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List of clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minor or young person is released

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is committed to protecting children and ensuring that the tragedy of sexual abuse never happens again in the Archdiocese. In the spirit of further accountability and transparency, the Archdiocese is providing this list of clergy who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor or young person.

“I pray the release of this list of credibly accused clergy will help all survivors of sexual abuse find the strength to come forward and will set them on the path to healing,” said the Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, Archbishop of Indianapolis. “I apologize to all victims for the abuse that was done to them and for the failure of the Church to keep them from harm. I pledge to do everything within my power to protect our youth.”

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis reports all abuse allegations it receives to Indiana’s Child Protective Services and criminal investigators, as required by law, and encourages all victims to contact civil authorities.

The list of clergy deemed to have at least one credible claim of abuse involving a child or adolescent includes 19 priests for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and 4 priests who were members of religious orders who served in the Archdiocese dating back to the 1940s. Since 1940, at least 940 priests and 68 deacons have served in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The list of credibly accused clergy is based on the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Review Board, which is composed of five lay persons and one clergy member. The current and past members of the Archdiocesan Review Board hold or have held positions in law enforcement, the prosecutor’s office, child protective services, primary education, childhood development, social work, practice of law, and psychology, including neuropsychology.

An allegation of sex abuse of a child or young person was deemed credible if, after a thorough investigation and review of available information, the accusation was determined to be more likely to be true than not in the judgment of the Archdiocesan Review Board.

The following priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have claims deemed to be credible of at least one act of sexual abuse of a child or adolescent: William Leroy Blackwell, Edward Theodore Bockhold, Conrad Louis Cambron, Jeffrey James Charlton, Samuel Thomas Curry, Albert Vincent Deery, Jack F. Emrich, Donald J. Evrard, Micheal Howard Kelley, Joseph Stanley Kos, Laurence Michael Lynch, John S. Maung, Harold E. Monroe, Eugene Jack Okon, Roger Gerard Rudolf, Frederick Adam Schmitt, John Bernard Schoettelkotte, Myles Hale Patrick Smith and Jonathan Lovill Stewart.

The following religious order priests who have served in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have claims deemed credible of at least one act of sexual abuse of a child or adolescent: Brennan Harris, OFM Conv.; Bernard Knoth, SJ; Donald O’Shaughnessy, SJ; and Roman Pfalzer, OFM.

A more detailed list can be found below:

[**View the detailed list in PDF format by clicking here**](#)

Archdiocesan Priests

Name of Priest	Number of Victims	Date of Ordination	Reported Time Period of Abuse	Action Taken
William Leroy Blackwell	8	5/3/1957	1958, 1964-1968	Priest deceased (2/2/1990) before abuse reported.
Edward Theodore Bockhold	2	5/20/1920	1949, 1961	Priest deceased (3/12/1972) before abuse reported.
Conrad Louis Cambron	2	5/22/1976	1978, 1980	Resigned from the priesthood (1985).
Jeffrey James Charlton	3	5/2/1983	1982, 1984, 1986-1987	Resigned from the priesthood (1995); dispensed from the clerical state on 11/17/2014.
Samuel Thomas Curry	7	6/6/1970	1970s	Priest deceased (2/7/1991) before abuse reported.
Albert Vincent Deery	23	5/17/1921	Late 1950s thru early 1970s	Priest deceased (8/25/1972) before abuse reported.
Jack F. Emrich	1	1/17/1998	Mid-1970s	Removed from priestly ministry (2003).
Donald J. Evrard	5	5/3/1956	1977, 1985	Removed from priestly ministry (1998); deceased (12/27/2008).
Micheal Howard Kelley	2	6/1/1985	1990, 1992	Removed from priestly ministry (2003).
Joseph Stanley Kos	3	5/1/1966	Mid-1980s	Priest deceased (8/9/2000).
Laurence Michael Lynch	1	5/3/1960	1972-1973	Resigned from priestly ministry (1979); deceased (7/17/2009).
John S. Maung	1	5/1/1963	1993-1997	Removed from priestly ministry (2018).

Harold E. Monroe	16	6/8/1974	1976-1982	Removed from the priesthood (1984); dispensed from the clerical state on 4/8/2011.
Eugene Jack Okon	4	12/18/1970	1974	Resigned from priestly ministry (2003); deceased (11/29/2012).
Roger Gerard Rudolf	1	6/6/1992	1987-1988	Removed from priestly ministry (2002); dispensed from the clerical state on 5/11/2015.
Frederick Adam Schmitt	3	5/11/1959	1973-1974	Priest deceased (12/30/1988) before abuse reported.
John Bernard Schoettelkotte	5	5/3/1960	1964-1967	Removed from priestly ministry (2003).
Myles Hale Patrick Smith	3	7/25/1970	1976-1988	Removed from priestly ministry (2003); deceased (5/2/2012).
Jonathan Lovill Stewart	1	6/1/1991	1993	Removed from priestly ministry (2003).

Religious Order Priests

Name of Priest	Number of Victims	Date of Ordination	Reported Time Period of Abuse	Action Taken
Brennan Harris, OFM Conv.	1	1969	1971	Removed from priestly ministry by the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation; deceased (1985).
Bernard Knoth, SJ	1	1977	1978	Reported to USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus; dispensed from the clerical state.
Donald	2	1955	1965	Removed from priestly ministry by the USA

O'Shaughnessy, SJ				Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus; deceased (7/8/2013).
Roman Pfalzer, OFM	2	1947	1953-1954	Removed from priestly ministry by the Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist; deceased (12/26/2011).

The following priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have a single claim deemed credible which involved a vulnerable adult, age 18, who was an adolescent when at least the emotional aspects of the relationship began. They are Patrick Andrew Doyle and Karl Joseph Miltz. A more detailed list is below:

Name of Priest	Number of Victims	Date of Ordination	Reported Time Period of Abuse	Action Taken
Patrick Andrew Doyle	1	6/7/1975	1987	Removed from priestly ministry (2018).
Karl Joseph Miltz	1	5/24/1969	1974	Resigned from priestly ministry (1998); dispensed from the clerical state on 12/6/2005.

The following clergy have a single claim of abuse made against them reported to have occurred in the 1940s and 1950s and which was received by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis after the priests were deceased and unable to offer a defense of the accusation. No claims were made while they were alive. Although there was no way to substantiate the claims being made against the deceased clergy, the Archdiocesan Review Board recommended, out of an abundance of caution and transparency, to include their names on the list below: John Stanley Kramer, William Kreis, James Joseph Shanahan and George Peter Ziemer. A more detailed list is below:

Name of Priest	Number of Victims	Date of Ordination	Reported Time Period of Abuse	Action Taken
John Stanley Kramer	1	3/3/1944	1947-1952	Priest deceased (1/28/1986) before accusation reported.
William Kreis	1	5/28/1904	1944-1946	Priest deceased (3/10/1954) before accusation reported.
James Joseph Shanahan	1	5/27/1947	1958	Priest deceased (11/14/1992) before accusation reported.

George Peter Ziemer	1	6/10/1919	1955-1957	Priest deceased (4/26/1980) before accusation reported.
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The above lists will be updated if new credible claims or evidence of sexual abuse of a minor are determined.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse or sexual harassment by a person ministering on behalf of the Church, or if you know of anyone who has been a victim of such misconduct, please contact civil authorities and the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Carla Hill, at (317) 236-1548, or (800) 382-9836, ext. 1548, or by e-mail at carlahill@archindy.org. To make a report online, please visit www.archdioceseofindianapolis.ethicspoint.com.