



List of Credibly Accused Priests

The following is a list of 29* priests from the Diocese of Sioux City who have been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of minors. The first credible allegation dates back to an incident in 1948 and the last in 1995. The list originally contained another name not listed here; however, the diocese received notification that one of the priests has appealed to Rome, and therefore his information is being withheld pending resolution. Names of priests are being added as accusations are deemed credible by the Diocesan Review Board.

The main purpose for releasing the list is to assure victims the diocese believes them and cares for them. We hope it ushers in a new chapter in the diocese, in which we commit to a future of trust, openness and accountability. We also hope it reassures the people and clergy of the diocese, and all people of good will, that just as crimes against children were abuse of power, the Diocese of Sioux City intends to do everything in its power to support and help victims and prevent abuse from happening in the future.

As you review the list, it is important to remember the accusations, while considered credible, are not the equivalent of conviction in a court of law. The review board considered any objective information that was available, including consistency of the testimony of witnesses, accuracy of the details, such as the placement of the accused at the time the allegation is said to have taken place and physical evidence. In addition, the board considered other corroborating evidence from files or other possible witnesses. Many of the accused priests are deceased and cannot defend themselves.

Priest files from 1902 up until today have been reviewed. For perspective, the first credible accusation is reported to have occurred in 1948 and the latest in 1995. An estimated 515 priests have worked in the diocese since it was established. Other names will be added to the list as other victims come forward, and the Diocesan Review Board determines the allegation is credible.

We ask and encourage victims to step forward. If you, or someone you know, have been sexually abused by a priest or clergy member in our diocese, please contact Civil Authorities and our Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-866-435-4397 or 712-279- 5610.

Our hope and prayer is the release of this list helps us to begin healing together.

**Names of priests have been added since the release of the list on February 25, 2019, and those are indicated on the list with an asterisk.*

Name	Year of Ordination	Assignments	Number of Allegations	Gender of Victims	Approximate Date of Abuse	Current Status
Elmore Everette Apt	1947	1947-1949: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Storm Lake 1949-1951: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Boone 1951-1952: Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Granville 1952: Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Cherokee 1952: Assistant Chaplain, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Sioux City 1953-1954: Assistant Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Whittemore 1954-1956: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Templeton 1956-1959: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Alvord 1959-1962: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Armstrong 1962-1965: Pastor, Assumption Parish, Merrill 1965-1967: <i>On duty outside the Diocese:</i> Assistant Pastor, St. Mary of the Lakes Parish, Eustis FL 1967-1968: Assistant Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Sioux City 1967-1968: Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Dayton 1969: Leave of absence due to health 1972-1979: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ayrshire 1979: Retired	4	Male	1950-1970s	Deceased; 1985
Alver William Behrens	1945	1945-1949: Assistant Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish, Fort Dodge: 1949-1952: Faculty, Bishop Heelan High School Faculty, Sioux City 1949-1952: Assistant Chaplain, St. Anthony's Home, Sioux City 1952-1959: Superintendent, Gehlen Catholic High School, Le Mars 1952-1959: Chaplain, Sacred Heart Hospital, Le Mars 1959-1964: Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Sioux City 1959-1964: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Neptune 1964-1966: <i>On duty outside the Diocese:</i> Staff, National Catholic Education Association, Washington D.C. 1966-1972: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Templeton 1970-1971: <i>On duty outside the Diocese:</i> Administration, Bishop Dowling High School, Des Moines, IA 1972-1975: Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Bancroft	7	Male Female	1960s	Deceased; 2002

