibbons - Archdiocese of Boston
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10. Father Francis G. McInerney - Archdiocese of Boston
11. Father Toribio Villacastin – Archdiocese of Hartford

See below for additional details.

Father Pasquale J. Barletta – Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1962	Ordained
1962-1968	St. Patrick's Church, Watertown, MA
1969-1970	"Absent on Leave"
1971+	Unlisted

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Pasquale J. Barletta was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least four occasions from approximately 1963 when the male child was approximately fourteen years old until approximately 1965 when the male child was approximately sixteen years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Barletta was assigned to St. Patrick's Church in Watertown, MA, and the male child belonged to the parish. The sexual abuse took place inside Father Barletta's car.
- The sexual abuse by Father Barletta included the following: Father Barletta gave the boy alcohol to drink and Father Barletta fondled the boy's penis and testicles over his clothes.
- The claim settled in June 2023 in the mid-to-high five figures.

Father James F. Buckley – Diocese of Fall River Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1960-1962	Cathedral of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, Fall River, MA
1963	Sacred Heart Church, Fall River, MA
1964-1966	Immaculate Conception Church, North Easton, MA
1967-1976	St. Joan of Arc Church, Orleans, MA
1977-1981	St. Augustine Church, Vineyard Haven, MA
1982-1988	St. Margaret's Church, Buzzards Bay, MA
1989-2001	Holy Redeemer Church, Chatham, MA

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father James F. Buckley was accused of sexually abusing two female minor children; one girl was sexually abused on at least twenty-five occasions from 1967 when she was approximately six years old until approximately 1971 when she was approximately ten years old; and another girl was sexually abused on at least twenty occasions from approximately 1966 when she was approximately ten years old until approximately 1973 when she was approximately seventeen years old. At the time of both claims of sexual abuse, Father Buckley was assigned to St. Joan of Arc Church in Orleans, MA and the two girls belonged to St. Joan of Arc Parish. The sexual abuse took place at St. Joan of Arc School and at each girl's home.
- The sexual abuse by Father Buckley included the following: Father Buckley spanked the girls on their buttocks.
- The claim settled in August 2023 in the five figures.

Father Edward J. Byington – Diocese of Fall River Assignment Record:

Directory	Assignment
1971-1972	St. John the Evangelist's Church, Attleboro, MA
1973-1975	Sacred Heart Church, Taunton, MA
1976	St. Patrick's Church, Fall River, MA
1977-1982	St. Paul's Church, Taunton, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1983	St. George's Church, Westport, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1984	St. George's Church, Westport, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1985	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Seekonk, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1986	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Seekonk, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1987-1994	In res. – Sacred Heart Church, Fall River, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1995	Sacred Heart Church, Fall River, MA
1996	St. Francis Xavier's Church, Hyannis, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1997	St. Francis Xavier's Church, Hyannis, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1998	St. Francis Xavier's Church, Hyannis, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
1999	St. Francis Xavier's Church, Hyannis, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
2000	St. Francis Xavier's Church, Hyannis, MA (Diocese of Fall River)
2001-2004	St. Thomas More Church, Somerset, MA
2005	Unlisted in Directory
2006	St. Thomas More Church, Somerset, MA
2007-2009	Retired
2010-2015	St. Augustine Church, Providence, RI Retired
2016-2021	Retired, P.O. Box 571, Taunton, MA 02780

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Edward J. Byington was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least two occasions in approximately 1971 when the male child was approximately seventeen years old. The sexual abuse took place inside the rectory of Sacred Heart Church in Taunton, Massachusetts.
- The sexual abuse by Father Byington included the following: Father Byington sodomized the boy.
- The claim settled in May 2022 in the mid-to-high five figures.

Father James H. Coffey - Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1945	Ordained
1946-1949	Sacred Heart Church, Lynn, MA
1950-1952	St. Joseph's Church, Amesbury, MA
1953-1957	St Mary's Church, Wrentham, MA
1958-1961	St. Theresa's Church, Billerica, MA
1962-1965	Sacred Heart Church, Medford, MA
1966-1970	St. Aidan's Church, Brookline, MA
1971-1987	St. Mary's Church, Wrentham, MA
1988-1990	Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Stoughton, MA
1991-1999	St. Aidan's Church, Brookline, MA
2000-2003	Indexed as a Senior Priest and Reverend Father in the Archdiocese of Boston (no church assignment is given)
2004	Retired
2005	Died August 4, 2004

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father James H. Coffey was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least three occasions in approximately 1949 when the male child was approximately ten years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Coffey was assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Lynn, Massachusetts and the male child belonged to Sacred Heart Parish. The sexual abuse took place inside Father Coffey's Jeep in or around the Lynn Woods Reservation in Lynn, MA.
- The sexual abuse by Father Coffey included the following: Father Coffey fondled the boy's penis and testicles skin on skin and Father Coffey performed oral sex on the boy.
- The claim settled in June 2023 in the high five figures.

