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CLERICS ACCUSED & SETTLEMENTS PAID

DISCLOSURE OF SETTLEMENTS PAID

Credibly Accused Clergy with diocesan assignments (unless noted) on whose behalf settlements were paid regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor:

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Kiernan Ahearn	James Gildea
Henry Albeke	Joseph Gorecki
Jose Daniel Alberran	Richard Grady
Alfred Bietighofer	Sherman Gray
Stanley Bonaszek (Maryknoll)	Lawrence Jensen (Eparchy of St Maron)*
Lawrence Brett	Bartholomew J. Laurello
Charles Carr	Albert McGoldrick
John Castaldo	Francis McKenna
Walter Coleman	Joseph Moore

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Joseph Deshan	Robert Morrissey
William Donovan	Gavin O'Connor
Martin Federici	Raymond Pcolka
William J. Fletcher	Charles Stubbs
James Gay	Vincent Veich
William Genuario	

**Not a diocesan priest or a visiting priest in the Diocese; however, the Diocese was named in the lawsuit and cooperated with the Eparchy in a settlement in 2019 due to the location of the Maronite Parish within the Diocese of Bridgeport.*

Bishop's
Appeal

In the cases of the clergy listed below, a settlement was paid without a determination of the credibility of the accusation. The settlement may have been paid as part of a larger global settlement, or for administrative efficiency purposes, without there being a finding of credibility.

Stanislaus Chmura	Robert Post*
Mark Grimes	Martin Ryan
Joseph Kettner (LaSalette)	John Sansonetti
George Maslar (Franciscan)	Robert Valentine
Joseph Malloy	Frank Wissel

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**Settlement amount paid by Christian Brothers as a part of bankruptcy of Christian Brothers.*

CREDIBLY ACCUSED

The information below includes the name of accused Diocesan Clerics or accused Religious Order Priests who served in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The list contains Dates of Birth if alive and if deceased, the year the cleric died; their status; the location of their diocesan assignments and ministries; the year of laicization where applicable and date when the accused cleric was convicted where applicable. This list will be updated as new information becomes available.

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CREDIBLY ACCUSED DIOCESAN CLERGY, LIVING

Removed from ministry means unable to function as a priest because he was put on permanent administrative leave. Where applicable, we have included the year when the cleric was laicized (no longer a priest).

Name	Birth Year	Ordination	Alligation(s)	Status	Assignments
Henry A. Albeke	1946	1973	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2007	St. Charles, Bridgeport (1974-1976); St. Jude, Monroe (1978-1979); St. Joseph, Brookfield (1979-980); St. John, Darien (1980-1987); St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk (1988-1992); St. Francis of Assisi, Weston (1993)
John Castaldo	1958	1987	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002; Convicted 2001; Laicized 2007	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1987-1992); St. Mark, Stratford (1992-1994); Our Lady of Grace, Stratford (1994); St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1994-1998); St. Rose of Lima, Newtown (1998-1999); Trinity Catholic High School, Stamford (1999-2001); St. Maurice, Stamford (1999-2001)
Stephen J. DeLuca	1939	1965	single	Removed from ministry 2014	St. Augustine, Bridgeport (1965-1967); St. Catherine of Siena, Riverside (1967-1969); Notre Dame High School, Fairfield (1969-1973); St. Mary's High School, Greenwich, (1973-1977); Stamford Catholic High School, Stamford (1977-1979); St. Ann, Bridgeport (1979-1984); St. Agnes, Greenwich (1984); Hospital and Nathaniel Witterall Nursing Home (2006); Residences: Holy Rosary, Bridgeport; St. Thomas, Fairfield; St. Charles, Bridgeport; St. Bridget, Stamford and Villa Maria Retreat House, Stamford
Joseph Michael DeShan	1959	1987	single	Removed from ministry 1989; Laicized 1999	St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport (1988-1989)
James Gay	1931	1959	single	Left diocesan service in 1984, Faculties removed 2006; Administrative leave reaffirmed 2019	St. Peter, Bridgeport (1959-1964); Immaculate High School, Danbury (1964-1969); St. Mary, Bethel (1964-1969); St. Mary Boys High School (1969-1984); United States Navy (1984-2004)
Sherman Gray	1943	1970	single	Removed from ministry 2004	St. Mary, Greenwich (1971-1973); Rome, Italy (1974-1975); St. Maurice, Stamford (1976-1981); Outside of Diocese (1982-1986); Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford (1987-2002)
Jaime Marin-Cardona	1968	2010	DCF finding of substantiated allegations of abuse	Removed from ministry 2019	St. Joseph Norwalk (2010-2014); Our Lady of Guadalupe (2014-2017); St. Charles Borromeo and St. Mary Bridgeport (June-September 2017); St. Mary Bridgeport (September 2017-2019)
Gavin O'Connor	1936	1977	multiple	Removed from ministry 1989; Laicized 1989	St. Joseph, Shelton (1978-1979); St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1980-1981); St. Peter, Danbury (1982-1984)
Gregory Smith	1941	1967	single	Removed from ministry 2002	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1968-1969); St. Joseph, Danbury (1970-1973); Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport (1975-1996); Chancellor (1989-1992); Sacred Heart University (1992-2002)
John Stronkowski	1959	1985	single	Removed from ministry 2016 (initially removed from ministry in May 2014 for reasons unrelated to sexual abuse of minors)	St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1986-1990); Our Lady of the Assumption, Fairfield (1990-1994); St. Gregory the Great, Danbury (1994-2003); St. Ambrose, Bridgeport (2003-2012); St. Margaret-Mary, Shelton (2012-2014)
Charlie Stubbs	1937	1963	multiple	Removed from ministry 1997; Laicized 2004	St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1963); St. Mary, Stamford (1963-1964); Assumption, Westport (1964-1967); St. Ann, Bridgeport (1967-1969); St. Catherine, Riverside (1969-1976); St. Mary, Ridgefield (1976-1991); St. Mary, Greenwich (1991-1996)
Vincent Veich	1945	1971	single	Removed from ministry 2002	Assumption, Fairfield (1972); St. Catherine, Riverside (1973-1977); Assumption, Westport (1978-1984); St. Cecilia, Stamford (1985-1987); St. John, Darien (1988-1990); St. Benedict, Stamford (1991-1996)
Name	Birth Year	Ordination	Alligation(s)	Status	Assignments

