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The Bridgeport Diocese has released names of priests accused of sexual abuse. Here's who they are and where they served.



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The Diocese of Bridgeport Tuesday released the names of dozens of clergy who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor dating back to the 1950s.

They also released a shorter list of priests not on the credibly accused list but involved in cases where a settlement was paid.

[Bridgeport Diocese report on sex abuse among priests blames former Archbishop Edward Egan; nearly 300 individuals allegedly abused by 71 priests since 1953 »](#)

Here are those lists, along with which parishes the priests served in, and any action the church took against them.

Kieran Ahearn

- Our Lady of Sorrows Church, NY, Parochial Assistant (1964-65)
- St. Anthony Friary, Hudson, NH, Vocation Promoter (1965-69)
- St. Lawrence Friary Milton, MA, Vocation Promoter (1969-71)
- St. Anne Friary, Smithtown, NY, Hospital Chaplain (1971-81)
- St. Anne Friary, Smithtown, NY, Guardian (1978-81)
- St. Pius X Church, Middletown, CT, Pastor & Guardian (1981-84)
- St. Luke, Parochial Vicar, Westport, CT (1986- 1990)
- St. Mary, Bethel, CT, Parochial Vicar, (1991-1993)
- Leave of absence (effective 1/20/1993)

Abuse occurred in 1993. One victim, aged 16. Removed from ministry and criminally convicted in 1993. Deceased.

Henry Albeke

- St. Charles, Bridgeport, CT (1973-1976)
- St. Jude, Newtown, CT (1977-1979)
- St. Joseph, Brookfield, CT (1979)
- St. John, Darian, CT (1979-1987)
- St. Thomas the Apostle, East Norwalk, CT (1987-1989)
- St. Francis of Assisi, Weston, CT (1992-1993)
- Notre Dame Catholic High School, Fairfield, CT, Faculty (1990-92)
- Leave of absence (effective 8/29/1993)

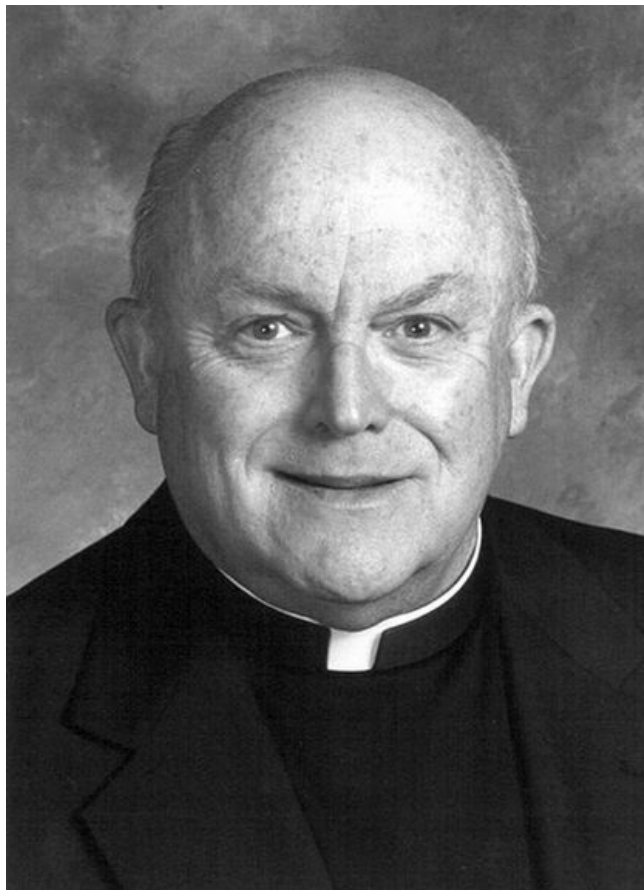
Abuse occurred from 1976-1978. Three victims, ages 12-16. Removed from ministry in 1994. Laicized in 2007.

Jose Alberran

- St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, Bridgeport, CT (1991) (visiting priest from Diocese of Barcelona, Venezuela)

Abuse occurred in 1991. One victim, aged 14.

