

Diocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of the Sexual Abuse of a Minor Against Them

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About this list

This list comprises the names of incardinated priests of the Diocese of Green Bay against whom there is one or more substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. Incardinated priests are those who were ordained for service within the Diocese of Green Bay or who requested a transfer into the Diocese after their ordination elsewhere. This list does not contain priests ordained for service within a religious order.

Since 1906, the ordination date of the priest with the earliest documented allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, a total of 630 ordained priests have served within the Diocese of Green Bay. Of that number, 48* priests have had a substantiated (defined below) allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor made against them. Additionally, there are 16 priests and 2 deacons accused of the sexual abuse of a minor who, after investigation, and review by the Independent Review Board, were either exonerated or the allegation against them unsubstantiated.

The Diocese of Green Bay follows the directives of the 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All allegations received by the Diocese are taken seriously and investigated as thoroughly as possible. Additionally, this work is reviewed and confirmed by the work of an Independent Review Board. All allegations categorized substantiated are immediately reported to the District Attorney or other law enforcement of the county where the alleged abuse had taken place. An allegation is categorized to be “substantiated” when, based upon the facts and circumstances of the case, there is a reasonable cause to suspect that the sexual abuse of a minor has occurred. This is comprised, in part, of the certainty of the accuser that the abuse took place, that the allegations is internally consistent regarding a time, place and date, and that other facts surrounding the accuser’s claims appear to be accurate. Any substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor which is subsequently proven in a civil or canonical forum leads to the

priest's permanent removal from public ministry and possible criminal prosecution. Additional penalties in church law are imposed upon that priest up to and including dismissal from the priesthood. *Currently there are no known priests serving in active ministry in the Diocese of Green Bay who have had a substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against them.*

The following list of priests is based upon investigations that have been completed. The results of these investigations were confirmed through the services of the investigative firm of *Defenbaugh and Associates, Inc.* which was given full and complete access to all diocesan files. The Independent Review Board, after receiving and reviewing their report, recommended to the Bishop that the list be published. *The independent work of Defenbaugh and Associates, Inc. and the Independent Review Board is consistent with the internal findings of the Diocese regarding the number of priests who have abused.*

It is important to note that inclusion on this list does not, by itself, mean that the accused priest has been found guilty of a crime or liable for any civil claim. In some, but not all cases an accused priest was tried and found guilty or liable by civil authorities. In every case, however, the Diocese conducted an investigation based upon church law which often resulted in the priest being permanently removed from ministry.

Many of the substantiated allegations were made decades after the alleged abuse took place, making it difficult to conduct a complete civil or church investigation. Also, because most of the substantiated allegations were made many years after the civil statute of limitations had passed, the civil authorities were unable to fully investigate the matter or bring charges. Some of these allegations were made after the accused priest had died and therefore the priest did not have the opportunity to respond to the allegation.

Update as of May 23, 2019:

*Since the initial release of the disclosure list of diocesan clergy with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor on Jan. 17, 2019, further updates were made to the list on Apr. 4, 2019 after more victims came forward. An additional diocesan priest with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been identified, and the disclosure list was updated on May 23, 2019.

***Any future updates to the disclosure list will be made following the recommendation of the Independent Review Board and the notification of the District Attorney in the county where the abuse was alleged. These updates will be reflected below, noting next to the priest's name, the date information was updated.*

1. Priests of the Diocese of Green Bay with a substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor.

This section contains the names of the thirty-seven priests of the Diocese of Green Bay during the past 112 years against whom a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was received and investigated while the priest was alive or against whom multiple substantiated allegations were received and investigated after the priest had died. While an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for the priest to respond, multiple allegations against him may indicate a corroborative pattern of abuse which supports the conclusion of a substantiated allegation. Each substantiated allegation was received and investigated by the Diocese of Green Bay and then reviewed and confirmed by the Diocesan Independent Review Board. All substantiated allegations were reported to the District Attorney of the county where the alleged abuse had taken place whether the priest was living or deceased.

