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The accused priests of Buffalo– photos from the 1983 Diocese Directory



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It's with great sadness that I've spent several hours creating this post today.

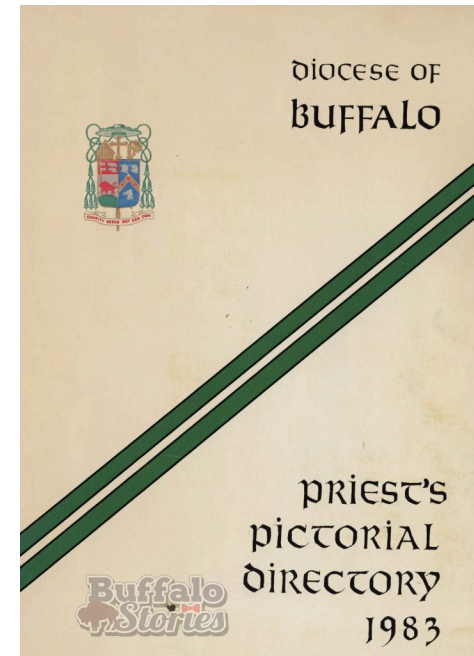
When I bought a copy of the 1983 Priests' Pictorial Directory, I did it with a smile. Flipping through the pages, there are dozens of men who've had a positive and wonderful impact on my life.

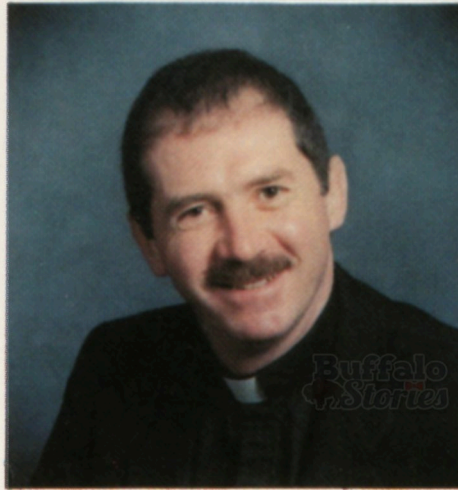
Instead of sharing the warm and fond memories of the hundreds of men of God in this booklet, I'm drawn today to make sure that the airing out of the deepest recesses of evil within the Catholic church here in Buffalo is as complete as possible.

Of the 42 men named by the Diocese today, 38 of them had photos in this directory. Those photos appear below.

I remember one of these men regularly visiting my Kindergarten classroom. I regularly attended Mass offered by another. It makes me sad and sick-- but healing occurs in the light not in the dark.

Here are photos of those accused. May the light shining upon it bring healing to all those who feel the pain of this horrific chapter in the history of the Catholic church.

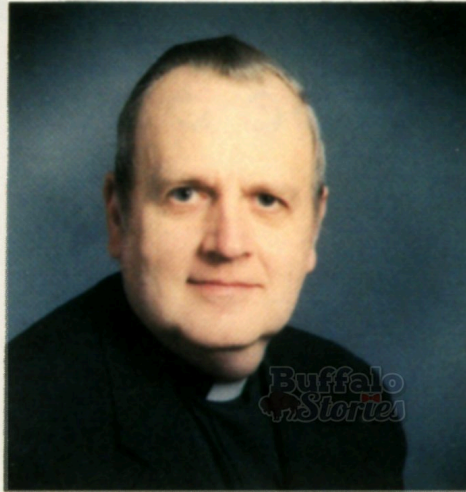




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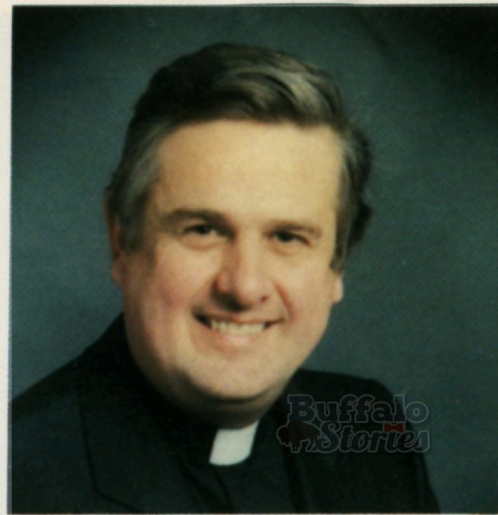
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Biesinger, Robert J.



Cotter, James H.



Fafinski, Donald S.