CREDIBLY ACCUSED DIOCESAN CLERGY, DECEASED

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Name	Birth Year	Ordination	Deceased	Alligation(s)	Status	Assignments
Alfred Bietighofer	1938	1965	2002	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002	St. George, Bridgeport (1966-1968); St. Anthony, Bridgeport (1968-1974); St. John Vianney, Peru (1974-1975); St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1975-1976); Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport (1976-1982); St. Joseph Medical Center, Stamford (1982-1984); St. Joseph, Norwalk (1984-1986); St. John Vianney, Peru (1986-1987); Sacred Heart, Stamford (1987-1988); St. Mary, Norwalk (1988-1998); St. Charles Borromeo, Bridgeport (1998-1999); St. Francis of Assisi, Weston (1999-2001); St. Andrew, Bridgeport (2001-2002)
Lawrence Brett	1937	1962	2014	multiple	Removed from ministry 1994; Laicized 2006	St. Cecilia, Stamford (1963-1964); Leave of Absence (1965-1972); Outside of Diocese (1973-1995)
Charlie Carr	1948	1980	2024	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2005	Our Lady of Fatima, Wilton (1981-1984); St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk (1985-1986); St. Catherine of Siena Trumbull (1987-1988); Central Catholic High School, Norwalk (1990) St. Philip, Norwalk (1990-1991); St. Andrew, Bridgeport (1992-1995); Leave of Absence (1996)
Vincent Paul Cleary	1918	1944	1989	multiple	Deceased in 1989 before any allegation was known or investigated	St Augustine 1944-1959; St. John Stamford 1959-1962; St Joseph South Norwalk 1962-1963; Our Lady of Peace Stratford 1963-1989
Walter Coleman	1932	1959	2016	multiple	Retired 1996; Removed from ministry 2002	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1960-1966); St. Maurice, Stamford (1967-1968); St. Joseph, Danbury (1969); St. Aloysius, New Canaan (1970-1972); St. Thomas, Fairfield (1973-1975); St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1976-1982); St. Joseph, Brookfield (1983-1987); Immaculate High School, Danbury (1988); Central Catholic High School, Norwalk (1990); Sacred Heart, Georgetown (1988-1990); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1991-1993); St. Margaret-Mary, Shelton (1993-1995)
William Donovan	1935	1961	2018	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002	St. John, Darien (1961-1966); Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich (1966-1973); St. Thomas, Darien (1973-1982); St. Rose of Lima, Newtown (1982-1983); St. Leo, Stamford (1983-1989); Holy Family, Fairfield (1989-2002)
John Draper	1927	1953	1966	single	Deceased before allegation was investigated	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1953-1959); St. Mary, Greenwich (1959-1960); St. Joseph Hospital, Stamford (1960-1962); St. Thomas, Fairfield (1962); St. Mary, Ridgefield (1962-1964); St. Joseph, Shelton(1964-1966)
Martin Federici	1940	1966	2013	multiple	Removed from ministry 1996; Laicized 2003	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1967); Assumption, Westport (1968-1970); St. Ambrose, Bridgeport (1971); Assumption, Fairfield (1972-1977); St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk (1978-1981); St. Joseph, Shelton (1982-1983); St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1984); St. Matthew, Norwalk (1985-1995); St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport (1996)
William Fletcher	1918	1944	1988	single	Allegation came forward after deceased	Sacred Heart, Bridgeport (1953-1955); St. Joseph, Danbury (1955-1958); St. Thomas, Fairfield (1958-1963); St. Margaret Mary (1963-1968), Shelton; Sacred Heart University, Fairfield (1964-1988)
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William A. Genuario	1931	1956	2015	multiple	Retired in 2004; Deceased in 2015	Sacred Heart 1956-1958; St Peters Bridgeport (in residence- 1958-1962; Gregorian University Rome 1962-1963; St Theresa Trumbull – in residence 1963-1968; Blessed Sacrament Bridgeport 1968-1972; St Anthony Bridgeport 1974-78; Diocesan Assignments 1974-1987; St Catherine of Siena Riverside 1987-2004
Stephen Gleeson	1937	1963	2021	single	Placed on administrative leave February 19, 2019 – permanently removed from ministry August 22, 2019	St John the Evangelist (June 1963 - August 1963 Temporary Assignment); St. Ann, Bridgeport (1963-1968); St Mary Stamford (1968-1973); St Theresa Trumbull (1973-1977); St Stephen (1977-2013)
Joseph Gorecki	1927	1959	1988	multiple	Leave of Absence from Diocese from 1978 until death	SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bridgeport (1960-1964); Outside of Diocese (1965-1966); St. Joseph, Shelton (1967-1970); St. Theresa, Trumbull (1971); Holy Name, Stamford (1972-1973); Assumption, Westport (1974); St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport (1975); St. Mary, Norwalk (1976-1978)
Richard Grady	1920	1947	1993	single	Retired 1989	St. Leo, Stamford (1973-1979); Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport (1980-1988)
Martin Hitchcock	1926	1951	2014	multiple	Retired 1991; Second allegation came forward after deceased	St. James, Stratford (1951-1953); St. Peter, Danbury (1953-1959); St. Mary, Bethel (1959-1962); St. Joseph, Danbury (1962-1964); St. Lawrence, Huntington (1964-1967); Superintendent (1967-1971) St. Mary, Greenwich (1971-1991)
