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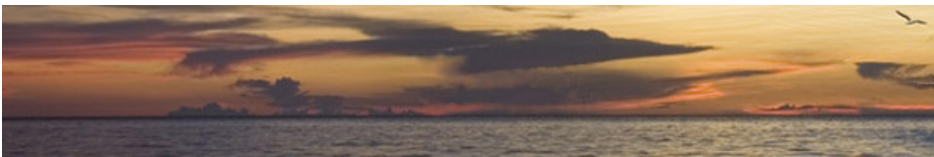
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Publication With Respect to Archdiocesan Clergy  
Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child



Categories of Archdiocesan Clergy Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Child

The Archdiocese of Boston has published the following categories of its clergy accused of sexually abusing a child. For more information regarding what is included and what is not included in these categories, please see [Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley's letter dated August 25, 2011](#). For an explanation of the terms used in these lists, please see the accompanying [Glossary](#).

A. Cases That Have Been Concluded Canonically, Either By Dismissal or Sentence to Life of Prayer and Penance, or Criminally, Either By Plea or Conviction.

This section contains the names of those members of the clergy of the Boston Archdiocese who have been found guilty of sexually abusing a child, either by the Church, the State, or both. In the case of criminal convictions, the cleric either has been convicted after a criminal trial or has pled guilty to a crime involving the sexual abuse of a child. In the case of canonical processes, the clerics whose names are included in this section either have been dismissed from the clerical state ("dismissed") at the end of a canonical process or have been assigned to a life of prayer and penance, with no ministry possible. The Church assigns priests to a life of prayer and penance where they are not suited to dismissal due to age or infirmity.

| Name                                                      | Ordination Date                                                                                               | Status                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Barrett, Robert E</a>                         | 1963                                                                                                          | Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004); Deceased (2008)       |
| <a href="#">Buchette, Anthony L</a>                       | 1957                                                                                                          | Dismissed (2005)                                                     |
| <a href="#">Coughlin, Richard T</a>                       | 1953; Excardinated to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (now Diocese of Orange) in 1971                          | Permanently Restricted                                               |
| <a href="#">Crowley, Jr., Joseph I (Permanent Deacon)</a> | 1980                                                                                                          | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (1999); Laicized (2006)              |
| <a href="#">Dempsey, Thomas F</a>                         | Ordained for the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin in 1955; Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Boston in 1976 | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges in Wisconsin (1997); Deceased (1998) |
| <a href="#">Fay, Robert D</a>                             | 1967                                                                                                          | Dismissed (2005)                                                     |
| <a href="#">Gale, Robert V</a>                            | 1968                                                                                                          | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2004); Laicized (2006)              |