Alfred Bietighoffer



The Rev. Alfred J. Bietighofer, assistant pastor of Saint Andrew Parish in Bridgeport, is shown in this undated photo.(DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

- Our Lady of Providence Chapel, Bridgeport, CT, Parochial Vicar (1966-1967)
- Santa Cruz Parish, Peru, Diocese of Chiclayo, Parochial Vicar (1967-1968)
- St. Anthony, Bridgeport, CT, Residence (1968)
- St. Anthony, Bridgeport, CT, Administrator (1968-1969)
- Our Lady of Providence & St. Anthony, Bridgeport, CT, Administator (1969-1974)
- St. Patrick, Bridgeport, CT, Parochial Vicar (1975-1976)
- Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport, CT, Pastor (1976-1982)
- St. Joseph, S. Norwalk, CT, Pastor (1984-1986)
- St. John Vianney, Chiclayo, Peru,

Parochial Vicar (1986-1987)

- Sacred Heart, Stamford, CT, Parochial Vicar (1987-1988)
- St. Mary, Norwalk, CT, Pastor (1988-1998)
- St. Charles, Bridgeport, CT, Pastor (1998-1999)
- St. Francis, Weston, CT, Parochial Vicar (1999-2001)
- St. Andrew, Bridgeport, CT, Parochial Vicar (2001-2002)

Abuse occurred from 1959-1989. Seventeen victims, ages 12-15. Removed from ministry in 2002. Deceased.

Stanley Bonaszek

- St. Anthony Parish, Bridgeport, CT Urban Retreat House, Bridgeport, CT (visiting priest from Maryknoll Fathers)

Abuse occurred from 1977-1987. Two victims, aged 15. Left diocese of Bridgeport in 1987. Deceased.



In this August 2002 file photo, suspended Roman Catholic priest Lawrence Brett is seen as he walks his dog along the back of the Koolbaai Village apartment complex on the tropical island of St. Maarten in the Caribbean. (Alan Chaniewski / Hartford Courant)

Lawrence Brett

- St. Cecelia, Stamford, CT, Parochial Vicar (1962-1964)
- Most Precious Blood, Trumbull, CT, In Residence (1964)
- Leave of absence (1965-1972)
- Outside of Diocese (1973-1995)

Abuse occurred from 1960-1973. Twenty-three victims, ages 10-18. Removed from ministry in 1994. Laicized in 2006. Deceased.

Charles Carr

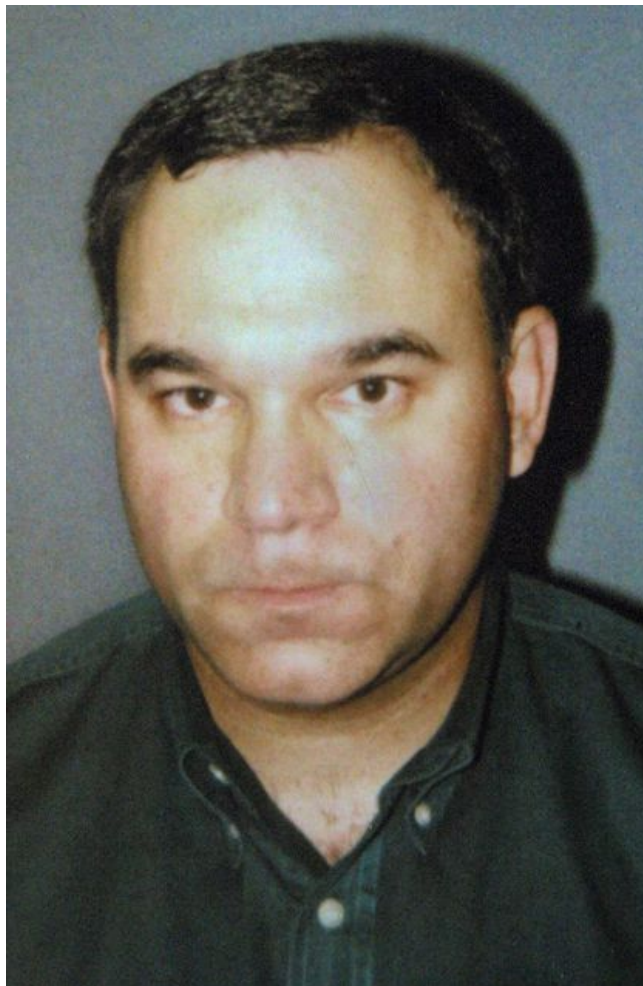
- Our Lady of Fatima, Wilton, CT (1981-1984)
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk, CT (1985-1986)

- St. Catherine of Siena, Trumbull, CT (1987-1988)
- Central Catholic High School, Norwalk, CT (1990)
- St. Philip, Norwalk, CT (1990-1991)
- St. Andrew, Bridgeport, CT (1992-1995)
- Leave of Absence, CT (1996)

Abuse occurred from 1979-1990. Twelve victims, ages 9-15. Removed from ministry in 2002. Laicized in 2005.