Stanley Koziol	1933	1958	2013	single	Removed from ministry 2002	St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1958); Holy Family, Fairfield (1958-1962), St. Rose, Newtown (1962-1965); St. Clement, Stamford (1965-1966); St. Joseph, South Norwalk (1966-1974); St. Leo, Stamford (1974-1976); Our Lady of Grace, Stratford (1976-1979); Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford (1979-1987); St. Aloysius, New Canaan (1987-1992); St. Philip, Norwalk (1992-1994); St. Mark, Stratford (1994-1996)
Bartholomew Laurello	1920	1946	2004	single	Retired 1995; Allegation came forward after deceased	Holy Rosary, Bridgeport (1946-1948); St. Anthony, Hartford (1948-1951); Holy Rosary, Bridgeport (1951-1954); St. Catherine, Riverside (1954); St. Raphael's, Bridgeport (1954-1958); Notre Dame Catholic High School for Boys (1958-1962); St. Joseph High School, Trumbull (1962-1963); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1963-1964); St. Roch, Greenwich (1964-1969); St. Mary, Stamford (1969-1970); Christ the King, Trumbull (1970-1976); Graduate Studies (1976-1980); Our Lady of Grace, Stratford (1980-1995)
James McCormick	1890	1916	1965	multiple	Ministry Restricted 1954; Allegations reviewed after deceased	St. Michael's, Hartford (1916-1926); Sick leave (1926); St. Agnes Home, Hartford (1927); St. Mary's, Norwalk (1927-1928); Sacred Heart, New Haven (1928-1932); St. Bernard's, Tariffville (1932-1935); St. Augustine's, Seymour (1935-1936); LOA (7/1936-10/1936); St. Vincent's, East Haven and Camp Palmer, Oxford (Summer 1937 & 1938); Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel (1938-1944); St. Michael's, Waterville (1944-1949); Sacred Heart, Waterbury (1949-1951); St. Joseph's, South Norwalk (1951-1954); Notre Dame Convalescent Home (1954)
Albert McGoldrick	1949	1978	2023	single	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2005	St. Mary Church, Stamford Diocesan Tribunal, Instructor Diocesan Tribunal, Auditor Our Lady St. Mary, Stamford (1979-1980); Diocesan Tribunal, Instructor (1980); Diocesan Tribunal, Auditor (1981-
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						1984); Outside of Diocese (1985-1986); Our Lady of Peace, Stratford (1987); Assumption, Westport (1988); Diocesan Tribunal, Judge (1995-2002) Notre Dame of Easton (1988); St. James, Stratford (1999); St. Paul, Greenwich (2000-2002)
Francis D. McKenna	1920	1945	1989	multiple	Allegation came forward after deceased	St. Ann, Bridgeport (1946-1955); St. Mary, Norwalk (1955-1958); St. Catherine, Riverside (1958-1959); St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1959-1962); St. Joseph High School, Trumbull (1962-1963); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1962-1963); St. Gabriel, Stamford (1963-1968); St. Jerome, Norwalk (1968-1970); St. Charles, Bridgeport (1970-1972); St. Joseph, Shelton (1972-1989)
Joseph Moore	1944	1971	2021	multiple	Removed from ministry 1997; Laicized 2004	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1972-1973); Assumption, Westport (1974-1975); St. Joseph, Danbury (1976-1981); St. Mary, Bethel (1982-1983)
Robert Morrissey	1945	1976	2014	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002	St. Lawrence, Huntington (1976-1977); St. Mary, Greenwich (1977-1982); St. Mary High School (1982); St. Clement, Stamford (1982-1984); St. Joseph, Danbury (1985-1986); Outside of Diocese – US Navy (1986-1989); St. Joseph, Danbury (1984-1986; 1989-1992) St. Mary, Ridgefield (1992-2002)
William R. Nagle	1926	1955	1979	single	Allegation came forward after deceased	St. Clement, Stamford (1955-1962); St. Vincent's Hospital (1962-1965); LOA for Clinical Pastoral Training Program (1965-1966); St. Vincent Hospital (1966-1969); Fairfield Hills Hospital (1969-1971); Residence St. Clement, Stamford; Tribunal, Judge (1971-1979)
Raymond Pcolka	1939	1965	2009	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2004	St. Benedict, Stamford (1996-1997); St. John Nepomucene, Bridgeport (1968-1973); St. Mary, Greenwich (1974); St. James, Stratford (1975); Holy Name of Jesus, Stratford (1976-1986); St. Mary, Bethel (1987-1988); Sacred Heart, Greenwich (1990-1993); Leave of Absence (1994-1995)
Boleslaus ("Bill") Rarus	1914	1940	2005	multiple	Retired 1987; Deceased before allegations investigated	St. Bernard's, Sharon (1940); St. Patrick's, Waterbury (1940); Sacred Heart, New Britain (1940-1942); Holy Name, Stamford (1942-1945); St. Mary's, Jewett City (1945-1947); Holy Name, Stamford (1947-1959); St. Joseph's, Brookfield (1959-1967); St. Paul's, Greenwich (1967-1987)
Paul Spodnick	1902	1927	1976	multiple	Retired 1968; Deceased before allegations investigated	Assumption Church, Ansonia (1928-1929); St. John Nepomucene Church, Bridgeport (1929-1933); All Saint's Church, New Britain (1933-1937); LOA (1937-1938); Immaculate Conception, Waterbury (1938-1944); Sacred Heart Church, Southbury (1944-1950); St. Mary's Church, Bethel (1950-1955); Blessed Sacrament Church, Bridgeport (1955-1961); St. Benedict's, Stamford (1961-1965); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1965-1968)
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CREDIBLY ACCUSED RELIGIOUS ORDER CLERGY