|                                                                                                                                        |                                              |                                                           |                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Screening<br><b>Email</b><br>Office: 617-746-5840                                                                                      | <a href="#">Geoghan, John J</a>              | 1962                                                      | Dismissed (1998); Convicted on Criminal Charges (2000); Deceased (2003)                                                 |
| <b>Bob Kelley</b><br>Director of the Office of Child Advocacy<br><b>Email</b><br>Office: 617-746-5996                                  | <a href="#">Guthrie, Frederick L</a>         | 1962                                                      | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (involving attempted solicitation of a minor over the Internet) (2004); Laicized (2010) |
| <b>Mark Dunderdale, Esq.</b><br>Director of the Office of Professional Standards and Oversight<br><b>Email</b><br>Office: 617-746-5624 | <a href="#">Hanlon, John R</a>               | 1955                                                      | Convicted on Criminal Charges (1994); Laicized (2005)                                                                   |
| <b>Jay Crowley</b><br>Delegate for Investigations<br><b>Email</b><br>Office: 617-746-5639                                              | <a href="#">Hurley, Paul W</a>               | 1970                                                      | Convicted on Criminal Charges (2006); Dismissed (2006)                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Iguabita-Rodriguez, Kelvin E</a> | 1999                                                      | Convicted on Criminal Charges (2003); Dismissed (2005)                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Johnson, Harold J</a>            | 1949                                                      | Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004); Deceased (2009)                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Keane, John F</a>                | 1969                                                      | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2008); Dismissed (2009)                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Kelley, Edward T</a>             | 1968                                                      | Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2005); Deceased (2011)                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Lane, Bernard J</a>              | 1960                                                      | Dismissed (2004)                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Laurano, Anthony J</a>           | 1950                                                      | Dismissed (2007); Deceased (2007)                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Mahan, Paul J</a>                | 1968                                                      | Dismissed (1998)                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">McMahon, Gerard T</a>            | 1961                                                      | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2006); Laicization Pending                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Murphy, Francis A</a>            | 1957; Excardinated to the Archdiocese of Anchorage (1964) | Permanently Restricted                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Nyhan, W. James</a>              | 1973                                                      | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2006); Dismissed (2007)                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">O'Sullivan, Eugene M</a>         | 1960                                                      | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (1984); Dismissed (2005)                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Paquin, Ronald H</a>             | 1973                                                      | Pled Guilty to Criminal Charges (2002); Laicized (2004)                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Plourde, Raymond C</a>           | 1958                                                      | Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004)                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Rosenkranz, George J</a>         | 1962                                                      | Dismissed (2006)                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Shanley, Paul R</a>              | 1960                                                      | Dismissed (2004); Convicted on Criminal Charges (2005)                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Tague, Patrick J</a>             | 1963                                                      | Dismissed (2006)                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Tivnan, Paul J</a>               | 1963                                                      | Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance (2004)                                                                           |

[Welsh, Joseph L](#)

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Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance  
(2004)**B. Cases That Have Been Concluded Canonically By Laicization.**

Laicization under Church law is a process whereby the cleric voluntarily requests that he be separated from the clerical state. The laicization process, because it is voluntary, does not involve a determination of guilt for crimes involving the sexual abuse of children. Included in this section are the names of priests who have sought laicization after being accused of sexually abusing a minor.

| Name                                      | Ordination Date | Status                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Balcom, Gary E</a>            | 1972            | Laicized (1998); Deceased (2002) |
| <a href="#">Beale, Robert P</a>           | 1970            | Laicized (2010)                  |
| <a href="#">Cartier, Jr., Frederick J</a> | 1963            | Laicized (2010)                  |
| <a href="#">Coleman, Joseph K</a>         | 1981            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">Connell, John K</a>           | 1965            | Laicized (2005); Deceased (2007) |
| <a href="#">Conte, Denis A</a>            | 1975            | Laicized (2004)                  |
| <a href="#">Daly, Robert F</a>            | 1967            | Laicized (2011)                  |
| <a href="#">Finegan, Paul J</a>           | 1970            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">Forry, Thomas P</a>           | 1968            | Laicized (2006)                  |
| <a href="#">Frost, Peter J</a>            | 1970            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">Govoni, Louis J</a>           | 1972            | Laicized (2010)                  |
| <a href="#">Keefe, Dennis A</a>           | 1989            | Laicized (2009)                  |
| <a href="#">Knapp, Robert J</a>           | 1965            | Laicized (2010)                  |
| <a href="#">Matte, Richard O</a>          | 1964            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">McDonald, Paul E</a>          | 1964            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">McMahon, Jr., Benjamin J</a>  | 1968            | Laicized (2010)                  |
| <a href="#">Meffan, Robert V</a>          | 1953            | Laicized (2004)                  |
| <a href="#">Morrissette, Robert H</a>     | 1975            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">Ryan, Frederick J</a>         | 1964            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">Tourigney, Ernest E</a>       | 1961            | Laicized (2006)                  |
| <a href="#">Walsh, William M</a>          | 1971            | Laicized (2011)                  |
| <a href="#">Ward, Robert A</a>            | 1974            | Laicized (2004)                  |
| <a href="#">White, Paul D</a>             | 1961            | Laicized (2005)                  |
| <a href="#">Wilson, James L</a>           | 1990            | Laicized (1998)                  |