John Castaldo

- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1987-1992)



The Rev. John J. Castaldo is shown in a photo supplied by the district attorney's office of Westchester County, N.Y., Friday, May 25, 2001. Castaldo was arrested for engaging in sexually explicit online conversations with someone he believed was a 14-year-old boy, District Attorney Jeanine Pirro said. (Associated Press)

CT (1962-1963)

- Our Lady of Peace Parish, Stratford, CT (1963-1989)

Abuse occurred from 1945-1954. Two victims, ages 8-10. Found credibly accused in 2019. Deceased.

Walter Coleman

- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1960-1966)
- St. Maurice, Stamford, CT (1967-1968)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1969)
- St. Aloysius, New Canaan, CT (1970-1972)

- St. Mark, Stratford, CT (1992-1994)
- Our Lady of Grace, Stratford, CT (1994)
- St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, CT (1994-1998)
- St. Rose of Lima, Newtown, CT (1998-1999)
- Trinity Catholic High School, Stamford, CT (1999-2001)
- St. Maurice, Stamford, CT (1999-2001)

Abuse occurred from 1987-2001. Fourteen victims, ages 6-14. Convicted in 2001. Removed from ministry in 2002. Laicized in 2007.

Vincent P. Cleary

- St. Augustine Parish, Bridgeport, CT (1944-1959)
- St. John's Parish, Stamford, CT (1959-1962)
- St. Joseph's Parish, South Norwalk, CT (1962-1963)

- St. Thomas, Fairfield, CT (1973- 1975)
- St. Patrick, Bridgeport, CT (1976-1982)
- St. Joseph, Brookfield, CT (1983-1987)
- Immaculate High School, Danbury, CT (1988)
- Central Catholic High School, Norwalk, CT (1990)
- Sacred Heart, Georgetown, CT (1988-1990)
- St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull, CT (1991-1993)
- St. Margaret-Mary, Shelton, CT (1993-1995)

Abuse occurred from 1969-1982. Twelve victims, ages 6-14. Faculties withdrawn in 1995. Retired in 1996. Removed from ministry in 2002. Deceased.

Jean-Marie Degraff

- Church of Holy Family, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (2001-2004)
- St. James Clerical Society, Port-au-Prince, Haiti (2004)
- St. Mary Church, Greenwich, CT (never incardinated in Diocese of Bridgeport)
(Religious Order - Society of St. Jacques)

Abuse occurred in 2008. One victim, aged 8. Visiting clergy in administrative role. Not permitted to exercise ministry in Diocese of Bridgeport as of 2012.

Stephen DeLuca

- St. Augustine, Bridgeport, CT (1965-1967)
- St. Catherine of Siena, Riverside, CT (1967-1969)
- Notre Dame High School, Fairfield, CT (1969-1973)
- St. Mary's High School, Greenwich, CT (1973-1977)
- Stamford Catholic High School, Stamford, CT (1977-1979)
- St. Ann, Bridgeport, CT (1979-1984)
- St. Agnes, Greenwich, CT (1984)
- Hospital and Nathaniel Witterall Nursing Home (2006)
- Residences: Holy Rosary, Stratford, CT St. Thomas, Fairfield, CT St. Charles, Bridgeport, CT St. Bridget, Stamford, CT Villa Maria Retreat House, Stamford, CT

Abuse occurred in 1980. One victim, aged 10. Removed from ministry in 2014.

Joseph DeShan

- St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport, CT, Parochial Vicar (1987- 1989)
Leave of absence (1989)

Abuse occurred in 1988-1989. One victim, aged 15. Leave of absence in 1989. Removed from ministry in 1989. Laicized in 1999.

William Donovan

Joseph DeShan, former Roman Catholic priest in the Bridgeport diocese.

- St. John, Darien, CT (1961-1966)
- Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, CT (1966-1973)
- St. Thomas, Darien, CT (1973-1982)
- St. Rose of Lima, Newtown, CT (1982-1983)
- St. Leo, Stamford, CT (1983-1989)
- Holy Family, Fairfield, CT (1989-2002)

Abuse occurred from 1967-1993. Eight victims, ages 15-17. Removed from ministry in 2002. Retired without faculties in 2003.

