As one of the non-monetary terms for resolving the cases brought against the Diocese (Whalen, et al. v. Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, et al., and Does, et al. v. Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, et al.), the Diocese of Helena has agreed that: “For a period of not less than ten (10) years from the Effective Date, the Diocese will post on its website home page the names of all known past and present alleged perpetrators of the Diocese who are identified in the Sexual Abuse Claims or the complaints filed in the Whalen and Does cases as child sexual abusers between the 1930s and 1970s.”

The Diocese also is listing priests against whom accusations of sexual abuse of minors have been made only to the Diocese. Should additional information come to light, the list will be modified accordingly.

The Diocese hopes that this step helps to provide a pathway to healing for those who have been abused and brings light into a dark and difficult chapter in our diocesan Church.

List posted April 29, 2015.

**Diocese of Helena Priests**

*note that of the 417 priests ordained for the Diocese of Helena, 20 (4.8%) have been accused of sexual abuse of a minor, one has been acquitted.*

**James Barry – Ordained: 1951**


Died September 8, 1980

**John Bauer – Ordained: 1963**


Leave of absence: September 1, 1970; Died: October 26, 1992

**Harry Butori – Ordained: 1952**


Died: March 14, 2005

**John Delane – Ordained: 1919**


Died: January 30, 1971

**Harry Delaney – Ordained: 1925**
Assignments: St. Paul Parish, Anaconda: summer/fall 1925; St. Joseph Parish, Butte: 1925-34; St. Joseph Hospital, Deer Lodge: 1934-36; Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka: 1936-54; General Hospital, Kalispell: 1954-57

Died: March 11, 1957

George Ferguson – Ordained: 1956

Died: June 12, 1986

Joseph Finnegan – Ordained: May 22, 1965
Note that criminal accusations were taken to Court, resulting in acquittal.

Retired: July 1, 2002

A.M.D. Gillen – ordained May 29, 1926 (in Canada)
Assignments in Diocese of Helena: St. Richard, Columbia Falls: 1950-51; St. Teresa of the Little Flower, Browning: 1951-1965

Left Diocese: September 1, 1965; Died: July 30, 1987

Daniel Harrington – Ordained: 1932

Died: November 23, 1997

Robert Hartman – Ordained: 1947

Died: August 12, 1996

Daniel Hillen – Ordained: 1969

Died: July 19, 2003

John Kerrigan – Ordained: 1954

Died: July 21, 1984

Paul Kirchen – Ordained: 1929
Assignment: Carroll College 1929-1980; retired, residence at Carroll College: July 1, 1980
Died: April 19, 1989

Emmet Lowney – Ordained: 1949
Died: July 31, 1975

Bernard McCarthy – Ordained: 1947
Died: September 16, 2003

James McCormick – Ordained: 1924
Assignments: Carroll College: 1924-26 and 1927-51; St. Lawrence Parish, Walkerville: 1926-27 and 1951-56; Immaculate Conception Parish, Butte: 1956-67
Died: June 14, 1967

Dusan Okorn – Ordained: 1947
Arrived in Diocese of Helena: December 1949.
Died: January 10, 2010

Robert O’Donnell – Ordained: 1966
Died: July 29, 1995

Wilson Smart – Ordained: 1957
Died: November 10, 2006

Leonard Spraycar – Ordained: 1947
Died: March 31, 1984

Patrick Stimatz – Ordained: 1946
Assignments: Holy Rosary Parish, Bozeman: 1946-50; St. John Parish, Butte: 1950-59; St. Mary of the
Assumption Parish, Laurin: 1959-65; Little Flower Parish, Browning: 1965-72; Chaplain, Montana State Prison: 1972-86

Died: May 4, 1986

**Jesuit Priests or Brothers – principally from Oregon Province, Society of Jesus**

_names provided by the plaintiffs; assignment information from the National Catholic Directory; other information is from the Oregon Province, Society of Jesus_