Donald Becker

Dennis Bouche

David Boyea

Stanley Browne

Donald Buzanowski

Michael Carroll

John Conrad

August Dusold

William Eberhardy

Simeon Engl

John Feeney

Bernard Geimer

Daniel Gilsdorf

Ralph Hermsen

Richard Heyman

Philip Hoffmann

LeRoy Hogan

William Kiernan (Updated 4/4/19)

Jerome Koerner

John Koprowski

Nicholas Langenfeld

Clarence Leitermann (Updated 4/4/19)

Norbert Rank (Updated 4/4/19)

Francis Reinke

Kenneth Rodgers

Donald Rose (Updated 4/4/19)

Tito Sammut

Eugene Schmidt

Ronald Schneider

Earl Schuh

Thomas Stocker (Updated 4/4/19)

Richard Thomas

Robert Thompson

Gerald Van Nuland (Updated 4/4/19)

Alphonse Wagner (Updated 4/4/19)

Jerome Watry (Updated 4/4/19)

Walter Williams (Updated 4/4/19)

Donald Becker

Year of Ordination

1971

Status

On leave in 1987. Resigned from the priesthood in 1989. Laicized in 2005.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Bernard, Green Bay (1971-1972)

St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute (1972-1975)

St. Agnes Parish, Green Bay (1975-1978)

St. Luke, Two Rivers (1978-1982)

St. Phillip Parish, Green Bay (1982-1984)

St. Patrick, Stiles and St. Louis, Abrams (1985-1987)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1972-1978

Dennis Bouche

Year of Ordination

1945

Status

Deceased in 1995

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Luke, Two Rivers (1945-1946)

St. John the Baptist, Coleman (1946-1949)

St. Vincent De Paul, Oshkosh (1949-1950)

Assistant at Tigerton, Marion, and Hollandtown (1950-1951)

St. Paul, Manitowoc (1951-1956)

St. Peter, Oconto (1956-1965)

St. John the Baptist, Coleman (1965-1966)

Leave of Absence (1966-1969)

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1969-1970)

Sacred Heart, Spruce (1970-1971)

St. Joseph Residence, New London (1971-1973)

SS. Peter and Paul, Independance -LaCrosse Diocese, (1973-1974)

Leave of Absence (1974)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1955-1956

David Boyea

Year of Ordination

1973

Status

On leave in 1985. Laicized in 1990.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Sts. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1973-1976)

St. James Parish, White Lake and St. Stanislaus, Langlade (1976-1985)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1977-1985

Stanley Browne

Year of Ordination

1981

Status

On leave in 2002. After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance in 2009. Deceased in 2018.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1981-1984)

Sacred Heart, Appleton (1984-1986)

St. Francis Xavier in Brussels and St. Mary in Namur (1986-1989)

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1989-1996)

St. Francis, Hollandtown (1996-2000)

St. Mary, Lakewood (2000-2002)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1982-2000

Donald Buzanowski

Year of Ordination

1968

Status

On leave in 1989. Resignation from the priesthood in 1992. Laicized in 2005.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1968-1970)

St. John the Evangelist, Green Bay (1970-1974)

St. Jude, Green Bay (1974-1975)

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1975-1982)

St. Louis, Dyckesville (1982-1983)

Corpus Christi, Sturgeon Bay (1983-1987)

St. John the Evangelist, Green Bay (1987-1989)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1979-1988

Michael Carroll

Year of Ordination

1970

Status

Placed on leave in 2002. After two canonical trials found him guilty of the sexual abuse of a minor, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance in 2016.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Lourdes High School, Oshkosh (1970-1976)

Catholic Central High School, Marinette (1976-1979)

St. Bernard Parish, Green Bay (1979)

Director of Diocesan Youth Program (1979-1987)

St. Mary High School, Neenah (1987-1991)

St. Anthony, Tigerton, St. Mary Marion, Holy Family-St. William, Wittenberg (1994-2002)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1978-1985

John Conrad

Year of Ordination

1963

Status

Leave of absence in 2002. After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance. Deceased in 2017.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Mary, Manitowoc (1963-1967)

St. Jude, Green Bay (1967-1968)

St. Mary Central High School, Neenah (1968-1970)

Roncalli High School (1970-1979)

Immaculate Conception, Clarks Mills (1979-2002)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1970-1974