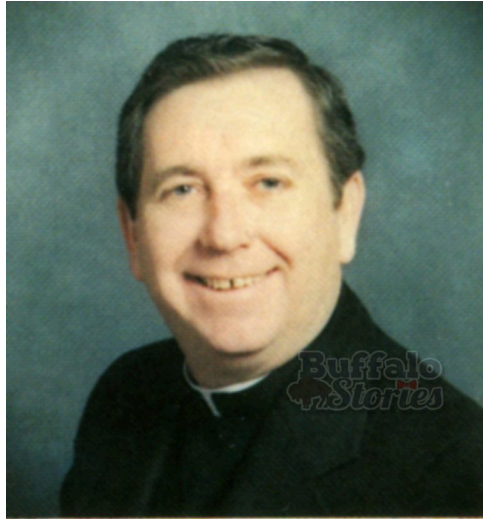
Faraci, Douglas F.



Fingerle, Fred G.



Freeman, Michael R.



Friel, Joseph P.



Friel, Mark M.



Hajduk, John P.



Harrington, Michael J.



Hatrick, Brian M.



Hayes, James P.

Fr. James P. Hayes was left off the initial list and mistaken for another priest with a similar name three days later,



Hendricks, Louis J.



Higgins, J. Grant



Hogan, Francis T.



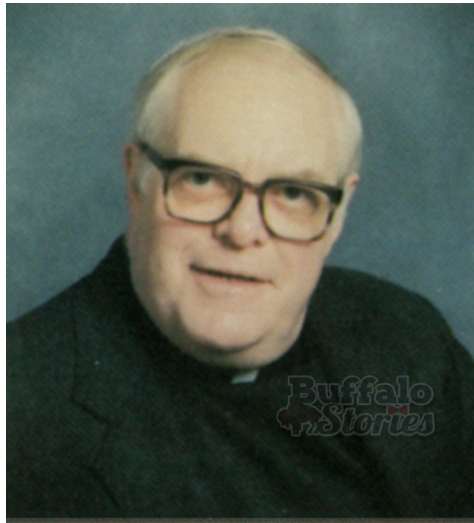
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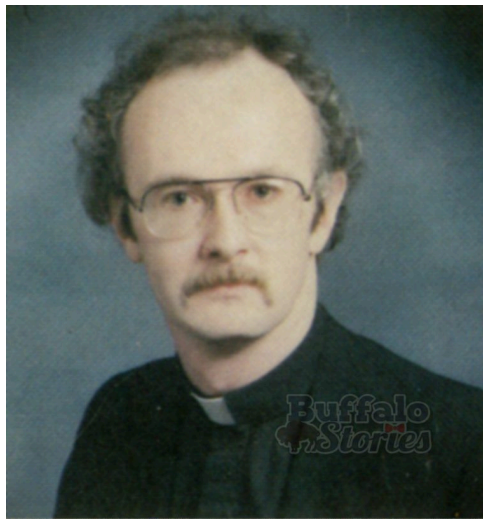
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Jasinski, Gerald C.



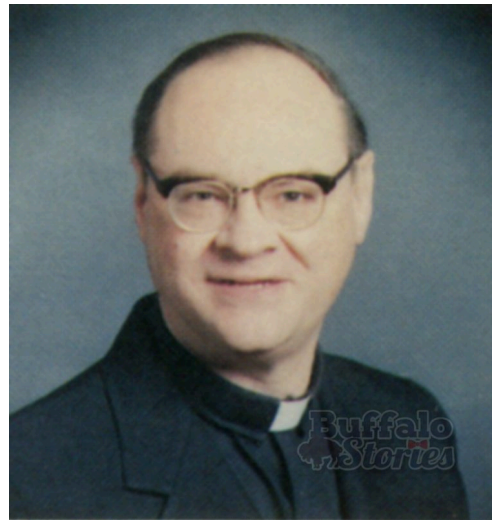
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Kelley, Timothy J.