		1975-1981: Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Marcus 1981-1987: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Mapleton 1987-1993: Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Mt. Carmel 1993: Retired				
Richard Wayne Birdsall	1945	1945-1965: <i>Was a member of the Salvatorian Order and served outside the Diocese.</i> 1965-1967: Faculty, Trinity Preparatory High School, Sioux City 1965-1967: Sacramental Minister, St. Michael Parish, Sioux City 1967-1969: Assistant Pastor, Assumption Parish, Emmetsburg 1967-1969: Faculty, Emmetsburg Catholic High School, Emmetsburg 1969-1976: Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Maple River 1969-1976: Faculty, Kuemper High School, Carroll 1976-1982: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Remsen 1982-1985: Pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Breda 1985-1991: Pastor, St. Martin Parish, Odebolt 1991: Retired	1	Female	1970s	Deceased; 1997
Paul Joseph Bruening	1954	1954-1955: Assistant Pastor, St. John Parish, Arcadia 1954-1955: Faculty, Kuemper High School, Carroll 1955-1956: Assistant Pastor, St. James Parish, Le Mars 1955-1956: Faculty, Gehlen Catholic High School, Le Mars 1956-1958: Assistant Pastor, Holy Name Church, Rock Rapids 1958-1960: Faculty, Bishop Heelan High School, Sioux City 1960-1961: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Dodge 1960-1961: Faculty, St. Edmond High School, Fort Dodge 1961: Temporary Assistant, Sacred Heart Parish, Boone 1961-1962: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Danbury 1962-1970: <i>On duty outside the Diocese in the Diocese of Belleville</i> 1970: <i>Excardinated from the Diocese of Sioux City</i> <i>Incardinated into the Diocese of Belleville, IL</i> 1970-1975: Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Metropolis, IL 1975-1978: Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Nashville, IL	1	Female	1957	Deceased; 2002
John Francis Cain	1956	1956: Temporary Assistant, St. Mary Parish, Remsen 1956-1963: Assistant Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish, Fort Dodge 1963-1969: Pastor, St. John Parish, Gilmore City,	1	Female	1973	Deceased; 2015

		attending St. Patrick Parish on the Lizard 1969-1980: Pastor, St. Malachy Parish, Madrid 1969-1980: Chaplain, State Hospital-School, Woodward 1980-1986: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Wesley 1986-1994: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Dow City 1994: Retired 1999: Administrator, St. Joseph Parish, Sioux Rapids				
Jerome Paul Coyle	1959	1959: Chaplain, Sacred Heart Hospital, Le Mars 1959-1963: Faculty, Bishop Heelan High School, Sioux City 1963-1964: Assistant Pastor, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1964-1966: Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Sioux City 1966-1970: Pastor, Visitation Parish, Maryhill 1970-1972: Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Rolfe 1972-1974: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Armstrong 1974-1977: Pastor, Holy Angels Parish, Roselle 1977-1978: Pastor, St. Brigid Parish, Grand Junction 1978-1986: Pastor, St. Cecilia Parish, Sanborn 1986-1988: Leave of absence 1988: Removed from ministry	13	Male	1965-1985	Resides outside the State of Iowa.
John William Cullen	1935	1935-1941: Assistant Pastor, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1941-1955: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Sutherland attending St. Anthony Parish, Primghar 1955-1985: Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, Clare 1985: Retired	1	Female	1955	Deceased; 1991
Linus Joseph Eisenbacher	1938	1938: Temporary Assistant, Assumption Parish, Emmetsburg 1938-1944: Chaplain, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Fort Dodge 1938-1944: Administrator, Immaculate Conception Parish, Lehigh 1944-1951: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Alvord attending St. Mary Parish, Doon 1951-1959: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Armstrong 1959-1961: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Pomeroy attending St. Joseph Parish, Palmer 1961-1975: Pastor, St. Martin Parish, Odebolt	1	Female	1970s	Deceased; 1991