**C. Cases Involving Living Archdiocesan Clergy That Already Have Been Publicized, But**

**Where The Canonical Proceedings Against Those Clergy Have Not Yet Been Resolved.**

Included in this section are the names of priests or deacons of the Boston Archdiocese who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a child, but where there remain to be completed canonical proceedings involving those priests or deacons. In each case, the cleric involved has been removed from public ministry and remains on administrative leave. It must be emphasized that there has been no final determination of guilt or innocence in these cases.

| Name                                 | Ordination Date                                                                                                                                             | Status                                |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Barr, Frederick L.</a>   | 1976                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Berthold, George C</a>   | 1963                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Butler, William L</a>    | 1961                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Carroll, John P</a>      | 1953                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Charest, Edmund P</a>    | 1960                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Curran, Thomas M</a>     | 1970                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Foley, James J</a>       | 1978                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Fratte, Joseph P</a>     | 1964                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Graham, Daniel M</a>     | 1970                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Lyons, John P</a>        | 1955                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Manning, Paul F</a>      | 1967                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">McLaughlin, Paul J</a>   | 1955                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">McLaughlin, John E</a>   | 1962                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Mendicoa, John M</a>     | Ordained in Madrid, Spain for the Brotherhood of Diocesan Worker Priests of the Heart of Jesus in 1967; Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Boston in 1990 | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Menna, F. Dominic</a>    | 1958                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Mullin, Jay M</a>        | 1969                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Murphy, David C</a>      | 1963                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Pelletier, Leonard E</a> | 1969                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Poitras, Steven W</a>    | 1993                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Rebeiro, Anthony J</a>   | Ordained for Diocese of Nagpur, India in 1956; Incardinated into the Archdiocese of Boston in 1977                                                          | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |
| <a href="#">Surette, C. Melvin</a>   | 1956                                                                                                                                                        | Administrative Leave; Case in Process |

**D. Cases Involving Priests Accused After Laicization On Other Grounds.**

Laicization under Church law is a process whereby the cleric voluntarily requests that he be separated from the clerical state. Included in this section are the names of priests who were already laicized (and therefore no longer in the clerical state) when they were publicly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.

| Name | Ordination Date | Status |
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|------|-----------------|--------|

|                                    |                         |                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Carew, Michael J</a>   | 1949; Incardinated 1964 | Laicized (1971) |
| <a href="#">Dunn, John A</a>       | 1960                    | Laicized (1973) |
| <a href="#">Maloney, William F</a> | 1959                    | Laicized (1974) |
| <a href="#">Towner, Robert K</a>   | 1969                    | Laicized (1990) |

**E. Cases Involving Deceased Clergy for Whom Criminal or Canonical Proceedings Were Not Completed But The Existence of Allegations Has Been Publicized.**

This section includes the names of deceased clergy accused of sexual abuse of a minor for whom criminal or canonical proceedings were not completed, but the existence of allegations has been publicized. In most cases, allegations were received only after the priest's death. In others, the priest died before the conclusion of the proceedings. There has been no formal determination of guilt in these cases. Rather, the Archdiocese has decided to list these names in the interest of transparency and healing.

| Name                                 | Ordination Date | Status          |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Atwater, John T</a>      | 1963            | Deceased (2006) |
| <a href="#">Aubut, Charles E</a>     | 1941            | Deceased (2002) |
| <a href="#">Bailot, Eugene J</a>     | 1937            | Deceased (1983) |
| <a href="#">Bayers, Sydney H</a>     | 1937            | Deceased (1979) |
| <a href="#">Beauvais, Leon F</a>     | 1962            | Deceased (1997) |
| <a href="#">Birmingham, Joseph E</a> | 1960            | Deceased (1989) |
| <a href="#">Bolduc, Paul J</a>       | 1960            | Deceased (2009) |
| <a href="#">Boucher, Clarence R</a>  | 1940            | Deceased (2001) |
| <a href="#">Breton, Philippe C</a>   | 1936            | Deceased (1984) |
| <a href="#">Bullock, Myron F</a>     | 1953            | Deceased (2007) |
| <a href="#">Collins, Jeremiah J</a>  | 1939            | Deceased (1982) |
| <a href="#">Connelly, James E</a>    | 1943            | Deceased (1985) |
| <a href="#">Cotter, John M</a>       | 1960            | Deceased (1989) |
| <a href="#">Creighton, Gerald E</a>  | 1951            | Deceased (2004) |
| <a href="#">Croke, Edmund W</a>      | 1928            | Deceased (1971) |
| <a href="#">Cummings, William J</a>  | 1968            | Deceased (1994) |
| <a href="#">Dever, Gerard V</a>      | 1971            | Deceased (1997) |
| <a href="#">Dewey, Charles F</a>     | 1939            | Deceased (1996) |
| <a href="#">Dewire, John J</a>       | 1946            | Deceased (1994) |
| <a href="#">Dwyer, Leo V</a>         | 1932            | Deceased (1989) |
| <a href="#">Fairbairn, Frank E</a>   | 1969            | Deceased (2000) |