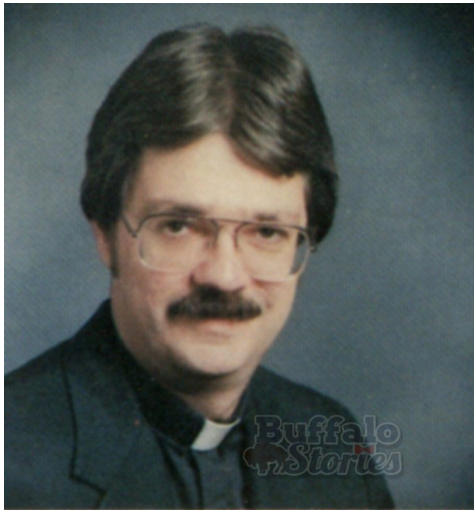
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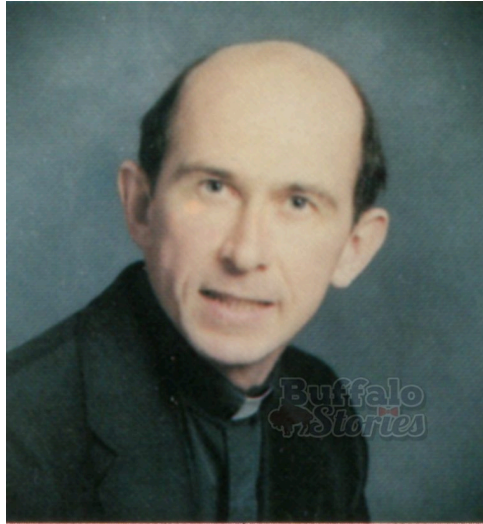
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Mach, Bernard M.



Martlock, Loville N.



McCarthy, Thomas J.



Ormsby, Basil A.



Orsolits, Norbert F.



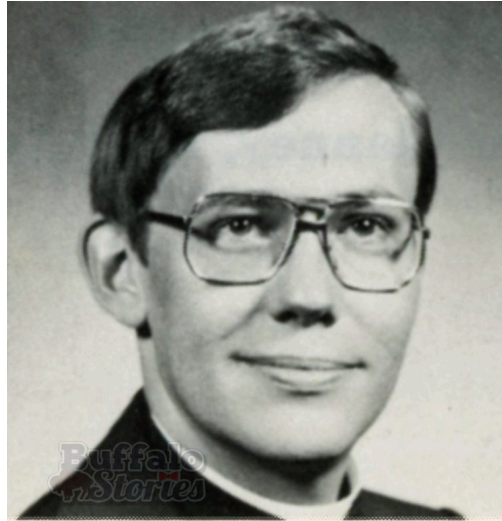
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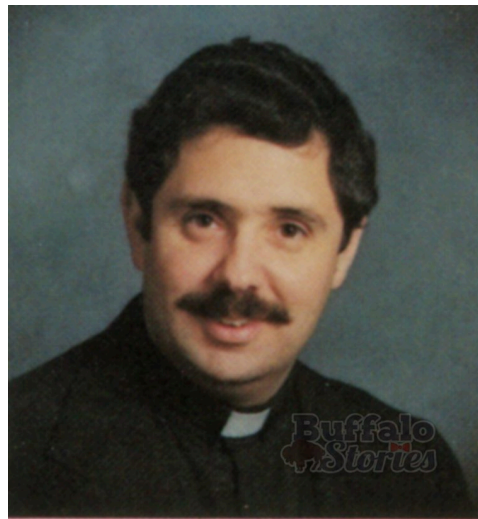
Ronald, Roy K.



Schieder, Joseph E.



Smyczynski, Gerard A.



Spielman, James A.



Walker, Edward J.



Ward, William G.



White, William F.J.



Wood, Robert W.

Here is the complete list released by the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo– 42 priests, with dates of their deaths in parenthesis:

John R. Aurelio (2009)

Donald W. Becker

David M. Bialkowski

Robert J. Biesinger (2012)

James H. Cotter (1991)

Donald S. Fafinski

Douglas F. Faraci

Fred G. Fingerle (2002)

Michael R. Freeman (2010)

Joseph P. Friel (1995)

Mark M. Friel

Thomas G. Gresock

John P. Hajduk

Michael J. Harrington (1989)

Brian M. Hatrick

James F. Hayes (1988)

Louis J. Hendricks (1990)

J. Grant Higgins (2016)

Francis T. Hogan (2010)

Fred D. Ingalls

Florian A. Jasinski (1983)

Gerald C. Jasinski

Richard P. Judd (1988)

Timothy J. Kelley

Thomas L. Kemp

Richard J. Keppeler (2011)

John D. Lewandowski (1982)

Bernard M. Mach (2004)

Loville N. Martlock (2014)

Thomas J. McCarthy

Basil A. Ormsby (1997)

Norbert F. Orsolits

Martin L. Pavlock

Roy K. Ronald (2013)

Joseph E. Schieder (1996)

Gerard A. Smyczynski (1999)

James A. Spielman

Chester S. Stachewicz

Edward J. Walker (2002)

William G. Ward (2008)

William F. J. White (2016)

Robert W. Wood.

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