The Rev. William D. Donovan, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Fairfield, shown in this undated photo, was one of two Roman Catholic priests who resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct, Bridgeport Bishop William Lori announced Monday, April 29, 2002.(Associated Press)

John Draper

- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1953-1959)
- St. Mary, Greenwich, CT (1959-1960)

- St. Joseph Hospital, Stamford, CT (1960- 1962)
- St. Thomas, Fairfield, CT (1962)
- St. Mary, Ridgefield, CT (1962-1964)
- St. Joseph, Shelton, CT (1964-1966)

Abuse occurred in 1958. One victim, age unknown. Deceased before allegation investigated. Found credibly accused in 2019.

Martin Federici

- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1967)
- Assumption, Westport, CT (1968-1970)
- St. Ambrose, Bridgeport, CT (1971)
- Assumption, Fairfield, CT (1972-1977)
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk, CT (1978-1981)
- St. Joseph, Shelton, CT (1982-1983)
- St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, CT (1984)
- St. Matthew, Norwalk, CT (1984-1995)
- St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport, CT (1996)

Abuse occurred from 1967-1994. Nineteen victims, ages 8-17. Removed from ministry in 1996. Laicized in 2003. Deceased.

William Fletcher

- Sacred Heart, Bridgeport, CT (1953-1955)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1955-1958)
- St. Thomas, Fairfield, CT (1958- 1963)
- St. Margaret Mary, Shelton, CT (1963-1968)
- Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (1964-1988)

Abuse occurred in 1964. One victim, aged 7. Allegation came forward after deceased.

James Gay

- St. Peter, Bridgeport, CT (1959-1964)

- Immaculate High School, Danbury, CT (1964-1969)
- St. Mary, Bethel, CT (1964-1969)
- St. Mary Boys High School, CT (1969-1984)
- United States Navy, CT (1984-2004)
- Residences: St. Peter Parish, Bridgeport, Parochial Vicar, CT (1959-1964) St. Michael Parish, Greenwich, CT (1969-1971) St. Agnes Parish, Greenwich, CT (1971) St. Michael Parish, Greenwich, CT (1971-1984)

Abuse occurred in 1976. One victim, aged 15. Left diocesan service in 1984. Faculties removed in 2006. Administrative leave reaffirmed in 2019.

William Genuario

- Sacred Heart Parish, Stamford, CT, Parochial Vicar (1956-58)
- St. Peter Parish, Bridgeport, CT, In Residence (1958-1963)
- St. Theresa Rectory, Trumbull, CT, In Residence (1964-68)
- Blessed Sacrament Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Pastor (1968-1972)
- St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Pastor (1974-78)
- St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Riverside, CT, Pastor (1987-2004)

Abuse occurred from 1967-1987. Six victims, ages 10-14. Retired from parish ministry in 2004. Deceased.

James Gildea

- Notre Dame Catholic High School, Fairfield, CT (1965-1986) (visiting priest from Religious Order Congregation of Holy Cross Fathers)

Abuse occurred from 1965-1982. Nine victims, ages 14-15. Removed from ministry in 2002. Deceased.

Stephen Gleeson

- St. John the Evangelist Parish, Stamford, CT, Parochial Vicar (1963)
- St. Ann Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Parochial Vicar (1963-1968)
- St. Mary Parish, Stamford, CT, Parochial Vicar (1968-1973)

- St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull, CT Parochial Vicar (1973-1977)
- St Stephen Parish, Trumbull, CT, Pastor (1977-2013)

Abuse occurred in 1977. One victim, aged 16. Retired in 2013. Placed on administrative leave in February 2019. Permanently removed from ministry in August 2019.

Joseph Gorecki

- St. Cyril & Methodius, Bridgeport, CT (1960-1964)
- Outside of Diocese (1965- 1966)
- St. Joseph, Shelton, CT (1967-1970)
- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1971)
- Holy Name, Stamford, CT (1972-1973)
- Assumption, Westport, CT (1974)
- St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport, CT (1975)
- St. Mary, Norwalk, CT (1976-1978)

Abuse occurred from 1960-1978. Twenty victims, ages 7-17. Leave of absence from Diocese after joining the Orthodox Roman Catholic Movement, Inc. in 1978. Never returned to Diocese. Deceased.

Richard Grady

- St. Leo, Stamford, CT (1973-1979)
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport, CT (1980-1988)

Abuse occurred from 1972-1973. One victim, aged 10. Retired in 1989. Deceased.