Arthur Danks

Year of Ordination

1943

Status

Deceased in 2007

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Boniface, De Pere (1943-1945)

St. Peter, Oshkosh (1945-1948)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1948-1949)

Chaplain of Winnebago Mental Hospital (1949-1956)

St. Casimir, Northeim (1956-1959)

St. Charles, Lena (1959-1966)

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1966-1989)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1966-1967

August Dusold

Year of Ordination

1906

Status

Deceased in 1960

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1906-1907)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1907-1908)

Immaculate Conception, Glenmore (1908-1912)

St. James, Cooperstown (1912-1922)

St. Mary Magdalene, Waupaca (1922-1923)

Pastoral Work in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (1923-1947)

Langlade Memorial Hospital (1947-1951)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

Before 1924; 1947

William Eberhardy

Year of Ordination

1977

Status

On leave in 1992. Laicization granted in 2002.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Ordained for the Society of Divine Savior (Salvatorians) in 1977

St. Charles, Charlesburg (1978-1983)

Roncalli High School, Manitowoc (1983-1986)

St. Phillip, Green Bay (1986-1988)

St. Joseph, Kellnersville (1988-1992)

Incardinated into the Diocese of Green Bay in 1989

Holy Rosary and St. Ann, New Holstein and St. Anna (1992)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1983-1986

Simeon Engl

Year of Ordination

1930

Status

Deceased in 1989

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1930-1931)

St. Stephen, Stevens Point (1931-1933)

St. Mary, De Pere (1933-1934)

St. Mary, Hilbert (1934)

Sacred Heart, Aurora (1934-1935)

St. Leonard, Laona (1935-1947)

Langlade Memorial Hospital Chaplain (1947-1948)

Holy Trinity, Jericho (1948-1950)

Leave of Absence (1950-1952)

St. Sebastian, Isaar (1952-1953)

St. Michael, Suring (1953-1954)

Leave of Absence (1954-1961)

Incardinated into the Diocese of San Diego (1961)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950

John Feeney

Year of Ordination

1952

Status

Laicized in 2005

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1952-1954)

Holy Rosary, Kewaunee (1954)

St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay (1954-1955)

St. Rose, Clintonville (1955-1956)

St. Peter, Oshkosh (1956-1958)

Holy Redeemer, Two Rivers (1958-1961)

St. Therese, Appleton (1961-1963)

St. Mary, Chilton (1963-1965)

Immaculate Conception, Clarks Mills (1965)

SS. Edward and Isidore, Flintville (1965-1966)

St. Anne, Francis Creek (1966)

St. Mary, Maplewood (1966)

St. Joseph, Wautoma (1966)

Holy Family, Elcho (1966-1969)

St. Francis Xavier, De Pere (1969-1973)

St. Benedict, Suamico (1974-1976)

St. Nicholas, Freedom (1976-1979)

St. Mary, Stockbridge (1979-1983)

Leave of Absence (1983-1990)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1961-1982

Bernard Geimer

Year of Ordination

1950

Status

Deceased in 1987

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1950-1958)

St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay (1958-1960)

St. Luke Parish, Two Rivers (1960-1962)

St. Joseph, Phlox (1962-1968)

SS. Peter and Paul, Institute (1968-1972)

St. Hyacinth, Antigo (1972-1978)

St. Wendel, Cleveland (1978-1986)

Immaculate Conception, Oneida (1986-1987)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1955; 1972-1974

Daniel Gilsdorf

Year of Ordination

1960

Status

Leave of absence in 2002. Ordered to live a life of prayer and penance. Deceased in 2012.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Anthony, Oconto Falls (1960)

Most Precious Blood, New London (1960-1963)

Sacred Heart, Manitowoc (1963-1970)

St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay (1970-1986)

St. Therese, Appleton (1986-2002)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1973-1989

Ralph Hermsen

Year of Ordination

1954

Status

Deceased in 1993

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Holy Rosary, New Holstein (1954)

SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Green Bay (1954-1957)

Diocese Apostolate (1957-1965)

Holy Family, Wittenberg and St. William, Eland (1965-1972)

Holy Rosary, New Holstein (1972-1987)

