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## Public Disclosure List

*(Updated April 5, 2019)*

Some of the names on the list may be recognizable as a result of a criminal conviction or other public report. Other names are being disclosed publicly for the first time. Some people on this list cannot be convicted of a crime because of the passage of time, legal technicalities, their present whereabouts or mental state, or other factors; nonetheless, these people will not be accepted as employees or volunteers by the Diocese of Erie. **Every person named on this list was credibly accused of actions that, in the diocese's judgment, disqualify that person from working with children. Such actions could include the use of child pornography, furnishing pornography to minors, corruption of minors, violating a child-protection policy, failure to prevent abuse that they knew to be happening, and — in some cases — direct physical sexual abuse or sexual assault of minors.** Allegations were corroborated by secular legal proceedings, canon law proceedings, self-admission by the individual, or threshold evidence (as defined in the Child Protection Policy). None of the priests listed are permitted to engage in any form of public ministry or to present themselves publicly as priests. Individuals are listed with their current (in the case of priests) or last known (in the case of laypersons) status with the Diocese of Erie or any of the schools or agencies within the diocese.

The individuals on this list are believed to be alive and living in the locations noted:

- Ronald Keith Allison — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay teacher

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- Former Fr. Michael J. Amy — Niceville, Florida  
Laicized (removed from ministry and later voluntarily resigned from the clergy)
- Fr. Michael G. Barletta — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Jonathan J. Borkowski — Fairview, Pennsylvania  
Former lay employee
- Fr. Robert F. Bower — Edinboro, Pennsylvania  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Andre C. Butler — Rosedale, New York  
Former lay agency employee
- Randolph A. Byrd — Crozet, Virginia  
Former lay teacher
- Former Fr. Dennis C. Chludzinski — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Laicized
- Charles R. "Rick" Cooper — Lanexa, Virginia  
Former lay teacher
- Megan E. Fecko — Cleveland, Ohio  
Former lay teacher
- Kevin J. Feyas — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay teacher and parish musician
- Former Fr. Gregory P. Furjanic, OFM — Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Laicized
- Former Fr. Chester J. Gawronski — Sahuarita, Arizona  
Dismissed from the clergy

- Timothy G. Hanson, Sr. — North East, Pennsylvania  
Layman prohibited from volunteer work or entering school property
- James E. Herzing — St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Former lay teacher
- Former Fr. Barry M. Hudock — Albany, Minnesota  
Laicized
- Fr. Stephen E. Jeselnick — Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Fr. Edward W. Jungquist — Whereabouts unknown  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Former Fr. Gary L. Ketcham — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Laicized
- Lewis A. Kocher — Springfield, Ohio  
Former choir director
- Fr. Thaddeus T. Kondzielski — Waterford, Pennsylvania  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Kevin S. Kulhanek — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay school volunteer
- Former Fr. Thomas M. Lechner — Sewickley, Pennsylvania  
Laicized
- Fr. Salvatore P. Luzzi — Bradford, Pennsylvania  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Eve Minter (née Spangler) — Henrico, Virginia  
Former lay teacher

- David R. Montgomery — Otisville, New York (*in federal prison until 2041*)  
Former lay teacher
- Fr. Leon T. Muroski — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Denise J. (née Geitner) Myers (Meyer) — Greensburg, Pennsylvania  
Former lay teacher
- Hattie B. Nichols — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay agency employee
- Philip J. Pochatko — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay school teacher
- Former Fr. David L. Poulson — Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (*in state prison until at least 2021*)  
Laicized
- Brian J. Radachy — Elkton, Ohio (*in federal prison until 2024*)  
Former lay school teacher
- Fr. Charles R. Schmitt — Port Allegany, Pennsylvania  
Forbidden to function as a priest
- Former Fr. Samuel B. Slocum — Cyclone, Pennsylvania  
Dismissed from the clergy
- Former Fr. Thomas E. Smith — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Dismissed from the clergy
- Ann Marie Hanes (Strall) — Spokane, Washington  
Former lay teacher
- Fr. Daniel J. Taylor — Tucson, Arizona  
Forbidden to function as a priest