Father Denis A. Conte -Archdiocese of Boston Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1975	Ordained
1976-1978	St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Dracut, MA
1979-1989	St. Anthony's Church, Revere, MA
1990-1992	Blessed Sacrament Church, Saugus, MA
1993	Our Lady of Lourdes, Revere, MA
1994	St. Francis de Sales Church, Boston, MA; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Revere, MA; "Absent on Sick Leave"
1995—1997	"Absent on Sick Leave"
1998—1999	Health Leave
2000—2002	Unassigned
2003+	Unindexed

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Denis A. Conte was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least six occasions from approximately 1978 when the male child was approximately twelve years old until approximately 1981 when the male child was approximately fifteen years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Conte was assigned to St. Anthony's Church in Revere, Massachusetts and the male child attended religious services at St. Anthony's Church. The sexual abuse took place in the rectory of St. Anthony's Church in Revere, MA and in a house in New Hampshire.
- The sexual abuse by Father Conte included the following: Father Conte fondled the boy's penis and testicles skin on skin.
- The claim settled in November 2022 in the high five figures.

Father Robert D. Fay - Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1968-1972	St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Millis, MA
1973	Sick leave
1974-1979	Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Church, Melrose, MA
1980	St. Mary's Church, Winchester, MA
1981	"Awaiting Assignment"
1982-1988	St. Theresa's Church, Billerica, MA

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Robert D. Fay was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least ten occasions from approximately 1974 when the male child was approximately eight years old until approximately 1978 when the male child was approximately twelve years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Fay was assigned to Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Church in Melrose, Massachusetts, and the male child attended religious services at Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Church. The sexual abuse took place inside the rectory of Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Church in Melrose, MA; a small house behind Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Church that the church used for CCD class; and in a trailer in New Hampshire.
- The sexual abuse by Father Fay included the following: Father Fay fondling the boy's penis and testicles skin on skin; Father Fay having the boy fondle Father Fay's penis and testicles skin on skin; Father Fay performing oral sex on the boy; and Father Fay rubbing his penis against the boy's buttocks.
- The claim settled in March 2023 in the high five figures.

Father James M. Gibbons - Archdiocese of Boston Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1952	Ordained
1953—1956	Our Lady of Comforter of the Afflicted Church, Waltham, MA
1957—1962	St. James' Church, Medford, MA
1963—1967	Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, Gloucester, MA
1968—1973	St. Charles Borromeo's Church, Waltham, MA
1974—1979	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Carver, MA
1980—1997	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, Scituate, MA
1998	Index: Oblates Foreign Missions: "U.S. Religious Serving in Brazil"
1999—2009	Archdiocese of Boston: "Retired," Index: Oblates Foreign Missions: "U.S. Religious Serving in Brazil"
2010	Died August 21, 2009

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father James M. Gibbons was accused of sexually abusing a female minor child on at least one occasion in approximately 1961 when the female child was approximately twelve years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Gibbons was assigned to St. James's Church in Medford, Massachusetts, and the female child was a student at the school. The sexual abuse took place inside St. James's Church.
- The sexual abuse by Father Gibbons included the following: Father Gibbons fondled the girl's breasts over her clothes.
- The claim settled in November 2022 in the mid-five figures.

**Father Augustine M. Giella – Diocese of Harrisburg
Assignment Record:**

Dates	Assignment
1950	Ordained
1951-69	Holy Trinity Church, Hackensack, NJ
1970	Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Italian), Hoboken, NJ
1971-76	Epiphany Church, Cliffside Park, NJ
1977-80	St. Catherine’s Church, Glen Rock, NJ
1981-82	St. Joseph’s Church, Hanover, PA
1983	St. John the Evangelist’s Church, Enhaut, PA Indexed as “Assignment outside Archdiocese”
1984	St. John the Evangelist’s Church, Enhaut, PA Indexed as “Assignment outside Archdiocese” St. Joseph’s Rectory, Hanover, PA”
1985-86	St. John the Evangelist’s Church, Enhaut, PA
1987-88	St. John the Evangelist’s Church, Enhaut, PA Indexed as “On duty outside Archdiocese” St. Joseph’s Rectory, Hanover, PA”
1989	Indexed as “On duty outside Archdiocese” 832 Mill Creek rd. Manhawken NJ
1990-1993	Retired
1993	Died on May 27, 1993