		1975-1985: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ledyard 1985: Retired				
Clarence Edward Farrelly	1927	1927: Temporary Assistant, St. Jean Baptiste Parish, Sioux City 1927-1931: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Boone, attending St. Mary, Boone County 1931-1944: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Laurens 1944-1979: Pastor, St. Thomas Parish, Emmetsburg 1979: Retired	3	Female	1960s	Deceased; 1987
Louis Henry Greving	1946	1946-1954: Assistant Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, West Bend 1954-1955: Administrator, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, West Bend 1955-1956: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Pomeroy attending St. Joseph Parish, Palmer 1956-1987: Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, West Bend 1956-1987: Director, Grotto of the Redemption, West Bend 1987: Retired 1987-1996: Director, Grotto of the Redemption, with residence at Saints Peter and Paul Parish	1	Female	1957-1971	Deceased; 2002
Victor Everett Kollasch	1945	1945-1948: Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Sioux City 1948-1953: Assistant Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, Carroll 1953-1960: Pastor, St. Louis Parish, Royal Attending St. Mary Parish, Everly 1960-1968: Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Rock Rapids 1968-1975: Pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Halbur 1975-1981: Pastor, St. Martin Parish, Odebolt	1	Female	1970s	Deceased; 1981
Bruce Anthony Lefebvre	1973	1973: Temporary Assistant, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1973-1974: Assistant Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish, Carroll 1974-1978: Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Dedham 1974-1978: Faculty, Kuemper High School, Carroll 1978-1983: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Alton 1978-1983: Faculty, Spalding High School, Granville 1983-1984: Assistant Pastor, Assumption Parish, Emmetsburg	2	Male	1980s	Deceased; 2005

		1984: Administrator, St. Brigid Parish, Grand Junction attending St. John Parish, Paton 1984-1987: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sioux Rapids 1984-1987: Faculty, St. Mary High School, Storm Lake 1987-1989: Pastor, St. Columbkille Parish, Varina 1989-1990: CPE studies/chaplaincy-Mental Health Institute, Cherokee 1990: Sacramental Minister, St. John the Baptist Church, Quimby 1990-1991: <i>On duty outside the Diocese</i> 1990-1991: <i>CPE studies/chaplaincy, Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines</i> 1991-1996: Pastor, St. John Parish, Gilmore City attending St. Margaret Parish, Rolfe 1996-1999: Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, West Bend 1999-2002: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Mallard 2002: Leave of absence				
Jan Lisowski	1939	1939-1962: <i>Outside the Diocese</i> <i>Pastor, Lipowiec, Poland</i> <i>Chaplain, Polish Military Forces</i> <i>Defender of the Bond, Tribunal, Rome</i> <i>Advocate, Holy Roman Rota, Apostolic Signatura, Rome</i> 1962-1966: Defender of the Bond, Tribunal, Diocese of Sioux City 1966-1970: Unassigned 1970-1973: Administrator, Christ the King Parish, Dayton attending Immaculate Conception Parish, Lehigh 1973-1975: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Oto attending St. Philip Parish, Hornick 1975-1980: Assistant Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Marcus 1980: Retired	1	Male	1960s	Deceased; 2001
George Bernard McFadden	1952	1953: Temporary Assistant, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sioux City 1953-1957: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Storm Lake 1957-1960: Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Sioux City	39	Male Female	1960-1985	Resides outside the State of Iowa

		1960-1969: Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sioux city 1969-1972: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Jefferson 1972-1987: Pastor, St. James Parish, Le Mars 1987-1991: Pastor, St. Andrew Parish, Sibley 1991: Removed from parish ministry 1995: Retired 1995: Given permission to celebrate Noon Daily Mass at Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 2001: Faculties removed				
*Eric Middlecamp, SDS	1952	1958-1959: Trinity High School, Sioux City, <i>** Not a Diocesan Priest, but a Salvatorian Priest assigned to the school.</i>	1	Male	1958-1959	Deceased; 2011
Bernard Joseph Montag	1932	1932-1938: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Templeton 1938-1942: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Ute 1942-1945: <i>On duty outside the Diocese</i> Chaplain, U.S. Army 1945-1946: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Ute 1946-1951: Pastor, Holy Angels Parish, Roselle 1951-1961: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ledyard 1961-1980: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Mallard 1980: Retired	2	Female	1959-1961	Deceased; 2001
Thomas Joseph Munn	1951	1951: Temporary Assistant, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1951-1953: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Ashton 1953: Temporary Assistant, St. Michael Parish, Whittemore 1953-1957: Assistant Chaplin, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Sioux City 1957: Temporary Assistant, Sacred Heart Parish, Boone attending St. Mary, Boone County 1957: Temporary Assistant, St. Joseph Parish, Duncombe attending St. John Parish, Vincent 1957-1965: Chaplain, State Hospital-School, Woodward 1965: Temporary Assistant, St. Cecelia Parish, Algona 1965-1966: Assistant Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Denison 1966-1973: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Oto	1	Male	1954-1955	Deceased; 2002

