



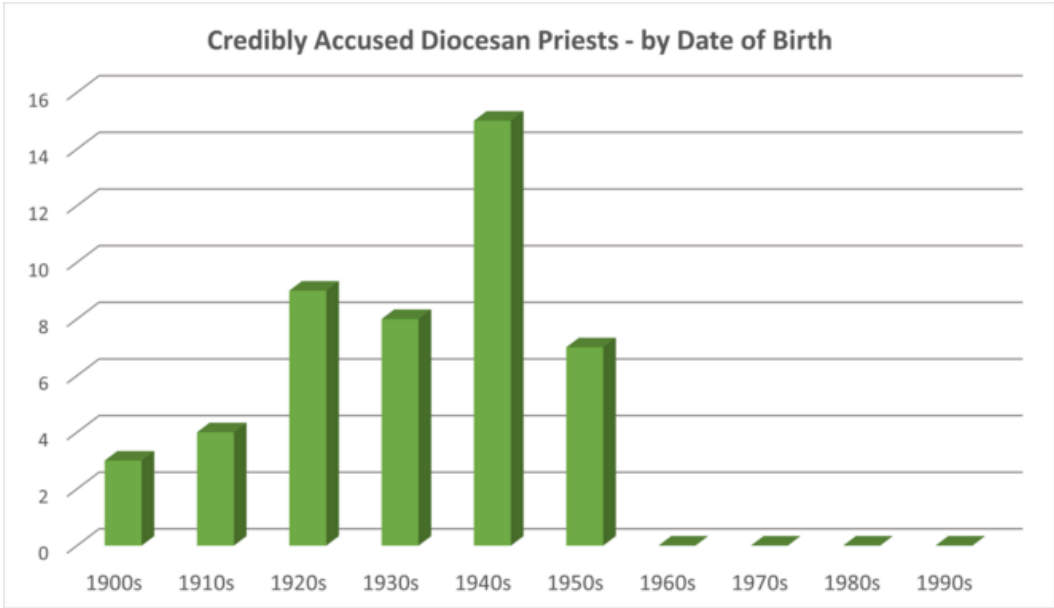
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# List of Credibly Accused Clergy in the Diocese of Providence

At the direction of the Bishop, the Director of Compliance was tasked with conducting an independent, thorough and objective review of files dating back to 1950, a year used by many other dioceses as a benchmark. Many files were several decades old, and the Director was not the initial investigator. The Director reviewed all diocesan files compiled over seventy years, and employed his training and expertise as a twenty-three year State Police detective to make assessments and judgments regarding the available and developed evidence within the files. In some instances, the Director made additional inquiries to corroborate and bolster certain allegations. In some cases of his own choosing, the Director of Compliance consulted the Director of Outreach and Prevention and/or the Diocesan Review Board for further advice. In all instances, however, the Director of Compliance ultimately exercised his own independent, expert judgment in determining whether to place particular clergy on the list.



Click on the individual names listed below to view parish/ministry assignments:

**Note: Blue italicized text indicates information added after July 1, 2019.**  
**Blue italics will be removed after one year.**  
**All ages listed are updated annually for July 1st of the current year.**

List of Credibly Accused Clergy - Living

Joseph D'Angelo
Kevin Fisette
Edward Kelley
P. Henry Leech
Roland Lepire
Richard Meglio
John Petrocelli
Francis Santilli
James Silva
William Tanguay
John Tormey
Samuel Turillo
James W. Jackson
Edward Sadowski
John Allard
Roger Belhumeur
Dennis Brodeur
Robert Carpentier
Normand Demers
Alfred Desrosiers
Paul Desrosiers
Louis Diogo
Charles Dolan
Louis Dunn
Oscar Ferland
John Ferry
Edmund Fitzgerald
William Gillooly
Timothy Gorton
Rene Guertin
Richard Holden