- Ron Thomsen — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay volunteer
- John (Jack) E. Tome — Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Former seminarian
- Former Fr. Patrick B. Vallimont — Union City, Pennsylvania  
Laicized
- Dennis E. Vickery — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay teacher
- Robert D. Viszneki — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former parish volunteer (awaiting sentencing)
- Joseph M. Votino — Masury, Ohio  
Former lay teacher/coach
- Craig T. Ward — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Former lay agency employee

Should an employer have a need for further information about the facts underlying the inclusion of any person on this list, please contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at [childprotection@eriercd.org](mailto:childprotection@eriercd.org). This list will be updated as necessary.

Additionally, we recognize that some of the individuals who failed our children and other vulnerable populations are now deceased. The list below names those individuals who — but for their death — would be on the above list of people prohibited from employment. In furnishing the names of these deceased individuals, the diocese wishes to acknowledge those victims/survivors who were harmed by their actions, to encourage any other victims/survivors to come forward who have not already done so, and to reaffirm the commitment of the diocese to offer support and assistance to victims/survivors of abuse. Individuals are listed with their current (in the case of priests) or last known (in the case of laypersons) status with the Diocese of Erie or any of the schools or agencies within the diocese.

- Fr. Jules "Raymond" Balko, OSB  
Was able to function (abuse reported after death)

Date of death: 1985

- Fr. Donald C. Bolton, CSSR  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: October 2006
- Fr. Edmund S. Borycz, OFM  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: January 2018
- Msgr. Bonaventure M. Ciufoli  
Returned to Italy  
Date of death: July 1987
- Fr. Donald J. Cooper  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: December 2011
- William E. Couse  
Former lay school employee  
Date of death: August 2000
- Fr. Kevin E. Cray, SDS  
Was able to function (abuse reported after death)  
Date of death: January 1999
- Father G. Matthew Daly  
Was able to function (abuse reported after his death)  
Date of death: 1982
- Albert S. Davies  
Former lay teacher  
Date of death: September 2005
- Fr. David V. Dobrowolski  
Was able to function\*

Date of death: December 1985

- William P. Garvey  
Former lay teacher/coach (later served as college president)  
Date of death: August 2017
- David M. Geitner  
Former lay teacher  
Date of death: 1990
- Fr. Herbert G. Gloekler  
Was able to function\*  
Date of death: January 1985
- Fr. Robert E. Hannon  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: January 2006
- Fr. Patrick J. Healy  
Was able to function (abuse reported after his death)  
Date of death: June 1999
- James P. Hewitt  
Former lay teacher  
Date of death: August 2011
- Msgr. James F. Hopkins  
Was able to function (abuse reported after his death)  
Date of death: July 1957
- Fr. Joseph W. Jerge  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: April 2006
- Fr. Thomas C. Kelley  
Forbidden to function as a priest

Date of death: February 2005

- Fr. Gerard (Gerald, Gerry) H. Krebs  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: May 2005
- Fr. Jerry (John) Kucan, OFM  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: December 2010
- Former Fr. Fidelis G. Lazar, OSB  
Left ministry prior to his death  
Date of death: March 2018
- Msgr. Louis H. Lorei  
Believed to have died restricted from ministry (records unclear as to final status)  
Date of death: April 1986
- Msgr. Daniel J. Martin  
Restricted from ministry (abuse reported during retirement/physical-health-leave and later, after death)  
Date of death: May 2006
- Fr. Joseph F. Meisinger  
Was able to function (abuse reported after his death)  
Date of death: March 1979
- Former Brother Edmundus Murphy, SVD  
Left ministry prior to his death  
Date of death: October 2014
- Fr. John L. Murray  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: March 2018
- Fr. Giles L. Nealen, OSB  
Was unable to function (was already confined to infirmary when abuse was reported)