		1973-1985: attending St. Philip Parish, Hornick Pastor, St. Louis Parish, Royal attending St. Mary Parish, Everly 1985-1989: Pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Breda 1989-1999: Pastor, St. John Parish, Ogden attending Immaculate Conception Parish, Lehigh attending Christ the King Parish, Dayton 1999: Retired 1999-2001: Chaplin, St. Anthony Hospital, Carroll				
Peter Brendan Murphy	1955	1955: Temporary Assistant, St. Mary Parish, Danbury 1955-1956: Assistant Pastor, Assumption Parish, Emmetsburg 1955-1956: Faculty, Emmetsburg Catholic High School, Emmetsburg 1956-1960: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ft. Dodge 1960: Temporary Assistant, St. Michael Parish, Whittemore 1960: Temporary Assistant, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sioux City Leave of Absence 1961: Temporary Assistant, St. Joseph Parish, Kossuth County 1961: Temporary Assistant, St. Mary Parish, Danbury Leave of Absence 1964: Temporary Assistant, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Denison Leave of Absence 1973: Temporary Assistant, Sacred Heart Parish, Spencer 1973: Leave of Absence	11	Male	1956-1964	Deceased; 1980
John Patrick Perdue	1985	1985-1986: Parochial Vicar, St. Lawrence Parish, Carroll 1986: Left the priesthood	1	Male	1982-1983	Resides in the State of Iowa, outside the diocese.
Ronald Joseph Reicks	1968	1968: Temporary Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Cherokee 1968: Temporary Chaplain, Mental Health Institute, Cherokee 1968-1971: Assistant Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Whittemore 1968-1971: Faculty, Bishop Garrigan High School, Algona 1971-1976: Faculty, Bishop Heelan High School, Sioux City	2	Female	1973-1984	Resides outside the State of Iowa.

		1976-1977: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Storm Lake 1976-1977: Faculty, St. Mary High School, Storm Lake 1977-1979: Assistant Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Pocahontas 1979: Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Lidderdale attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Glidden 1979-1985: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Sutherland attending St. Anthony Parish, Primghar 1985-1992: Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Whittemore 1992-1995: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Alton 1992-1995: Faculty, Spalding High School, Granville 1995-1996: <i>On duty outside the Diocese</i> <i>Diocese of Pando, Bolivia</i> 1996: Left the priesthood				
Ralph William Reinhart	1952	1952: Temporary Assistant, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1952-1959: Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sioux City attending Annunciation Parish, Sioux City until it closed in 1955 1959-1961: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Alvord attending St. Mary Parish, Doon 1961-1968: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Rock Valley 1968-1973: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Ashton 1973-1975: Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Cherokee 1975-1986: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Sac City 1986-1997: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Manning 1997: Retired	4	Male	1950s	Deceased; 2001
Nicholas John Ruba	1951	1951-1954: Assistant Pastor, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Carroll 1954-1958: Assistant Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sioux City 1958-1961: Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Dayton 1961-1968: Pastor, St. Benedict Parish, St. Benedict 1968-1986: Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Sioux City 1986-1992: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Alton 1992-1996: Pastor, St. Andrew Parish, Sibley 1996: Retired	2	Male Female	1970-1971	Deceased; 2015

