



## Archdiocesan Clergy With Substantiated Allegations Of Sexual Abuse Of A Minor

### Promise to Protect: Message from Archbishop R...



### Message from Archbishop Carlson

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson addresses the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis regarding the release of the list of names of archdiocesan clergy with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last September, I promised to publish the names of clergy who have had substantiated claims of sexual abuse of minors against them. Today, I am fulfilling that promise.

It will be painful for all of us to see the names of clergy accused of behavior we can barely allow ourselves to imagine. But publishing their names is the right thing to do.

For years, victims have carried the burden of the crimes committed against them. In talking with many of them, I have witnessed the devastating impact on their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Publishing these names will not change the past. Nothing will. But it is an important step in the long process of healing. And we are committed to that healing.

This list, which is published below, is the result of a long and extensive investigation conducted by a third-party agency staffed with skilled investigators, formerly of the FBI and state law enforcement. The results were provided to the [Archdiocesan Review Board](#)—a board composed of a majority of lay members who are not employed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Review Board produced the list and shared it with me for final review. I have accepted the results of this investigative process.

Please be assured that no priest or deacon of the Archdiocese of St. Louis against whom there has been a substantiated claim of sexual abuse of a minor is currently serving in ministry. Important facts regarding each member of the clergy who is named, including their status within the Church, are detailed on this list.

The list is also published in a special edition of our archdiocesan newspaper, *St. Louis Review*, and a copy of this edition is being circulated to Catholic households in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, regardless of whether that household has a subscription. Additionally, the list is being shared with the Missouri Attorney General. The Archdiocese of St. Louis will continue to work in full transparency with the Attorney General's office throughout its review of clergy personnel records, which is ongoing, to ensure that any new information regarding allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy is considered and handled appropriately.

I strongly encourage anyone who has yet to share their story of abuse to please come forward to the local and state authorities. I also ask that anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse of minors or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, call the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 314-792-7704. The names of any additional clergy who

are found to have substantiated claims of sexual abuse of minors against them, based on new information, will be added to this list.

The archdiocese has many resources in place to support victims. Numerous steps have also been taken to strengthen and enhance procedures to ensure that our children are protected. More information about these initiatives and resources can be found on the [Promise to Protect webpage](#).

I pray, and I ask you to pray with me, to our blessed Mother Mary: *Mother of mercy, help us by your prayers. Help victims to heal. Help the Church to be purified. Help bishops and priests to repent, to return to Jesus with a purified faith, and become instruments of His salvation.*

God continues to call all of us to Him through His Church. I ask all of you to join me in heartfelt prayer, with the Eucharist in mind, that this work will help bring peace to the victims and their families. I pray that He will help us all remain vigilant in righting past wrongs, fulfilling our Promise to Protect, and restoring trust in His Church, its leadership and His divine plan for salvation.

I pray that, in this moment, we will be rich in the healing power of Jesus, rise out of the darkness of this tomb, grow stronger in the light of His love and mercy, and praise Him unceasingly for His promise of eternal life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson

Archbishop of St. Louis

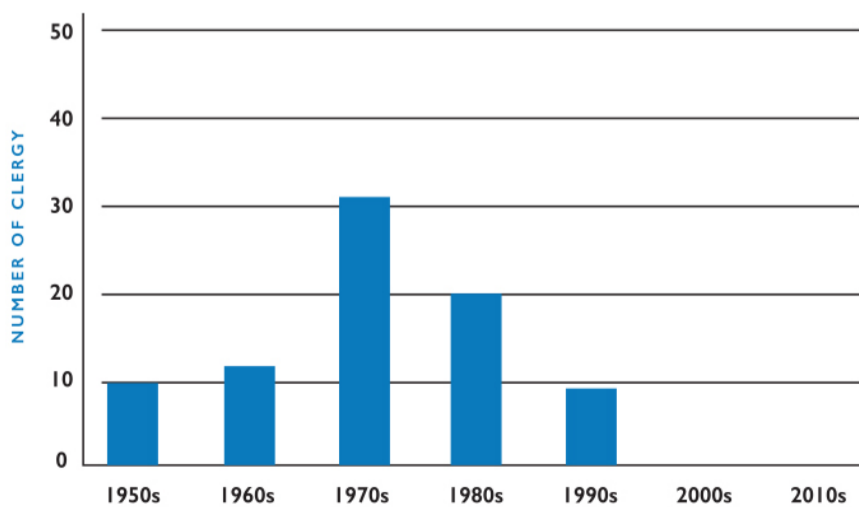
### Important Highlights

No archdiocesan clergy member against whom there has been a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is currently in ministry.