Nativity of Mary, Tisch Mills (1987-1992)

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Humboldt (1992-1993)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1962-1963; 1984

Richard Heymen

Year of Ordination

1956

Status

After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance by the CDF (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) in 2008.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Mary Magdalene, Waupaca (1956)

St. Paul, Manitowoc (1956-1971)

St. Michael, Whitelaw (1971-2003)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1958-1961

Rudolph J. Hodik

Year of Ordination

1924

Status

Deceased in 1974

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Mary, Peshtigo (1924)

St. Joseph, Norman (1924-1928)

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Tisch Mills (1928-1935)

Holy Trinity, Casco (1935-1970)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950s

Philip Hoffmann

Year of Ordination

1964

Status

On leave in 2002. After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Lawrence, Navarino, Sacred Heart, Manawa, St. Rose Clintonville, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1964)

St. Joseph, Oconto (1964-1967)

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1967)

Holy Rosary, New Holstein (1967-1969)

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1969)

St. Francis Xavier, De Pere (1969)

Director of Diocesan Housing (1969-1971)

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (1971-1972)

St. Peter, Oconto (1972-1976)

St. Paul, Manitowoc (1976-1985)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1985-1989)

St. Patrick, Stiles and St. Louis, Abrams (1989)

Diocesan Marriage Tribunal (1989-2002)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1977-1978

LeRoy Hogan

Year of Ordination

1957

Status

Leave of absence in 1993. Deceased in 2005.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute (1957-1970)

St. Mary Central High School, Neenah (1970-1971)

Xavier High School, Appleton (1971-1972)

Further Studies at UW Oshoksh (1972-1973)

Abbot Pennings High School, De Pere (1973-1979)

St. Edward Parish, Mackville (1979-1990)

St. Patrick, Askeaton (1990-1993)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1982-1992

George Kiefer

Year of Ordination

1932

Status

Deceased in 1992

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1932-1933)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1933-1938)

St. Joseph, Crandon (1938-1944)

St. Joseph, Walsh (1944)

Assistant at Guardian Angels Boarding School in Oneida (1944-1950)

Immaculate Conception, Glenmore (1950-1953)

St. John, St. John (1953)

St. Peter and Paul, Kiel (1953-1971)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1969-1971

William Kiernan

Year of Ordination

1921

Status

Deceased in 1967

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Stephen, Stevens Point (1921-1924)

St. Mary, Appleton (1924-1926)

Director of Catholic Charities (1926-1932)

Immaculate Conception, Glenmore (1927-1932)

Annunciation, Green Bay (1932-1963)

St. Sebastian, Isaar (1963-1967)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950s

Jerome Koerner

Year of Ordination

1960

Status

Leave of absence in 1972. Resigned from the priesthood in 1973. Laicized in 2013.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Jude, Green Bay (1960)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1960-1965)

St. Margaret Mary, Neenah (1965-1967)

Nativity, Green Bay (1967-1972)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1960-1967

John Koprowski

Year of Ordination

1965

Status

Resigned from the priesthood in 1976

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Patrick (1965)

St. Mary, Manitowoc (1965-1969)

Roncalli High School, Manitowoc (1969-1976)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1970s

Nicholas Langenfeld

Year of Ordination

1926

Status

Deceased in 1994

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Mary, Menasha (1926-1929)

Further studies and academic work at Fordham University (1929-1994)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1940s

Clarence Leitermann

Year of Ordination

1934

Status

Deceased in 1995

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute (1934-1937)

St. Mary, Oshkosh (1937-1940)

St. Luke, Two Rivers (1940-1941)

St. Boniface, De Pere (1941-1943)

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1943-1944)

St. Joan of Arc, Goodman (1944-1947)

St. Joseph, Phlox (1947-1960)

St. Patrick, Lebanon (1960-1969)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1947; 1950s; 1960s

Lawrence Loerke

Year of Ordination

1923

Status

Deceased in 1973

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. John, Antigo (1923-1925)

Sacred Heart, Oshkosh (1925-1930)

Immaculate Conception, Glenmore (1930-1932)

St. Mary, Black Creek (1932-1938)

