

List of Credibly Accused Clergy in the Diocese of Providence

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At the direction of the Bishop, the Director of Compliance was tasked with conducting an independent, thorough and objective review of files dating back to 1950, a year used by many other dioceses as a benchmark. Many files were several decades old, and the Director was not the initial investigator. The Director reviewed all diocesan files compiled over seventy years, and employed his training and expertise as a twenty-three year State Police detective to make assessments and judgments regarding the available and developed evidence within the files. In some instances, the Director made additional inquiries to corroborate and bolster certain allegations. In some cases of his own choosing, the Director of Compliance consulted the Director of Outreach and Prevention and/or the Diocesan Review Board for further advice. In all instances, however, the Director of Compliance ultimately exercised his own independent, expert judgment in determining whether to place particular clergy on the list.



List of Credibly Accused Clergy - Living

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<u>Joseph Abbruzzese</u>	5/14/1959 Age 60	11/17/1990	Removed from Ministry 12/1/1993
<u>Daniel Azzarone</u>	3/11/1951 Age 68	6/16/1978	Removed from Ministry 11/1/2001
Paul Charland	4/24/1945 Age 74	5/15/1971	Removed from Ministry 8/26/2011
Joseph D'Angelo	1/3/1947 Age 72	4/21/1979	Removed from Ministry 7/1/1983
Kevin Fissette	6/26/1955 Age 64	11/21/1981	Removed from Ministry 8/24/2009
Edmund Fitzgerald	12/5/1929 Age 90	5/25/1957	Removed from Ministry 8/27/1998
Timothy Gorton	2/6/1956 Age 63	11/20/1982	Removed from Ministry 4/23/2012
P. Henry Leech	3/10/1950 Age 69	9/26/1980	Removed from Ministry 5/4/1984
Roland Lepire	2/18/1949 Age 70	8/23/1975	Removed from Ministry 2/9/1996
Robert McIntyre	5/22/1937 Age 82	6/29/1963	Removed from Ministry 3/30/1994
Richard Meglio	11/6/1941 Age 77	2/12/1972	Removed from Ministry 4/22/1988
Edmund Micarelli	1/29/1923 Age 96	5/23/1959	Removed from Ministry 4/17/1990
John Petrocelli	10/13/1945 Age 73	5/8/1971	Removed from Ministry 8/22/2002
James Silva	11/25/1939 Age 79	6/3/1967	Removed from Ministry 3/1/1993

William Tanguay	6/18/1943 Age 76	6/28/1969	Removed from Ministry 6/17/2002
<u>John Tormey</u>	2/12/1942 Age 77	6/3/1967	Resigned from Ministry 3/2/1979; Allegation received after resignation
Samuel Turillo	7/6/1920 Age 98	6/15/1946	Removed from Ministry 6/29/2016

List of Credibly Accused Deacons - Living

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
Laurence Gagnon	7/25/1940 Age 78	6/23/1979	Removed from Ministry 8/10/2011
Edward Sadowski	8/23/1942 Age 76	6/29/1979	Removed from Ministry 7/30/2001

List of Credibly Accused Clergy - Deceased

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
John Allard	7/7/1949	9/19/1975	Removed from Ministry 2/25/2013; Died 4/27/2018
Roger Belhumeur	3/29/1926	5/27/1961	Died 9/28/2010; Predeceased any allegation received
Dennis Brodeur	7/1/1951	7/23/1977	Died 1/1/2004; Predeceased any allegation received
Robert Carpentier	2/12/1941	6/3/1967	Removed from Ministry 4/9/1992; Died 5/9/2012
Normand Demers	9/14/1932	5/31/1958	Removed from Ministry 4/1/2002; Died 7/21/2018
Alfred Desrosiers	3/13/1935	6/25/1961	Removed from Ministry 4/2/1993; Died 2/15/2001
Louis Diogo	12/11/1920	6/23/1946	Removed from Ministry 5/10/2006; Died 4/4/2015