There have been no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor alleged to have occurred after 2002.

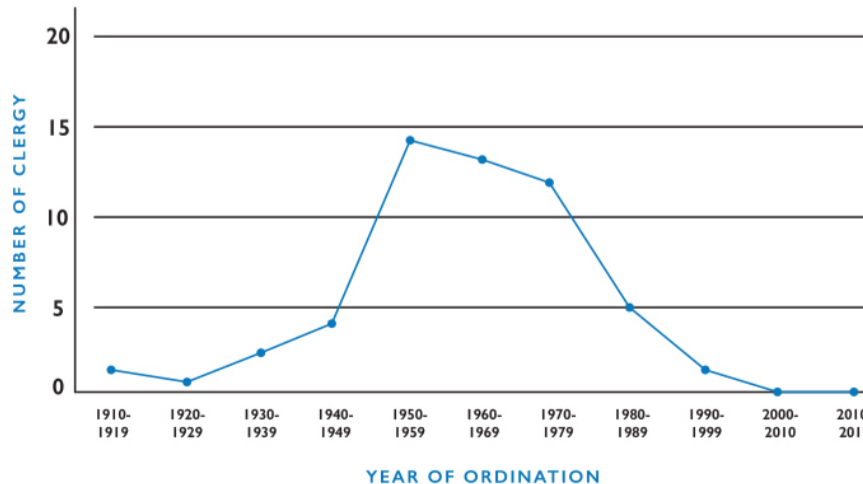
In keeping with the requirements of the Charter, any archdiocesan employee or volunteer (clergy or lay) who is found to have a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is removed permanently from ministry and/or employment.

Archdiocesan Clergy with Substantiated Claims of Sexual Abuse of a Minor by Decade of Occurrence



The data in this chart is provided by the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Archdiocesan Clergy with Substantiated Claims of Sexual Abuse of a Minor by Year of Ordination



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## List Of Archdiocesan Clergy With Substantiated Allegations Of Abuse

The archdiocesan clergy listed below have been found to have substantiated allegations, regarding either sexual abuse of a minor or child pornography, against them. For the purposes of this list, a “substantiated allegation” is an allegation that is determined to be more likely true than not true, based on all facts and data related to the case that are available and accessible.

A characterization of an allegation in this list by the archdiocese as “substantiated” is not equivalent to a finding by a judge or jury that a cleric is liable or guilty for sexual abuse of a minor under civil or criminal law.

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The list is divided into four categories:

- Clergy of the Archdiocese of St. Louis with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor
- Clergy of the Archdiocese of St. Louis with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor, first allegation made after clergy death
- Clergy from other dioceses ([extern clergy](#)<sup>1</sup>) who served in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and have substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor
- Clergy with substantiated allegations of possession of child pornography