Mercy Medical Center chaplain, Oshkosh (1938-1939)

St. Sebastian, Isaar (1939-1941)

Immaculate Conception, Clarks Mills (1941-1945)

St. Mary, Greenville (1945-1950)

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1950)

St. Wendel, Cleveland (1950-1951)

St. Mary, Maplewood (1951-1959)

St. Ann, St. Anna (1959)

St. Mary Hospital, Kewaunee chaplain (1959)

St. Philomena, Birnamwood (1960)

St. Mary Hospital, Kewaunee chaplain (1960-1961)

St. Mary, Leopolis (1961-1969)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950

Florian Milbauer

Year of Ordination

1950

Status

Deceased in 1969

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Joseph, Wautoma (1950)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1950-1951)

St. Vincent De Paul (1951-1958)

St. Therese, Appleton (1958-1961)

Alexian Brothers Home (1961-1963)

Holy Family, Elcho (1963-1966)

St. Denis, Shiocton (1966-1969)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1966-1969

Glen Ochs

Year of Ordination

1948

Status

Left the priesthood in 1970. Laicized in 1971. Deceased in 1984.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Anthony, Marinette (1948)

Sacred Heart, Oshkosh (1948-1951)

St. Patrick, Menasha (1951)

St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay (1951-1954)

St. Luke, Two Rivers (1954-1956)

St. Therese, Appleton (1956-1957)

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1957-1959)

St. Matthew, Green Bay (1959-1960)

Sacred Heart, Aurora (1960-1968)

St. Anthony, Marinette (1968-1970)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1958

Fridolin Olschowski

Year of Ordination

1949

Status

Deceased in 1991

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

Priestly work in Germany (1949-1951)

St. Francis Solanus, Gresham (1951-1952)

St. Phillip, Green Bay (1952)

St. Joseph, Wautoma (1952)

SS. Peter and Paul, Kiel (1952-1953)

St. Patrick, Maple Grove (1953-1954)

Holy Name, Kimberly (1954-1955)

St. Joseph, Marinette (1955-1959)

Holy Rosary, New Holstein (1959-1961)

St. Peter, Oshkosh (1961-1965)

St. Joseph, Walsh (1965-1973)

Sacred Heart, Spruce (1973-1977)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1952

Norbert Rank

Year of Ordination

1930

Status

Deceased in 1983

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Boniface, De Pere (1930-1932)

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1932)

Sick leave (1932-1933)

St. Elizabeth Hospital Chaplain, Appleton (1933-1935)

St. John the Evangelist, Green Bay (1935-1937)

Immaculate Conception, Florence (1937-1942)

Sacred Heart, Manawa (1942-1948)

St. Matthew, Green Bay (1948-1972)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950

Elroy Reimer

Year of Ordination

1957

Status

Deceased in 2000

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1957-1958)

St. John, Antigo (1958-1966)

Sacred Heart, Appleton (1966-1968)

St. Joseph, Phlox (1968-1970)

Holy Martyrs of Gorcum, Green Bay (1970-1984)

Holy Angels, Darboy (1984-1992)

St. Paul, Wrightstown (1992-2000)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1958-1960

Francis Reinke

Year of Ordination

1957

Status

After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance by the CDF (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) in 2008. Deceased in 2017.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Therese, Appleton (1957-1958)

St. Vincent de Paul, Oshkosh (1958-1960)

Our Lady of Lourdes, Marinette (1960-1968)

St. James, White Lake (1968-1972)

SS. Peter and Paul, Institute (1972-1986)

St. Joseph, Kellnersville (1986-1988)

St. Patrick, Lebanon (1988-1994)

St. Mark, Redgranite and Sacred Heart, Poy Sippi (1994-2001)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1962-1963

Kenneth Rodgers

Year of Ordination

1943

Status

Deceased in 2005

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

Holy Innocents, Manitowoc (1944-1952)

St. Matthew, Green Bay (1952-1954)

St. Mary, Kaukauna (1954-1955)

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (1955-1956)

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1956-1957)

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Humboldt (1957-1958)

St. Joseph, Walsh (1958-1963)

St. Patrick, Askeaton (1963-1968)