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Kieran T. Ahearn (Franciscan)	1938		1997	single	Removed from Ministry and Convicted 1993	St. Luke, Westport (1986-1990); St. Mary, Bethel (1991-1993)
Stanley Bonzsek (Maryknoll)			2007	single		St. Anthony of Padua, Bridgeport (1985)
Jean Marie DeGraff (Society of St. Jacques)	1962	1999		single	The allegation occurred outside of the country. Allegation in CT was not found to be credible, but Fr. DeGraff was later arrested for abuse of a minor family member out of the country. Fr. DeGraff is not permitted to exercise ministry in the Diocese of Bridgeport.	In residence St. Mary, Greenwich
James Gildea (Fathers of the Holy Cross)	1930	1957	1986	multiple	Removed from ministry 2002	Notre Dame Catholic High School, Fairfield (1965-1986)
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CREDIBLY ACCUSED VISITING CLERGY

Name	Diocese(s) Visitng From	Assignments
Jose Daniel Alberran	Diocese of Barcelona, Venezuela	St. Peter, Bridgeport, (Summer 1991)
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LIST OF ACCUSED AND SETTLEMENTS PAID

The Diocese maintains a public record that lists the names of diocesan priests and deacons who have been removed from ministry. We issue an annual update to the settlements paid as a result of allegations of sexual abuse of minors as a part of our Financial Report.

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