Sherman Gray

- St. Mary, Greenwich, CT (1971-1973)
- Rome, Italy (1974-1975)
- St. Maurice, Stamford, CT (1976-1981)
- Outside of Diocese (1982-1986)
- Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford, CT (1987-2002)

Abuse occurred from 1981-1982. One victim, aged 16. Removed from ministry in 2002.

Martin Hitchcock

- St. James, Stratford, CT (1951-1953)
- St. Peter, Danbury, CT (1953-1959)
- St. Mary, Bethel, CT (1959-1962)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1962-1964)
- St. Lawrence, Huntington, CT (1964-1967)
- Superintendent (1967- 1971)
- St. Mary, Greenwich, CT (1971-1991)

Abuse occurred from 1954-1955. Two victims, aged 13. Retired in 1991. Second allegation came forward in 2018. Deceased.

Stanley Koziol

- St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, CT (1958)
- Holy Family, Fairfield, CT (1958-1962)
- St. Rose, Newtown, CT (1962-1965)
- St. Clement, Stamford, CT (1965-1966)
- St. Joseph, South Norwalk, CT (1966-1974)
- St. Leo, Stamford, CT (1974-1976)
- Our Lady of Grace, Stratford, CT (1976-1979)
- Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford, CT (1979-1987)
- St. Aloysius, New Canaan, CT (1987-1992)
- St. Philip, Norwalk, CT (1992-1994)

The Rev. Stanley Koziol, assistant pastor of Saint Mark's Parish in Stratford, is shown in an undated handout photo supplied by the Diocese of Bridgeport. Koziol acknowledged sexual misconduct with a minor in the early 1960s. During a news conference Sunday, April 21, 2002, it was disclosed by Bishop of Bridgeport William E. Lori that Koziol was removed from his assignment in early March, and his case was brought before the Sexual Misconduct Review Board of the Diocese.(DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT/Associated Press)

- St. Mark, Stratford, CT (1994-1996)

Abuse occurred from 1962-1965. Two victims, aged 13. Removed from ministry in 2002. Deceased.

Bartholomew Laurello

- Holy Rosary, Bridgeport, CT (1946-1948)
- St. Anthony, Hartford, CT (1948-1951)
- Holy Rosary, Bridgeport, CT (1951-1954)
- St. Catherine, Riverside, CT (1954)
- St. Raphael's, Bridgeport, CT (1954-1958)
- Notre Dame Catholic High School for Boys, CT (1958-1962)
- St. Joseph High School, Trumbull, CT (1962-1963)
- St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull, CT (1963-1964)
- St. Roch, Greenwich, CT (1964-1969)
- St. Mary, Stamford, CT (1969-1970)
- Christ the King, Trumbull, CT (1970-1976)
- Graduate Studies, CT (1976-1980)
- Our Lady of Grace, Stratford, CT (1980-1995)

Abuse occurred in 1965. One victim, aged 13. Retired in 1995. Allegation came forward after deceased.

James McCormick

- St. Michael's, Hartford, CT (1916-1926)
- Sick leave (1926)
- St. Agnes Home, Hartford, CT (1927)
- St. Mary's, Norwalk, CT (1927-1928)
- Sacred Heart, New Haven, CT (1928-1932)
- St. Bernard's, Tariffville, CT (1932-1935)
- St. Augustine's, Seymour, CT (1935-1936)
- Leave of Absence (7/1936-10/1936)
- St. Vincent's, East Haven and Camp Palmer, Oxford (Summer 1937 & 1938)
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel, CT (1938-1944)
- St. Michael's, Waterville, CT (1944-1949)

- Sacred Heart, Waterbury, CT (1949-1951)
- St. Joseph's, South Norwalk, CT (1951-1954)
- Notre Dame Convalescent Home (1954)

Abuse occurred from 1953-1954. Two victims, aged 17. Resigned as pastor of St. Joseph, South Norwalk, CT in 1953. Ministry restricted in 1954. Retired. Deceased.

Albert McGoldrick

- St. Mary, Stamford, CT (1979-1980)
- Diocesan Tribunal, Instructor (1980)
- Diocesan Tribunal, Auditor (1981-1984)
- Outside of Diocese (1985-1986)
- Our Lady of Peace, Stratford, CT (1987)
- Assumption, Westport, CT (1988)
- Diocesan Tribunal, Judge (1995-2002)
- Notre Dame of Easton, CT (1988)
- St. James, Stratford, CT (1999)
- St. Paul, Greenwich, CT (2000-2002)

Abuse occurred from 1978-1982. One victim, aged 16. Removed from ministry in December 2002. Laicized in 2005.