Charles Dolan	2/17/1904	12/20/1930	Died 11/5/1977; Predeceased any allegation received
<u>Louis Dunn</u>	12/19/1920	5/31/1947	Removed from Ministry 3/24/1994; Died 4/18/2001
Oscar Ferland	3/16/1918	12/23/1944	Died 7/8/1998; Predeceased any allegation received
John Ferry	4/23/1926	2/2/1957	Died 4/11/1988; Predeceased any allegation received
William Gillooly	11/11/1918	12/23/1944	Died 9/2/1989; Predeceased any allegation received
Rene Guertin	1/20/1919	6/15/1946	Died 1/23/1982; Predeceased any allegation received
Richard Holden	9/11/1939	5/23/1964	Died 3/23/1985; Predeceased any allegation received
Michael La Mountain	3/5/1949	8/14/1976	Removed from Ministry 3/3/1995; Died 8/25/2010
Philip Magaldi	4/29/1936	12/18/1960	Removed from Ministry 5/6/1992; Died 8/8/2008
Robert Marcantonio	11/30/1942	6/24/1967	Removed from Ministry 8/16/1989; Died 10/20/1999
Barry Meehan	7/21/1949	6/10/1978	Removed from Ministry 1/8/2013; Died 12/8/2016
Adrian Menard	4/9/1922	6/15/1946	Died 2/1/1976; Predeceased any allegation received
William O'Connell	4/10/1922	6/3/1950	Removed from Ministry 2/19/1985; Died 5/12/1996
<u>William O'Neill</u>	9/16/1941	6/8/1968	Left Ministry 7/10/1971; Died 5/3/2000; Predeceased any allegation received
Hugh Rafferty	3/21/1933	6/7/1964	Removed from Ministry 11/1/1974; Died 1/11/2001
William Raiche	6/20/1908	5/21/1932	Died 3/26/1983; Predeceased any allegation received

Peter Scagnelli	1/13/1949	8/6/1976	Removed from Ministry 1/1/1994; Died 7/12/2017
Armand Ventre	2/8/1932	6/30/1957	Removed from Ministry 7/5/1985; Died 12/27/99

List of Credibly Accused Religious Order Priests - Deceased

Name	Date of Birth	Ordained	Current Status
<u>James D. Campbell, M.S.C.</u> Missionary of the Sacred Heart	6/25/1945	5/27/1972	Left the Diocese of Providence 9/1977; Removed from Ministry 3/2005 by M.S.C.; Died 2007
<u>John Aquinas Powers, O.P.</u> Dominican Friar Province of St. Joseph	9/27/1925	6/12/1952	Left Diocese of Providence 9/1965; Removed from Ministry 2/2005 by Province of St. Joseph; Died 10/19/2010
<u>Joseph James Rocha, O.P.</u> Dominican Friar Province of St. Joseph	4/16/1940	6/9/1966	Left Diocese of Providence 6/2/1986; Removed from Ministry 1988 by Province of St. Joseph; Died 2009
<u>John Gerard Brendan Smythm O. Praem.,</u> Norbertine Monk Belfast, Northern Ireland	6/8/1927	7/31/1951	Left Diocese of Providence 2/1968; Died in prison 8/22/1997

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Anthony DeAngelis	10/14/1908	3/18/1935	Died 1/23/1990; Predeceased any allegation received
Peter Tedeschi	5/22/1931	6/4/1960	Died 10/18/1986; Predeceased any allegation received

- *The Diocese of Providence is committed to publishing on its website the list of Diocesan priests who were the subject of credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors and the current status of each. Please note: this list is a working document and will be updated should more information become available. None of the individuals listed above is permitted to serve in ministry or function as a priest.*

To those who have been abused, and have not contacted law enforcement or diocesan officials, please know that we and others are here for you. The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse, or with knowledge of such abuse, by any priest, deacon, religious lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Providence to report the information to the Rhode Island State Police Major Crimes Unit at (401) 444-1000, the RI Child Protective Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Systems at 1-800-RI-CHILD (1-800-742-4453), the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office at (401) 274-4400 and/or Kevin O'Brien, Director of the Office of Compliance, at (401) 941-0760 or email kobrien@dioceseofprovidence.org. They may also contact, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Michael Hansen, Director of the Office of Outreach and Prevention at (401) 946-0728 or email mhansen@dioceseofprovidence.org to learn about pastoral outreach programs.

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