

STATUS REPORT ON SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST CLERICS

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The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's **Decree on Child Protection** cites the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**. The **Charter** is very clear in regards to Clerics who have sexually abused children:

"When even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accordance with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants."

"If the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state has not been applied (e.g., for reasons of advanced age or infirmity), the offender ought to lead a life of prayer and penance. He will not be permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to administer the sacraments. He is to be instructed not to wear clerical garb, or to present himself publicly as a priest."

"When an accusation has been shown to be unfounded, every step possible will be taken to restore the good name of the person falsely accused."

Substantiated Allegation – For purposes of the list below, a substantiated allegation is one which, based upon investigation and a review of the available facts and circumstances, is more likely than not to be true.

Laicized – When a Cleric is laicized (permanently dismissed from the clerical state) in accord with canon law at the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, he is no longer incardinated and is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

Permanently Removed from Ministry – When a Cleric is permanently removed from priestly ministry at the direction of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, he is prohibited from wearing clerical clothing and publicly presenting himself as a priest. He is expected to lead a life of prayer and penance, and he is still under the authority of the bishop or archbishop and subject to certain priestly responsibilities including celibacy.

Incardinated – refers to the dedication of a cleric to ministry in a particular diocese, religious order, or other equivalent institution. All clerics are incardinated when they are ordained deacons.

I. Status Report of Clerics incardinated in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati against whom a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a child was made and investigated while the cleric was living.

Name	Ordained	Status
Keith Albrecht	1977	Laicized/deceased
John Berning	1934	Removed from ministry/deceased

Thomas Brunner	1974	Laicized
George Cooley	1976	Laicized
Ronald Cooper	1983	Laicized
Thomas Feldhaus	1976	Laicized
Ellis Harsham	1968	Laicized
Thomas Hopp	1966	Removed from ministry/deceased
David Kelley*	1974	Died in Process
Thomas Kuhn	1967	Laicized
Francis Massarella	1941	Removed from ministry/deceased
Daniel Pater	1979	Removed from ministry
Kenneth Schoettmer	1968	Laicized/deceased
Lawrence Strittmatter	1957	Laicized/deceased
Richard Unwin	1979	Laicized

* The laicization case of David Kelley was in process at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith when he died on June 6, 2009.

II. Status Report of Clerics who have ministered in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, but who were not incardinated in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, against whom a substantiated allegation of child abuse was made.

The names on the following list were provided to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and based on investigations conducted by third-parties, such as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), the Dominican Friars, Glenmary Home Missioners, and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Name	Ordained	Status
Harry Barton** (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1940	Deceased
Louis Bonacci** (Jesuit, Maryland Province)	1973	Removed from ministry
Robert Broome (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1943	Deceased
James Condon (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1939	Deceased

Robert Erpenbeck (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1931	Deceased
Mark Finan (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1948	Deceased
Adelbert Holmes (Glenmary Home Missioners)	—	Deceased
Allan Kirk** (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1965	Deceased
Frank Klamet** (Diocese of Cleveland)	1978	Deceased
Thomas McCarthy** (Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph)	1960	Deceased
Donald Nastold (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1958	Deceased

Edward O'Brien (Jesuit, Midwest Province)	1962	Deceased
Robert Poandl (Glenmary Home Missioners)	–	Deceased
Peter Richardson (Glenmary Home Missioners)	–	Left society in 2007/Deceased
Wilton Skiffington (Jesuit, Midwest Province)**	1936	Deceased
Ed Smith (Glenmary Home Missioners)	–	Deceased
Stanley Wisniewski (Jesuit, Midwest Province)**	1964	Deceased
Benedict Wolf (Glenmary Home Missioners)	–	Left society 1975/Deceased

** The substantiated allegation of child abuse occurred outside the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.