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<a href="#">Joseph Abbruzzese</a>	5/14/1959 Age 66	11/17/1990	Removed from Ministry 12/1/1993
<a href="#">Daniel Azzarone</a>	3/11/1951 Age 74	6/16/1978	Removed from Ministry 11/1/2001
<a href="#">Paul Charland</a>	4/24/1945 Age 80	5/15/1971	Removed from Ministry 8/26/2011
<a href="#">Kevin Fisette</a>	6/26/1955 Age 70	11/21/1981	Removed from Ministry 8/24/2009
<a href="#">P. Henry Leech</a>	3/10/1950 Age 75	9/26/1980	Removed from Ministry 5/4/1984
<a href="#">Richard Meglio</a>	11/6/1941 Age 83	2/12/1972	Removed from Ministry 4/22/1988
<a href="#">John Petrocelli</a>	10/13/1945 Age 79	5/8/1971	Removed from Ministry 8/22/2002
<a href="#">Francis Santilli</a>	8/1/1953 Age 71	6/27/1980	Removed from Ministry 2/3/2022
<a href="#">James Silva</a>	11/25/1939 Age 85	6/3/1967	Removed from Ministry 3/1/1993
<a href="#">William Tanguay</a>	6/18/1943 Age 82	6/28/1969	Removed from Ministry 6/17/2002
<a href="#">John Tormey</a>	2/12/1942 Age 83	6/3/1967	Resigned from Ministry 3/2/1979; Allegation received after resignation

#### List of Credibly Accused Non-Diocesan Clergy - Living

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<a href="#">James W. Jackson, FSSP</a>	6/3/1955 Age 70	5/18/1985	Removed from Ministry 10/31/2021

#### List of Credibly Accused Deacons - Living

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<a href="#">Edward Sadowski</a>	8/23/1942 Age 82	6/29/1979	Removed from Ministry 7/30/2001

#### List of Credibly Accused Clergy - Deceased

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<a href="#">John Allard</a>	7/7/1949	9/19/1975	Removed from Ministry 2/25/2013; Died 4/27/2018
<a href="#">Roger Belhumeur</a>	3/29/1926	5/27/1961	Died 9/28/2010
<a href="#">Dennis Brodeur</a>	7/1/1951	7/23/1977	Died 1/1/2004; Predeceased any allegation received
<a href="#">Robert Carpentier</a>	2/12/1941	6/3/1967	Removed from Ministry 4/9/1992; Died 5/9/2012
<a href="#">Joseph D'Angelo</a>	1/3/1947	4/21/1979	Removed from Ministry 7/1/1983. <a href="#">Died 1/15/2026</a>

Michael La Mountain
Philip Magaldi
Robert Marcantonio
Joseph McCra
Robert McIntyre
Barry Meehan
Adrian Menard
Edmund Micarelli
William O'Connell
William O'Neill
Hugh Rafferty
William Raiche
Peter Scagnelli
Armand Ventre
James Campbell
John Powers
Joseph Rocha
Brendan Smyth
Laurence Gagnon
Anthony DeAngelis
Peter Tedeschi