Francis McKenna

- St. Ann, Bridgeport, CT (1946-1955)
- St. Mary, Norwalk, CT (1955-1958)
- St. Catherine, Riverside, CT (1958-1959)
- St. Patrick, Bridgeport, CT (1959-1962)
- St. Joseph High School, Trumbull, CT (1962-1963)
- St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull, CT (1962-1963)
- St. Gabriel, Stamford, CT (1963-1968)
- St. Jerome, Norwalk, CT (1968- 1970)
- St. Charles, Bridgeport, CT (1970-1972)
- St. Joseph, Shelton, CT (1972-1989)

Abuse occurred from 1950-1966. Six victims, ages 7-10. Allegations came forward after clergy deceased.

Joseph Moore

- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1972-1973)
- Assumption, Westport, CT (1974-1975)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1976-1981)
- St. Mary, Bethel, CT (1982-1983)

Abuse occurred from 1972-1979. Five victims, ages 8-18. Removed from ministry in 1997. Laicized in 2004.

Robert Morrissey

- St. Lawrence, Huntington, CT (1976-1977)
- St. Mary, Greenwich, CT (1977-1982)
- St. Mary High School (1982)
- St. Clement, Stamford, CT (1982-1984)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1985-1986)
- Outside of Diocese – US Navy (1986-1989)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1984-1986, 1989-1992)
- St. Mary, Ridgefield, CT (1992-2002)

The Rev. Robert Morrissey is shown in a file photo from September 2001, at St. Mary's Church in Ridgefield. Morrissey is one of three priests in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport who resigned Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, and were relieved of their authorization to work as priests while the church investigated allegations of sexual abuse 20 years ago.(DAVID W. HARPLE/AP)

Abuse occurred from 1981-1998.

Three victims, ages 12-17. Removed from ministry in 2002. Deceased.

William Nagle

- St. Clement, Stamford, CT (1955-1962)

- St. Vincent's Hospital (1962-1965)
- Leave of Absence for Clinical Pastoral Training Program (1965- 1966)
- St. Vincent Hospital (1966-1969)
- Fairfield Hills Hospital (1969-1971)
- Residence St. Clement, Stamford, CT
- Tribunal, Judge (1971-1979)

Abuse occurred from 1973-1976. One victim, aged 13. Allegation came forward after deceased.

Gavin O'Connor

- Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, NY (1962-1975)
- St. Joseph, Shelton, CT (1978-1979)
- St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, CT (1980-1981)
- St. Maurice Parish, Stamford, CT (1981)
- St. Peter, Danbury, CT (1982-1984)

Abuse occurred from 1977-1985. Five victims, ages 13-19. Left active ministry in 1984. Removed from ministry in 1989. Laicized in 1989.

Raymond Pcolka

- St. Benedict, Stamford, CT (1966-1967)
- St. John Nepomucene, Bridgeport, CT (1968-1973)
- St. Mary, Greenwich, CT (1974)
- St. James, Stratford, CT (1975)
- Holy Name of Jesus, Stratford, CT (1976-1986)
- St. Mary, Bethel, CT (1987-1988)
- Sacred Heart, Greenwich, CT (1990-1993)
- Leave of Absence (1994-1995)

This is an undated file photo of The Rev. Raymond Pcolka, whose last assignment was as pastor of the Sacred Heart parish in the Byram section of Greenwich. In January 1993, 15 men and women filed civil lawsuits accusing Pcolka of sexually assaulting them when they were

youngsters while he was an assistant pastor in Bridgeport and Stratford.(AP)

Abuse occurred from 1965-1990.

Twenty-eight victims, ages 5-14.

Faculties removed in 2002. Laicized in 2004. Deceased.

Boleslaus Rarus

- St. Bernard's, Sharon, CT (1940)
- St. Patrick's, Waterbury, CT (1940)
- Sacred Heart, New Britain, CT (1940-1942)
- Holy Name, Stamford, CT (1942-1945)
- St. Mary's, Jewett City, CT (1945-1947)
- Holy Name, Stamford, CT (1947-1959)
- St. Joseph's, Brookfield, CT (1959-1967)
- St. Paul's, Greenwich, CT (1967-1987)

Abuse occurred in 1959. Three victims, ages 11-14. Retired in 1987. Deceased before allegations investigated.