Date of death: December 1996

- Fr. Andrew W. Pawlaczyk  
Was able to function (abuse reported after death)  
Date of death: March 1982
- Fr. John A. Piatkowski  
Believed to have died with ability to function (records unclear as to final status)  
Date of death: November 1970
- Former Fr. William F. Presley  
Dismissed from the clergy  
Date of death: April 2012
- Msgr. Joseph V. Reszkowski  
Was able to function (abuse reported after his death)  
Date of death: September 2003
- Fr. John P. Schanz  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: April 2010
- Fr. Charles A. Sheets, Jr.  
Forbidden to function as a priest  
Date of death: November 2009
- Sr. Mary Carmel Skeabeck, SSJ  
(Charlotte Skeabeck)  
Former teacher  
Date of death: May 2015
- Vincent "Vance" Valentine  
Former lay school employee  
Date of death: 1967
- Bishop Alfred M. Watson  
Bishop of Erie (failed to act to stop abuse which was credibly reported to him)

Date of death: January 1990

\* The diocese had no records indicating that the abuse had been reported years ago, but new information confirms allegations had been submitted but were not on record.

We also find it important to recognize the survivors who have reported abuse, even when the report cannot be investigated fully. Allegations of abuse from decades ago often can be neither proved nor disproved due to a lack of living witnesses or corroborating evidence. The Diocese of Erie is profoundly grateful for the courage demonstrated by the individuals who have come forward to make these allegations known but regrets that — with no way to corroborate these allegations — they cannot be listed here. Nonetheless, the Diocese of Erie always welcomes any additional information that can shed light on past cases of abuse.

#### [Explanation of investigative process and "under investigation" category](#)

These individuals are currently under investigation, and each is presumed innocent unless proved otherwise:

- Fr. Stephen A. Anderson — deceased
- Michael L. DiFrancisco — deceased
- Fr. Sean P. Kerins — Erie, Pennsylvania
- Msgr. Conrad L. Kraus — deceased
- Fr. Richard D. Lynch — deceased
- Msgr. H. Desmond McGee — DuBois, Pennsylvania
- Frank J. Mariella, Sr. — deceased
- Fr. Jan C. Olowin — retired, Peoria, Arizona
- Fr. Robert A. Pudlo (failed to act to stop abuse which was credibly reported to him) — deceased
- Fr. William A. Rice — retired, Fryburg, Pennsylvania
- Msgr. L. Thomas Snyderwine — retired, Erie, Pennsylvania

#### Awaiting trial

- Gregory S. Mancini  
Former assistant coach – Erie, Pennsylvania

Finally, in some cases, reports were made out of an abundance of caution rather than because of specific abuse that was perpetrated. In these cases, referrals are made to appropriate law-enforcement agencies, as well as analyzed by the Diocese of Erie's investigators. Where both secular law enforcement and diocesan investigators concluded that a report is unfounded, the names of the

reported individuals involved will not be publicized.

## REPORTING ABUSE

*Pastoral care and compassion for victims, as well as the protection of children and vulnerable adults, is a top priority of the Diocese of Erie. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church, to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the Diocese of Erie, email [ErieRCD@KLGates.com](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com). Victims or concerned individuals are also welcome to contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814.451.1543. In addition, anyone can directly report suspected abuse of minors by anyone to PA ChildLine by calling 800.932.0313. The line is open 24/7, and callers may choose to remain anonymous. Victims also are welcome to contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814.451.1543. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelsen, who can be reached at 814.451.1521.*

Numerous reports also are made in accordance with the law regarding situations where reason to suspect abuse exists but the perpetrator is not connected to the diocese. For instance, if a parent abuses a child, a Catholic school teacher is required to report that abuse. Those cases are investigated and prosecuted as appropriate, but the names of people involved will not be made public on this website. The federal sex-offender registry may be searched [here](#), and the Pennsylvania sex-offender registry may be searched [here](#). Any person who uses the information contained on this website or linked websites to threaten, intimidate, or harass a listed individual or his/her family — or who otherwise misuses this information — may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

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