Holy Martyrs of Gorcum, Green Bay (1968-1970)

Holy Trinity, Jericho (1970-1971)

St. John Cantius, Sobieski (1971-retirement)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1959-1960

Donald Rose

Year of Ordination

1953

Status

On leave since 1992. After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Boniface, Manitowoc (1953-1960)

Holy Family Hospital, Manitowoc (1960-1961)

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton (1961-1963)

St. Anthony, Tigerton (1963-1964)

St. Mary Hospital, Kewaunee (1964-1965)

Mission work in the Dominican Republic (1965-1969)

St. Peter, Oconto (1969-1972)

St. Patrick, Lebanon (1972)

Mission work in Dominican Republic (1972-1979)

St. Kilian, New Franken (1979-1980)

St. Bernadette, Appleton (1980-1983)

St. Hedwig, East Krok and St. Lawrence, Stangelville (1983-1991)

Nativity of Mary, Tisch Mills (1992)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1962

Francis Rose

Year of Ordination

1939

Status

Deceased in 1983

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1939-1942)

St. Joseph Orphanage, Green Bay (1942-1947)

St. Denis, Shiocton (1947-1957)

St. Michael, Whitelaw (1957-1965)

St. Mary, Oshkosh (1965-1966)

St. Isidore, Osman (1966-1978)

St. Hedwig, East Krok (1978-1983)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1943-1944

Tito Sammut

Year of Ordination

1952

Status

Restricted by the Diocese of Green Bay. Moved to Malta in retirement and multiple cautions sent to the Malta. Deceased in 2017.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Ministry in Malta (1952-1960)

Incardinated into the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas (1960)

Assistant Pastor, Teaching, and Chaplain work in Amarillo Diocese (1960-1979)

Moved to the Diocese of Green Bay and ministered at St. Francis Xavier, De Pere (1979-1983)

Sacred Heart, Appleton (1983-1987)

Most Precious Blood, New London (1987-2000)

Incardinated into the Diocese of Green Bay (1988)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1960s

Eugene Schmidt

Year of Ordination

1956

Status

Deceased in 2005

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Annunciation, Green Bay (1956-1957)

Sacred Heart Seminary Faculty (1957-1968)

St. Mary, Winneconne (1968-1973)

St. John, Menasha (1973-1974)

St. John the Evangelist, Green Bay (1974-1975)

St. Vincent De Paul, Oshkosh (1975-1990)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1968-1979

Ronald Schneider

Year of Ordination

1975

Status

After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

Sacred Heart, Appleton (1975-1984)

St. Margaret Mary, Neenah (1984-1988)

Sacred Heart, Oshkosh (1988-1992)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1970s

Earl Schuh

Year of Ordination

1943

Status

Deceased in 2005

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1943-1948)

St. Anthony, Oconto Falls (1948)

Holy Name, Kimberly (1948-1952)

St. Mary, Oshkosh (1952-1957)

St. Anthony, Tigerton (1957-1960)

Holy Martyrs of Gorcum, Green Bay (1960-1968)

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1968-1992)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1970s

Thomas Stocker

Year of Ordination

1963

Status

On leave in 1994. Resigned from the priesthood in 1999. Laicized in 2003.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1963)

St. Boniface, De Pere (1963-1971)

Diocesan Marriage Tribunal (1971-1974)

St. Mary, Greenleaf (1978-1988)

St. James, Cooperstown (1988-1993)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1960s; 1970s; 1980s

Richard Thomas

Year of Ordination

1966

Status

After a canonical process, ordered to live a life of prayer and penance in 2017.
Laicized in 2018.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Mary, Menasha (1966-1967)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1967-1972)

St. Mary, Kaukauna (1972-1976)

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1976-1980)

St. Agnes, Green Bay (1980-1990)

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1990-1991)

St. Bernard, Green Bay (1991-1992)

Immaculate Conception, Oneida (1992-2002)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

2016

Robert Thompson

Year of Ordination

1965

Status

Deceased in 1999

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1965-1967)

Lourdes High School, Oshkosh (1967-1969)

Newman Center, UW Oshkosh (1969-1978)