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|-------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Fusoni, Joseph A</a>          | 1960 | Deceased (1988) |
| <a href="#">Guiney, John E</a>            | 1947 | Deceased (1998) |
| <a href="#">Hagan, Arthur J</a>           | 1933 | Deceased (1963) |
| <a href="#">Hyder, Raymond L</a>          | 1929 | Deceased (1975) |
| <a href="#">Jansonis, Alphonse</a>        | 1945 | Deceased (2000) |
| <a href="#">Kane, Charles R</a>           | 1953 | Deceased (1986) |
| <a href="#">Keenan, Bernard J</a>         | 1948 | Deceased (1966) |
| <a href="#">Kenney, Joseph F</a>          | 1931 | Deceased (1992) |
| <a href="#">Lane, John J</a>              | 1925 | Deceased (1971) |
| <a href="#">LeBlanc, Kenneth</a>          | 1976 | Deceased (2010) |
| <a href="#">Lombard, Samuel J</a>         | 1946 | Deceased (1998) |
| <a href="#">McAndrews, John K</a>         | 1949 | Deceased (1986) |
| <a href="#">McDonald, James T</a>         | 1953 | Deceased (1999) |
| <a href="#">McKeon, James T</a>           | 1928 | Deceased (1965) |
| <a href="#">Morgan, William H</a>         | 1950 | Deceased (1999) |
| <a href="#">Moriarty, Paul J</a>          | 1948 | Deceased (1982) |
| <a href="#">Motherway, Thomas F</a>       | 1969 | Deceased (2003) |
| <a href="#">Murphy, Kenneth B</a>         | 1946 | Deceased (1999) |
| <a href="#">O'Neill, William V</a>        | 1931 | Deceased (1960) |
| <a href="#">Ouellette, Lionel P</a>       | 1957 | Deceased (2000) |
| <a href="#">Papile, Joseph A (Deacon)</a> | 1988 | Deceased (2009) |
| <a href="#">Reilly, Joseph P</a>          | 1943 | Deceased (1992) |
| <a href="#">Roche, Allan E</a>            | 1946 | Deceased (1997) |
| <a href="#">Ryer, Robert L</a>            | 1943 | Deceased (1967) |
| <a href="#">Rynne, Paul P</a>             | 1956 | Deceased (2001) |
| <a href="#">Shaughnessey, James C</a>     | 1937 | Deceased (1989) |
| <a href="#">Shea, William B</a>           | 1946 | Deceased (2005) |
| <a href="#">Shea, Francis S</a>           | 1932 | Deceased (1972) |
| <a href="#">Spagnolia, D. George</a>      | 1964 | Deceased (2008) |

|                                      |      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">St. Hilaire, Bernard</a> | 1951 | Deceased (1977) |
| <a href="#">Sullivan, Michael D</a>  | 1945 | Deceased (2005) |
| <a href="#">Thomson, J. Garrett</a>  | 1981 | Deceased (2010) |
| <a href="#">Veneto, Joseph P</a>     | 1946 | Deceased (1998) |
| <a href="#">White, John J</a>        | 1957 | Deceased (2004) |

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