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<b>Normand Demers</b>	9/14/1932	5/31/1958	Removed from Ministry 4/1/2002; Died 7/21/2018
<b>Alfred Desrosiers</b>	3/13/1935	6/25/1961	Removed from Ministry 4/2/1993; Died 2/15/2001
<b>Paul Desrosiers</b>	5/12/1913	5/18/1940	Died 6/27/1984; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Louis Diogo</b>	12/11/1920	6/23/1946	Removed from Ministry 5/10/2006; Died 4/4/2015
<b>Charles Dolan</b>	2/17/1904	12/20/1930	Died 11/5/1977; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Louis Dunn</b>	12/19/1920	5/31/1947	Removed from Ministry 3/24/1994; Died 4/18/2001
<b>Oscar Ferland</b>	3/16/1918	12/23/1944	Died 7/8/1998; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>John Ferry</b>	4/23/1926	2/2/1957	Died 4/11/1988; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Edmund Fitzgerald</b>	12/5/1929	5/25/1957	Died 8/7/2020; Removed from Ministry 8/27/1998
<b>William Gillooly</b>	11/11/1918	12/23/1944	Died 9/2/1989; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Timothy Gorton</b>	2/6/1956	11/20/1982	Removed from Ministry 4/23/2012; Died 06/18/21
<b>Rene Guertin</b>	1/20/1919	6/15/1946	Died 1/23/1982; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Richard Holden</b>	9/11/1939	5/23/1964	Died 3/23/1985; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Edward Kelley</b>	3/21/1942	6/8/1968	Removed from Ministry 5/19/2015; Died 9/26/2022
<b>Michael La Mountain</b>	3/5/1949	8/14/1976	Removed from Ministry 3/3/1995; Died 8/25/2010
<b>Roland Lepire</b>	2/18/1949	8/23/1975	Removed from Ministry 2/9/1996; <b><i>Died 02/26/2025</i></b>
<b>Philip Magaldi</b>	4/29/1936	12/18/1960	Removed from Ministry 5/6/1992; Died 8/8/2008
<b>Robert Marcantonio</b>	11/30/1942	6/24/1967	Removed from Ministry 8/16/1989; Died 10/20/1999
<b>Joseph McCra</b>	9/25/1905	7/10/1932	Died 5/14/1964
<b>Robert McIntyre</b>	5/22/1937	6/29/1963	Removed from Ministry 3/30/1994; Died 6/23/2020
<b>Barry Meehan</b>	7/21/1949	6/10/1978	Removed from Ministry 1/8/2013; Died 12/8/2016
<b>Adrian Menard</b>	4/9/1922	6/15/1946	Died 2/1/1976; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Edmund Micarelli</b>	1/29/1923	5/23/1959	Removed from Ministry 4/17/1990; Died 7/12/2019
<b>William O'Connell</b>	4/10/1922	6/3/1950	Removed from Ministry 2/19/1985; Died 5/12/1996
<b>William O'Neill</b>	9/16/1941	6/8/1968	Left Ministry 7/10/1971; Died 5/3/2000
<b>Hugh Rafferty</b>	3/21/1933	6/7/1964	Removed from Ministry 11/1/1974; Died 1/11/2001
<b>William Raiche</b>	6/20/1908	5/21/1932	Died 3/26/1983; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Peter Scagnelli</b>	1/13/1949	8/6/1976	Removed from Ministry 1/1/1994; Died 7/12/2017
<b>Samuel Turillo</b>	7/6/1920	6/15/1946	Removed from Ministry 6/29/2016; Died 7/17/23
<b>Armand Ventre</b>	2/8/1932	6/30/1957	Removed from Ministry 7/5/1985; Died 12/27/99

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<b>James D. Campbell, M.S.C.</b> Missionary of the Sacred Heart	6/25/1945	5/27/1972	Left the Diocese of Providence 9/1977; Removed from Ministry 3/2005 by M.S.C.; Died 2007
<b>John Aquinas Powers, O.P.</b> Dominican Friar Province of St. Joseph	9/27/1925	6/12/1952	Left Diocese of Providence 9/1965; Removed from Ministry 2/2005 by Province of St. Joseph; Died 10/19/2010
<b>Joseph James Rocha, O.P.</b> Dominican Friar Province of St. Joseph	4/16/1940	6/9/1966	Left Diocese of Providence 6/2/1986; Removed from Ministry 1988 by Province of St. Joseph; Died 2009
<b>John Gerard Brendan Smyth, O. Praem.,</b> Norbertine Monk Belfast, Northern Ireland	6/8/1927	7/31/1951	Left Diocese of Providence 2/1968; Died in prison 8/22/1997

#### List of Credibly Accused Deacons - Deceased

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<b>Laurence Gagnon</b>	7/25/1940	6/23/1979	Removed from Ministry 8/10/2011; Died 8/28/21

#### List of Publicly Accused Clergy - Deceased

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<b>Anthony DeAngelis</b>	10/14/1908	3/18/1935	Died 1/23/1990; Predeceased any allegation received
<b>Peter Tedeschi</b>	5/22/1931	6/4/1960	Died 10/18/1986; Predeceased any allegation received

*The Diocese of Providence is committed to publishing on its website the list of Diocesan priests who were the subject of credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors and the current status of each. Please note: this list is a working document and will be updated should more information become available.*

*None of the individuals listed above is permitted to serve in ministry or function as a priest.*

*To those who have been abused, and have not contacted law enforcement or diocesan officials, please know that we and others are here for you. The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse, or with knowledge of such abuse, by any priest, deacon, religious lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Providence to report the information to the Rhode Island State Police Major Crimes Unit at (401) 764-0142, the RI Child Protective Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Systems at 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453), the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office at (401) 274-4400 and/or Kevin O'Brien, Co-Director of the Office of Compliance, at (401) 941-0760 or email [kobrien@dpvd.org](mailto:kobrien@dpvd.org). They may also contact, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Michael Hansen, Director of the Office of Outreach and Prevention at (401) 946-0728 or email [mhansen@dpvd.org](mailto:mhansen@dpvd.org) to learn about pastoral outreach programs.*



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