**Joseph Balfe, SJ – Ordained: 1927**
Left Diocese: 1953; Died: September 29, 1969

**Victor Charlo – Jesuit Seminarian; not assigned in Montana**

**Thomas Connolly, SJ – not assigned in Montana**

**M.A. Dimier, SJ – [Ordination Date unavailable]**
Assignment in Diocese: St. Ignatius Mission Parish, St. Ignatius: 1930-50
Died: June 14, 1950

**A.J. Ferretti, SJ (“Fr. Freddy”) – Ordained: 1941**
Assignments in Diocese: St. Ignatius Mission Parish, St. Ignatius: 1953; 1964-69;
Left Diocese: 1969; Died: June 28, 1982

**Rene Gallant (“Brother Charlie”), SJ – no record of assignments**
Died: July 23, 1975 at St. Ignatius

**Louis Geis, SJ – Ordained: 1939**
Left Diocese 1992; Died: July 8, 1994

**Bernard Harris, SJ – Ordained: 1945**
Assignment in Diocese: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Missoula: 1954-69 and 72
Died: September 7, 1972

**Egon Mallman, SJ – Ordained: 1929**
Assignments in Diocese: St. Anne Parish, Heart Butte: 1934-1976;
Left Diocese: 1976; Died: August 20, 1980

**Gabriel Menager, SJ – [Ordination date unavailable]**
Assignments in Diocese: St. Ignatius Mission Parish, St. Ignatius: 1940-45;
Left Diocese: 1945; Died: July 28 1966

**Joseph Obersinner, SJ – Ordained: 1957**
Left Diocese: 1991
Edmund Robinson (“Father Eddy”), SJ – Ordained: 1955
Died: May 22, 2014

Br. John Sorisio, SJ
Worked at St. Ignatius from 1915 until his death on July 20, 1957

Louis Taelman, SJ – Ordained: 1898
Assignments in Diocese: St. Ignatius Mission Parish, St. Ignatius: 1930-40 and 1953-58;
Left Diocese: 1958; Died: December 24, 1961

Norbertine Priests
while serving in the Diocese of Helena

John Kohnke, O Praem – ordained: March 22, 1937
Left diocese: August 19, 1964; Died: September 2, 1987

Martin Philipsen, O Praem – ordained: June 18, 1942
Assignments in Diocese of Helena: St. William Parish, Shelby: 1971-78
Left diocese: 1978; Died: August 21, 1988

Peter Pritzl, O Praem – ordained: April 25, 1929
Left diocese: 1974; Died: October 3, 1993

Diocese cannot verify the following individuals identified in claims as priests
Burke (first name unknown)
Byrnes or Burns (first name unknown), SJ
Callan (first name unknown)
Estes (first name unknown)
Gannon (first name unknown), SJ
Gilmore (first name unknown)
Harper (unknown)
John (last name unknown), SJ
Larson (first name unknown), SJ
James O’Brien, SJ
Sullinger (unknown)
Sullivan (first name unknown)
Lay Persons at St. Ignatius

Mr. Crawford
Dave (last name unknown)
Ms. Knauf

Ursuline Sisters serving at St. Ignatius between 1940 and 1975

names provided by plaintiffs

Mother Bernadette, OSU
Sister Camilla, OSU
Sister Catherine, OSU
Mother Cecilia, OSU (Frances Seymor)
Mother Clement Marie, OSU
Sister Daniels, OSU
Mother Finbarr, OSU
Sister Frances, OSU
Mother Grace, OSU
Sister Henrietta, OSU
Sister John, OSU
Mother Loyola, OSU (Rufina Karges)
Sister Mackey, OSU
Mother Marianne, OSU
Sister Mary Laurence, OSU
Sister Margaret, OSU
Sister Marion, OSU
Sister Martin, OSU
Sister Monica, OSU
Sister Rita, OSU
Sister Teresa, OSU

Sisters from other Communities

while serving in the Diocese of Helena

Mother Catherine, RGS – Good Shepherd Home, Helena
Sister Glenniatoss – (religious community uncertain)
Sister Mary Agnes Rose, BVM – Immaculate Conception School, Butte
Sister Mary Victor, SCL – St. Helena School, Helena
Sister Monica, OP – St. Margaret School, Cut Bank
Sister Richildus, OP – St. Margaret School, Cut Bank