Gregory Smith

- St. Theresa, Trumbull, CT (1967-1969)
- St. Joseph, Danbury, CT (1969-1973)
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport, CT (1974-1976)
- Chancellor (1983-1985)
- Chaplain of His Holiness Pope John Paul II (1986)
- Diocesan Consultor (1988-1993)
- Chancellor (1989-1992)
- Sacred Heart University, CT (1990-2002)
- Leave of absence (1997-1998)

Abuse occurred from 1967-1968. One victim, age 17. Leave of absence and faculties withdrawn in 1997. Removed from ministry in 2002.

Paul Spondick

- Assumption Church, Ansonia , CT (1928-1929)
- St. John Nepomucene Church, Bridgeport, CT (1929-1933)
- All Saint's Church, New Britain, CT (1933-1937)
- Leave of Absence (1937-1938)
- Immaculate Conception, Waterbury, CT (1938-1944)
- Sacred Heart Church, Southbury, CT (1944-1950)
- St. Mary's Church, Bethel, CT (1950-1955)
- Blessed Sacrament Church, Bridgeport, CT (1955-1961)
- St. Benedict's, Stamford, CT (1961-1965)
- St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull, CT (1965-1968)
- Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Retired Priests' Residence (1968-1976)

Abuse occurred in 1958. One victim, age unknown. Retired in 1968. Deceased before allegations investigated.

John Stronkowski

- St. Patrick, Bridgeport, CT (1986- 1990)
- Our Lady of the Assumption, Fairfield, CT (1990-1994)
- St. Gregory the Great, Danbury, CT (1994-2003)
- St. Ambrose, Bridgeport, CT (2003- 2012)
- St. Margaret-Mary, Shelton, CT (2012-2014)

Abuse occurred in 1999. One victim, aged 11. Removed from ministry in 2016.

Charles Stubbs

- St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, CT (1963)
- St. Mary, Stamford, CT (1963-1964)
- Assumption, Westport, CT (1964-1967)
- St. Ann, Bridgeport, CT (1967-1969)
- St. Catherine, Riverside, CT (1969-1976)
- St. Mary, Ridgefield, CT (1976-1991)
- St. Mary, Greenwich, CT (1991-1996)

Abuse occurred from 1964-1993. Eighteen victims, ages 9-17. Removed from ministry in 1997. Laicized in 2004.

Vincent Veich

- Assumption, Fairfield, CT (1972)
- St. Catherine, Riverside, CT (1973-1977)
- Assumption, Westport, CT (1978-1984)
- St. Cecilia, Stamford, CT (1985-1987)
- St. John, Darien, CT (1988-1990)
- St. Benedict, Stamford, CT (1991-1996)

The Rev. Vincent Veich, co-pastor of Saint Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat Parish in Stamford., is shown in an undated photo supplied by the Diocese of Bridgeport. Veich acknowledged incidents of sexual misconduct with a woman in the late 1970s who claims she was 17 at the time. Veich was removed from his assignment and his case was brought before the Sexual Misconduct Review Board of the Diocese, as disclosed during a news conference Sunday April 21, 2002, by Bishop of Bridgeport William E. Lori. (DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT/Associated Press)

Abuse occurred in 1975. One victim, aged 17. Removed from ministry in 2002.

Felix Werpechowski

- St. Mary's, Middletown, CT (1929)
- Holy Cross, New Britain, CT (1931)
- Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford, CT (1934)
- St. Mary's, Union City, NJ (1937)
- U.S. Army Chaplain, Camp Blanding, FL (1941)
- Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford, CT (1946)
- St. Thomas, Thomaston, CT (1947)
- St. Paul's, Glenville, CT (1948)
- Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford, CT (1959)

Abuse occurred from 1946-1951. Three victims, ages 5-14. Resigned as pastor of Holy Name of Jesus in 1971. Deceased before allegations arose. The allegations against this priest occurred before the start of the Diocese of Bridgeport in 1953. This priest appears on the Diocese of Hartford's list of accused clergy.

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Stanislaus Chmura

- St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA (1970)
- Church of the Holy Name, Stamford, CT (1975)
- St. Peter, Bridgeport, CT (1978) (Visiting priest from Diocese of Richmond)

Abuse occurred from 1975-1976. One victim, aged 13. Removed from ministry in 1979 for reasons unrelated to allegation. Deceased.