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Augustine M. Giella was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least five occasions from approximately 1984 when the male child was approximately eleven years old until approximately 1986 when the male child was approximately thirteen years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Giella was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Church in Enhaut, Pennsylvania, and the male child attended religious services at the church. The sexual abuse took place inside the rectory of St. John the Evangelist’s Church and inside St. John the Evangelist Church.
- The sexual abuse by Father Giella included the following: Father Giella fondled the boy’s buttocks skin on skin; Father Giella exposed his penis to the boy; Father Giella had the boy expose the boy’s penis to Father Giella; Father Giella fondled the boy’s penis skin on skin; and Father Giella made the boy fondle Father Giella’s penis, skin on skin.
- The claim settled in July 2023 in the low-to-mid six figures.

Father Roger R. Leblanc - Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1972	Ordained
1973—1978	St. Anthony of Padua's Church, Shirley, MA
1979	Died August 19, 1978

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Roger R. Leblanc was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least twenty-five occasions from approximately 1972 when the boy was approximately eleven years old until approximately 1973 when the boy was approximately twelve. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Leblanc was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua's Church in Shirley, Massachusetts, and the male child attended church services at St. Anthony of Padua's Church. The sexual abuse took place inside the boy's home.
- The sexual abuse by Father Leblanc included the following: Father Leblanc fondling the boy's penis and testicles skin on skin and Father Leblanc would masturbate in front of the boy.
- The claim settled in June 2023 in the high five figures.

Father Francis G. McInerney - Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1936	Ordained
1937-1945	St. Brendan's Church, Dorchester, Boston, MA
1946-1951	St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Wilmington, MA
1952-1958	St. Margaret's Church, Brockton, MA
1959	St. Clement's Church, Somerville, MA
1960	Died April 6, 1959

Sources:

- **The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons**

Summary:

- Father Francis G. McInerney was accused of sexually abusing two female minor children; one girl was sexually abused by Father McInerney on one occasion in approximately 1948 when the girl was approximately fourteen years old; another girl was sexually abused in approximately 1948 when the girl was approximately nine years old. At the time of the sexual sexual abuse, Father McInerney was assigned to St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Wilmington, Massachusetts. One girl was sexually abused in the sun room just outside the rectory of St. Thomas of Villanova Church and the other girl was sexually abused in the vestibule of St. Thomas of Villanova Church.
- The sexual abuse by Father McInerney included the following: Father McInerney fondled one girl's breasts over her clothes and the other girl was digitally penetrated by Father McInerney.
- Both claims settled in June 2023 in the mid-to-high five figures.

Father Toribio Villacastin – Archdiocese of Hartford

Assignment Record: No official assignment record.

Father Villacastin was ordained in the Diocese of Tagblaran, Philippines in 1981. He was a visiting priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford from approximately 1968 until approximately 1970. He assisted at St. Isaac Jogues Church in East Hartford, CT; and at St. Francis Church in Naugatuck, CT.

Father Villacastin left the priesthood in 1977. He died in 2008.

Source: The Archdiocese of Hartford

Summary:

- Father Toribio Villacastin was accused of sexually abusing a female minor child on at least twenty occasions from approximately 1969 when the female child was approximately eight years old until approximately 1970 when the female child was approximately nine years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Villacastin was assigned to St. Isaac Jogues Church in East Hartford, Connecticut, and the female child attended St. Isaac Jogues Church for religious services. The sexual abuse took place inside Wickham Park in East Hartford, CT; and inside the sacristy of St. Isaac Jogues Church.
- The sexual abuse by Father Villacastin included the following: Father Villacastin kissed the girl on the mouth and put his tongue in her mouth; Father Villacastin fondling the girl's genitals skin on skin; Father Villacastin removing his penis from his pants to expose himself to girl; Father Villacastin masturbating in front of the girl; and Father Villacastin making the girl perform oral sex on Father Villacastin.
- The claim settled in December 2022 in the low-to-mid six figures.