Laurence Frances Schoeppner	1926	1926: Chaplin, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Fort Dodge 1926-1930: Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sioux City 1930-1932: Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Granville 1932-1950: Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Lidderdale 1950-1953: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ayrshire 1953-1965: Pastor, St. Catherine Parish, Oyens 1965: Retired	1	Female	1948-1949	Deceased; 1965
Donald Joseph Slaven	1967	1967-1976: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Remsen 1967-1976: Faculty, St. Mary Parish, Remsen 1976-1979: Faculty, Bishop Heelan High School, Sioux City 1979-1984: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Neptune 1979-1984: Faculty, Gehlen Catholic High School, Le Mars 1984-1988: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Dedham 1988-1992: Pastor, St. Columbkille Parish, Churdan attending St. Brigid Parish, Grand Junction attending St. John Parish, Paton attending St. Patrick Parish, Cedar 1992-1993: Leave of absence 1993-1995: Chaplin, Nursing Homes, Sioux City 1995-1997: Graduate Studies, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 1997: Judge, Tribunal, Diocese of Sioux City 1997-1998: Administrator, Sacred Heart Parish, Ruthven attending Sacred Heart Parish, Ayrshire 1998-2005: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Salix 2005-2009: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Dow City attending St. Boniface Parish, Charter Oak attending St. Mary Parish, Ute 2009: Retired	3	Male	1990s	Deceased; 2014
Verne Peter Stapenhorst	1961	1961-1964: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ft. Dodge 1961-1964: Faculty, St. Edmond High School, Ft. Dodge 1964-1966: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Danbury 1964-1966: Faculty, St. Mary High School, Danbury 1966-1972: Faculty Bishop Garrigan High School, Algona	1	Male	1976	Resides outside the State of Iowa.

		1972-2001: Faculty Bishop Heelan High School, Sioux City 1991-1995: Administrator, St. Philip Parish, Hornick 1995-1998: Sacramental Minister, St. Casimir Parish, Sioux City 2001-2003: Replacement Ministry/Parish Coverage w/residence at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, West Bend 2001-2002: Sacramental Minister in residence, Sacred Heart Parish, Ruthven 2002-2003: Administrator/Sacramental Minister in residence, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, West Bend 2003: Sacramental Minister in residence, St. Mary Parish, Humboldt 2003: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Laurens 2004: Retired 2011: Faculties removed				
Fergus Stevenson, OFM	1946	1975-1985: Assistant Pastor, St. Boniface Parish, Sioux City <i>** Not a Diocesan Priest, but a Franciscan Priest assigned to St. Boniface Parish in Sioux City.</i>	1	Male	1976	Deceased; 1991
Joseph Edward Tolan	1941	1941-1948 Assistant Pastor, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1948-1963 Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Sac City 1963-1974 Pastor, St. Mary Humboldt 1974 Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Lake City 1974-1989 Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Wall Lake 1989: Retired	3	Female Male	1980-1982	Deceased; 1989
Donald William Wingert	1960	1960: Administrator, Sacred Heart Parish, Ruthven 1960-1964: Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Sioux City 1964: Temporary Assistant, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1964-1967: Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Spencer 1967-1968: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Neptune 1967-1968: Faculty, Gehlen Catholic School, Le Mars 1968-1973: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ruthven 1973-1975: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Ledyard 1973-1975: Faculty, St. John the Baptist School, Bancroft	2	Male	1980-1982	Deceased; 2017

		1975-1977: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Pomeroy attending St. Joseph Parish, Palmer 1975-1977: Faculty, Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Fonda 1977-1979: Pastor, Holy Angels Parish, Roselle 1979-1981: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Kossuth County 1981-1986: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Rock Valley 1986-1993: Pastor, St. Boniface Parish, Charter Oak attending St. Mary Parish, Ute 1993: Retired				
John Charles Yetmar	1957	1957-1961: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Danbury 1957-1961: Faculty, St. Mary High School, Danbury 1961-1965: Assistant Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Storm Lake 1961-1965: Faculty, St. Mary High School, Storm Lake 1965-1971: Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Pomeroy attending St. Joseph Parish, Palmer 1965-1971: Faculty, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Fonda 1971-1973: Pastor, St. John Parish, Gilmore City attending St. Patrick Parish, Lizard 1973-1974: Pastor, Sacred Heart, Early 1974-1980: Pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Breda 1980-1987: Pastor, St. Malachy Parish, Madrid 1980-1987: Chaplain, State Hospital-School, Woodward 1987-1991: Rector, Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City 1991-1993: Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Emmetsburg 1993-1999: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sioux Rapids 1999-2002: Pastor, Holy Name Parish, Rock Rapids 2002: Retired 2004: Faculties removed	3	Male	1968-1974	Resides outside the State of Iowa.