Chaplain to Winnebago Mental Health Institute (1978-1983)

Leave of Absence (1983-1985)

St. Mary Hospital, Green Bay (1985-1994)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1970s

Gerald Van Nuland

Year of Ordination

1938

Status

Deceased in 1990

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute (1938-1942)

St. Mary, Chilton (1942-1943)

St. Luke, Two Rivers (1943-1944)

Chaplain in the U.S. Army (1944-1947)

St. Mark, Two Rivers (1947)

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (1947-1950)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1950)

Sacred Heart, Aurora (1950-1957)

St. Denis, Shiocton (1957-1963)

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1963-1967)

St. Anthony, Niagara (1967-1968)

St. Anthony, Tigerton and St. Mary, Marion (1968-1981)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1963-1970

Alphonse Wagner

Year of Ordination

1944

Status

Deceased in 1974

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Multiple

Assignments

St. Mary, Kaukauna (1944-1947)

St. Vincent de Paul, Oshkosh (1947-1954)

St. Mark, Two Rivers (1954-1963)

St. Patrick, Stiles (1963-1965)

On sick leave and given permission to serve in the Diocese of Davenport (1966-1974)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1944-1965

Jerome Watry

Year of Ordination

1946

Status

Deceased in 1997

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

Assignments

St. Mary, De Pere (1946)

St. Joseph, Oconto (1946-1952)

Sacred Heart, Appleton (1952-1954)

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1954-1959)

Holy Family, Wittenberg (1959-1965)

St. Wendel, Cleveland (1965-1970)

St. John, Menasha (1970-1990)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1963

Walter Williams

Year of Ordination

1934

Status

Deceased in 1983

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Patrick, Green Bay (1934-1937)

Sacred Heart, Manitowoc (1937-1938)

St. Joseph Orphanage (1938-1942)

St. James, Amherst (1942-1945)

St. James, Cooperstown (1945-1955)

St. John, Oshkosh (1955-1963)

St. John the Evangelist, Green Bay (1963-1969)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1952

2. Priests of the Diocese of Green Bay with a single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor made after the priest's death.

This section contains the names of ten priests of the Diocese of Green Bay during the past 112 years against whom a single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after his death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond. Each substantiated allegation was received and investigated by the Diocese of Green Bay and then reviewed and confirmed by the Diocesan Independent Review Board. All substantiated allegations were reported to the District Attorney of the county where the alleged abuse had taken place even if the priest was deceased.

Arthur Danks

Raymond Hietpas (Added 4/4/19)

Rudolph J. Hodik

George Kiefer

Lawrence Loerke

Florian Milbauer

Glen Ochs

Fridolin Olschowski

Elroy Reimer

Francis Rose

Steven Scherer (Added 5/23/19)

Arthur Danks

Year of Ordination

1943

Status

Deceased in 2007

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Boniface, De Pere (1943-1945)

St. Peter, Oshkosh (1945-1948)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1948-1949)

Chaplain of Winnebago Mental Hospital (1949-1956)

St. Casimir, Northeim (1956-1959)

St. Charles, Lena (1959-1966)

St. Joseph, Green Bay (1966-1989)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1966-1967

Raymond Hietpas

Year of Ordination

1935

Status

Deceased in 2000

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Wendel, Cleveland (1935)

St. Luke, Two Rivers (1935-1936)

St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay (1936)

St. Mary, De Pere (1936-1942)

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1942-1945)

St. Philimena, Birnamwood (1945-1953)

St. Mary, Glenmore (1953-1955)

St. Charles Borromeo, Lena (1955-1956)

St. Nicholas, Freedom (1956-1957)

St. Mary, De Pere (1957-1977)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1964

Rudolph J. Hodik

Year of Ordination

1924

Status

Deceased in 1974

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Mary, Peshtigo (1924)

St. Joseph, Norman (1924-1928)

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Tisch Mills (1928-1935)

Holy Trinity, Casco (1935-1970)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950s

George Kiefer

Year of Ordination

1932

Status

Deceased in 1992

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (1932-1933)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1933-1938)

St. Joseph, Crandon (1938-1944)

St. Joseph, Walsh (1944)