## List of Archdiocesan Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

No.	Last Name	First Name	Year of Ordination	Date of Death	Status
1	Babka	Robert H.	1968	2013	Removed from ministry; deceased
2	Beckman	Dcn. Carl	1986		Removed from ministry
3	Beine	James A.	1967		Removed from ministry; laicized
4	Brinkman	Don G.	1967		Removed from ministry
5	Campbell	John R.	1958		Removed from ministry
6	Campbell	Michael A.	1979		Removed from ministry
7	Christian	Norman H.	1961	2004	Removed from ministry; deceased
8	Cooper	Thomas T.	1955	2003	Removed from ministry; deceased
9	Creason	Hubert E.	1958	2006	Removed from ministry; deceased
10	Fitzgerald	Alfred J.	1966		Removed from ministry
11	Funke	James A.	1974		Removed from ministry
12	Ghio	John J.	1980		Removed from ministry
13	Goellner	Glennon J.	1950	2007	Removed from ministry; deceased
14	Graham	Thomas J.	1960		Removed from ministry;
15	Gummersbach	James L.	1954	2014	Removed from ministry; deceased
16	Heck	Donald H.	1963	2015	Removed from ministry; deceased
17	Hederman	Kevin F.	1975		Removed from ministry
18	Heier	Vincent A.	1977		Removed from ministry; retired
19	Huhn	Bernard	1952	2000	Ministry restricted; deceased
20	Hummel	Dcn. Fred	1986		Removed from ministry; laicized
21	Johnston	Robert F.	1962		Removed from ministry;
22	Kaske	John J.	1956		Removed from ministry; laicized
23	Kelley	William A.	1977	2013	Removed from ministry; deceased
24	Kertz	Louis	1948	1985	Deceased
25	Kopff	Marvin C.	1963	2006	Removed from ministry; deceased
26	Kuchar	Bryan M.	1993		Removed from ministry; laicized
27	Lessard	Joseph P.	1952	2014	Removed from ministry; deceased
28	Lippert	Alexander W.	1956	2000	Removed from ministry; deceased

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29	McGrath	Michael	1974		Removed from ministry; laicized
30	Marschner	Aloysius J.	1936	2004	Ministry restricted; deceased
31	McClintock	Dennis J.	1973		Removed from ministry; laicized
32	Obmann	Russell	1951	2000	Removed from ministry; deceased
33	O'Brien	Joseph M.	1957	2012	Removed from ministry; deceased
34	Pavlik	James J.	1963	2015	Removed from ministry; deceased
35	Rehme	Albert A.	1956	2012	Removed from ministry; deceased
36	Ross	Joseph D.	1969		Removed from ministry; laicized
37	Schierhoff	Lawrence C.	1952	2008	Removed from ministry; laicized
38	Seidel	Michael L.	1987		Removed from ministry; laicized
39	Straub	Donald J.	1975		Removed from ministry; laicized
40	Toohey	Michael W.	1967		Removed from ministry; laicized
41	Valentine	Leroy	1977		Removed from ministry
42	Westrich	Keith M.	1981		Removed from ministry
43	Wolken	Gary P.	1993		Removed from ministry; laicized
44	Yim	Robert J.	1974		Removed from ministry; laicized
45	Zacheis	Dennis B.	1975		Removed from ministry

## List of Archdiocesan Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor that were first accused After Death <sup>2</sup>

No.	Last Name	First Name	Year of Ordination	Date of Death	Status
1	Blase'	Francis	1941	1977	Deceased
2	Bockelmann	Albert	1939	1975	Deceased
3	Byrne	Maurice	1943	1993	Deceased
4	Craig	Walter	1923	1971	Deceased
5	Galovich	George W.	1971	2012	Deceased
6	McLain	James	1957	1998	Deceased
7	McDonough	Roger	1965	1985	Deceased
8	O'Flynn	Bernard	1917	1981	Deceased
9	Poepperling	William	1934	1983	Deceased
10	Wieberg	John	1918	1963	Deceased
11	Zimmer	Ralph	1943	1981	Deceased

<sup>2</sup> The clergy on this list had already passed away when the allegations against them were made. As such, these clergy did not have an opportunity to respond to the allegations or provide a defense.

## List of Extern Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor <sup>3</sup>

No.	Last Name	First Name	Year of Ordination	Date of Death	Status
1	Ferraro	Romano J.	1960		Removed from ministry; laicized
2	Frobas	Victor A.	1966	1993	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
3	Lenczycki	Frederick	1972		Removed from ministry; laicized
4	Roberts	Kenneth J.	1966	2018	Removed from ministry; deceased
5	Stauber	James F.	1959	2010	Removed from ministry; deceased

<sup>1</sup> Extern clergy refers to clergy members that were not from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, but served in the Archdiocese of St. Louis for a period of time.

<sup>3</sup> The clergy on this list have substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor that occurred in the Archdiocese of St. Louis or elsewhere.

# List of Archdiocesan Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Possession of Child Pornography

No.	Last Name	First Name	Year of Ordination	Date of Death	Status
1	Grady	James P.	1977		Removed from ministry; laicized
2	Hess	John P.	1983		Removed from ministry
3	Vatterott	William F.	2003		Removed from ministry; laicized

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