

Credibly Accused Clergy

ADMITTED, PROVEN OR CREDIBLY ACCUSED CLERGY

NON-MONETARY UNDERTAKINGS OF THE SPOKANE CATHOLIC DIOCESE UNDER THE SECOND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to Article 26 of the Second Plan of Reorganization, the Catholic Diocese of Spokane will post on its website the names of all known Spokane Diocesan clergy, religious order clergy not incardinated in the Catholic Diocese of Spokane who nevertheless were functioning as clergy in and for the Spokane Diocese, and other religious order clergy and religious that served within the Catholic Diocese of Spokane who are admitted, proven or credibly accused perpetrators of sexual abuse. For any perpetrator of abuse who was a Spokane Diocesan clergy and is deceased, the name of that perpetrator will be posted in accordance with the policy of the Review Board of the Spokane Diocese which provides for publication of the name of the deceased perpetrator against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse has been made only if that posting is requested by a victim of that perpetrator.

Spokane Diocesan Clergy

Reinard Beaver*
Garry Boulden*
Theodore Bradley* (deceased - 2023)
Joseph Knecht (deceased - 1956)
Otto Koltzenberg* (deceased - 2023)
Arthur Mertens* (deceased - 2011)
Patrick O'Donnell*
James O'Malley* (deceased - 2007)
Bernard "Benno" Oosterman* (deceased - 2011)
Joseph Pineau (deceased - 1982)
Theophilus Pypers (deceased - 1957)
Daniel Wetzler*

*Indicates diocesan clergy who have also been removed from ministry pursuant to the provisions of The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which was approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002.

Jesuit Clergy/Religious

John Coughlin (deceased - 1965?)
Dominic Doyle (deceased - 2005)
Michael Kosak (seminarian - dismissed)
John Leary (deceased - 1993)
John McDonald (deceased - 1985)
Fenton Melia (deceased - 2008)
John Morse (deceased - 2015)
John O'Brien (deceased - 1989)

Peter O'Grady (deceased – 1993)
William Ryan (deceased - 1967)
Michael Toulouse (deceased - 1976)
Benjamin Trautman (deceased - 1999)

Franciscan Clergy/Religious

Berard Connelly (deceased - 1999)
Louis Ladenburger

Benedictine Clergy/Religious

Gerald Dezurick (deceased – 1986)

Marianist Clergy/Religious

Augustine Ludwig (deceased - 2007)

Outside the Diocese/Clergy & Religious

Joseph Sondergeld (deceased - 1969) (Diocese of Yakima)
Clarence Vavra (Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis)

Links to Neighboring Dioceses' Lists of Admitted, Proven or Credibly Accused Clergy

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