Mark Grimes

- St. Aloysius, New Canaan, CT (1964)
- St. Rose of Lima, Newtown, CT St. Patrick's, Bridgeport, CT (1966)
- St. Peter's, Danbury, CT (1973)
- Western Connecticut State College (1976)
- St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD (1979)
- St. Maurice, Stamford, CT (1982)
- St. Jerome's, Norwalk, CT (1987)
- Sacred Heart, Georgetown, CT
- St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, CT (1991)

Abuse occurred in 1969. One victim, aged 19. Faculties removed in 1998. Deceased.

Joseph Kettner

- Sacred Heart Church, Georgetown, CT (Visiting priest, La Salette Order)

Abuse occurred in 1969-1970. Two victims, ages 7-8. Not a priest of Bridgeport Diocese and had no faculties. Deceased.

Joseph Malloy

- St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Deacon (1969)
- St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Trumbull, CT, Parochial Vicar (1974-76)

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- St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Trumbull, CT, Administrator (1976)
- St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Trumbull, CT Parochial Vicar (1976-1987)
- St. Ann Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Pastor (1987-2002)
- St. Clement Parish, Stamford, CT, Pastor (2002)

Abuse occurred in 1980. One victim, aged 9. Allegation not determined to be credible. Deceased.

Frederick McLean

- St. James, South Manchester, CT (1944)
- Leave of absence (1948)
- St. Theresa's Parish, Trumbull, CT (1949)
- St. Mary's, Stamford, CT (1953)
- St. Joseph's, Bridgeport, CT (1954)
- St. Roch Parish, Greenwich, CT (1959)
- Diocese of Charleston, SC (1959-1964)

Abuse occurred in 1962. One victim, aged 17. Appears to have left ministry in 1964.

Martin Ryan

- St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull, CT, Parochial Vicar (1976-1980)
- St. James Parish, Stratford, CT, Parochial Vicar (1980-1981)
- St. James Parish, Stratford, CT, Resident (1981-1982)
- St. Francis of Assisi, Weston, CT, Residence (1982-1988)
- St. Margaret Mary, Shelton, CT, In Residence (1988-1991)
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, New Fairfield, CT, Pastor (1992-2011)

Abuse occurred in 1978. One victim, aged 17. Left active ministry in 2011, but returned to active ministry.

John Sansonetti

- St. Raphael's Parish, Bridgeport, CT (1957-1967)

- St. Joseph's Parish, Danbury, CT (1967-1969)
- St. Mary's Parish, Greenwich, CT (1969-1972)
- St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Pastor (1972-1984)
- Leave of absence (3/26/1984)
- Requested laicization (1987)

Abuse occurred from 1976-1977. One victim, aged 12. Leave of absence and resignation from St. Charles Parish in 1984. No withdrawal of faculties. Laicization requested in 1987. Considered AWOL. Deceased.

Matthew Skurat

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Shelton, CT, Deacon (1992)

Abuse occurred from 1983-1991. One victim, aged 10. Resigned and faculties removed in 2003. Restored in 2004. Deceased.

Robert Valentine

- Tagaste Monastery, Suffern, NY (1969-1970)
- Church of Notre Dame, Manhattan (1970-1971)
- Tagaste Monastery, Residence (1971-1972)
- Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, NY, Religion Teacher (1969-1970)
- Columbia University Teachers' College, Student Assistant (1970-1972)
- St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Riverside, CT (1973-1975)
- St. Joseph Parish, S. Norwalk, CT (1975)
- Holy Rosary Parish, Bridgeport, CT (1975-1981)
- In Residence St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Weston, CT (1981-1982)
- Sacred Heart Parish, Georgetown, CT (1982-1986)
- St. Gabriel Parish, Stamford, CT, Pastor (1986-1990)
- St. Jerome Parish, Norwalk, CT, Pastor (1990-1993)
- St. Aloysius Parish, New Canaan, CT, Parochial Vicar (1993)

Abuse occurred in 1984. One victim, aged 17. Absent without leave in 1999. Faculties withdrawn in 2001.

Francis Wissel

- St. Mary Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Deacon (1977)
- St. Anthony Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Parochial Vicar (1977-1981)
- Blessed Sacrament Parish, Bridgeport, CT, In Residence (1981-83)
- St. Peter Parish, Bridgeport, CT, Resident (1983-1996)
- St. Mary Parish, Greenwich, CT, Administrator (1996-97)
- St. Mary Parish, Greenwich, CT, Pastor (1997)

Abuse occurred in 1979. One victim, aged 12. Retired in 2014. Deceased.

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