Assistant at Guardian Angels Boarding School in Oneida (1944-1950)

Immaculate Conception, Glenmore (1950-1953)

St. John, St. John (1953)

St. Peter and Paul, Kiel (1953-1971)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1969-1971

Lawrence Loerke

Year of Ordination

1923

Status

Deceased in 1973

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. John, Antigo (1923-1925)

Sacred Heart, Oshkosh (1925-1930)

Immaculate Conception, Glenmore (1930-1932)

St. Mary, Black Creek (1932-1938)

Mercy Medical Center chaplain, Oshkosh (1938-1939)

St. Sebastian, Isaar (1939-1941)

Immaculate Conception, Clarks Mills (1941-1945)

St. Mary, Greenville (1945-1950)

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1950)

St. Wendel, Cleveland (1950-1951)

St. Mary, Maplewood (1951-1959)

St. Ann, St. Anna (1959)

St. Mary Hospital, Kewaunee chaplain (1959)

St. Philomena, Birnamwood (1960)

St. Mary Hospital, Kewaunee chaplain (1960-1961)

St. Mary, Leopolis (1961-1969)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1950

Florian Milbauer

Year of Ordination

1950

Status

Deceased in 1969

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Joseph, Wautoma (1950)

Holy Cross, Kaukauna (1950-1951)

St. Vincent De Paul (1951-1958)

St. Therese, Appleton (1958-1961)

Alexian Brothers Home (1961-1963)

Holy Family, Elcho (1963-1966)

St. Denis, Shiocton (1966-1969)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1966-1969

Glen Ochs

Year of Ordination

1948

Status

Left the priesthood in 1970. Laicized in 1971. Deceased in 1984.

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Anthony, Marinette (1948)
Sacred Heart, Oshkosh (1948-1951)
St. Patrick, Menasha (1951)
St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay (1951-1954)
St. Luke, Two Rivers (1954-1956)
St. Therese, Appleton (1956-1957)
St. Patrick, Green Bay (1957-1959)
St. Matthew, Green Bay (1959-1960)
Sacred Heart, Aurora (1960-1968)
St. Anthony, Marinette (1968-1970)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1958

Fridolin Olschowski

Year of Ordination

1949

Status

Deceased in 1991

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

Priestly work in Germany (1949-1951)

St. Francis Solanus, Gresham (1951-1952)

St. Phillip, Green Bay (1952)

St. Joseph, Wautoma (1952)

SS. Peter and Paul, Kiel (1952-1953)

St. Patrick, Maple Grove (1953-1954)

Holy Name, Kimberly (1954-1955)

St. Joseph, Marinette (1955-1959)

Holy Rosary, New Holstein (1959-1961)

St. Peter, Oshkosh (1961-1965)

St. Joseph, Walsh (1965-1973)

Sacred Heart, Spruce (1973-1977)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1952

Elroy Reimer

Year of Ordination

1957

Status

Deceased in 2000

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

SS. Peter and Paul, Green Bay (1957-1958)

St. John, Antigo (1958-1966)

Sacred Heart, Appleton (1966-1968)

St. Joseph, Phlox (1968-1970)

Holy Martyrs of Gorcum, Green Bay (1970-1984)

Holy Angels, Darboy (1984-1992)

St. Paul, Wrightstown (1992-2000)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1958-1960

Francis Rose

Year of Ordination

1939

Status

Deceased in 1983

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

Sacred Heart, Shawano (1939-1942)

St. Joseph Orphanage, Green Bay (1942-1947)

St. Denis, Shiocton (1947-1957)

St. Michael, Whitelaw (1957-1965)

St. Mary, Oshkosh (1965-1966)

St. Isidore, Osman (1966-1978)

St. Hedwig, East Krok (1978-1983)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1943-1944

Steven Scherer

Year of Ordination

1979

Status

Deceased in 1999

Number of Substantiated Allegations

Single

A single substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor was received after this priest's death. While any allegation received is investigated to the extent possible, an allegation received after a priest is deceased does not provide the opportunity for him to respond.

Assignments

St. Jude, Green Bay (1979-1984)

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton (1984-1993)

Approximate Dates Abuse Occurred

1980-1981