

Many alleged abusers left off church list

Cardinal O'Malley is credited with going public when many dioceses have not, but critics say he has stopped far short of a full accounting

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Below are details about six of the people left off Cardinal O'Malley's list.



Rev. Robert M. Burns, 62

Where is he now?

Old Colony Correctional Center, Bridgewater, Mass.

Accusations

After working in a Jamaica Plain parish where altar boys accused him of abuse, Burns was re-assigned to a Charlestown parish in the 1980s, where altar boys also accused him of molesting them. Burns was later sentenced to serve eight to 11 years in a Massachusetts prison for rape and indecent assault.

Resolution

The Boston Archdiocese paid Burns' victims more than \$2 million. At the urging of former Archbishop Bernard F. Law, Pope John Paul II formally removed Burns from the priesthood. Burns remains incarcerated.

Reason omitted from O'Malley's list

Burns was originally a priest from the Youngstown, Ohio, diocese.



Br. Fidelis DeBerardinis, 84

Where is he now?

Massachusetts Correctional Institution-Shirley, Shirley, Mass.

Accusations

DeBerardinis targeted altar boys serving at an East Boston parish during

the late 1960s and early 1970s. Prosecutors charged him with raping and molesting boys at a variety of locations in the church and rectory. DeBerardinis's arrest came a decade after his religious order settled a civil suit filed by one of the same altar boys.

Resolution

DeBerardinis pleaded guilty to molesting altar boys and was sentenced to eight years in a Massachusetts prison. He remains incarcerated.

Reason omitted from O'Malley's list

DeBerardinis is a brother with the Franciscan Province of the Immaculate Conception.



Rev. Paul M.
Desilets

Where is he now?

Deceased

Accusations

Desilets was accused of molesting more than two dozen boys at a Bellingham parish in the early 1980s. When the accusations were made, Desilets had returned to his religious order in Canada. He was extradited by Worcester County officials and sentenced to serve 12 to 18 months in a Massachusetts prison.

Resolution

The Boston Archdiocese paid Desilets' victims with funds from an \$85 million settlement with more than 500 victims of clergy abuse. Desilets died in 2010, at 86.

Reason omitted from O'Malley's list

Desilets was a religious order priest with Les Clers de Saint-Viateur.



Rev. Ross S.
Frey, 66

Where is he now?

Lebanon

Accusations

Frey was accused of molesting minors during weekend retreats, or 'teen encounters,' at the St. Basil Salvatorian Center, in Methuen, during the 1970s and 1980s. Victims said they reported the abuse to officials at the Center and the Boston Archdiocese, but their complaints were ignored.

Resolution

Twelve victims received a cash settlement of \$240,000, paid by the Boston Archdiocese, the Salvatorian Order and the Melkite Catholic Church. Frey was treated in the United States and later moved to

Lebanon.

Reason omitted from O'Malley's list

Frey is a religious order priest with the Basilian Salvatorian Order and the Melkite Catholic Church.



Czeslaw
Szymanski

Where is he now?

Deceased

Accusations

Eight men have accused Szymanski of molesting them in a Lowell parish during the 1980s. Some say they were openly fondled in the Holy Trinity parish schoolyard, while others were molested in the church sacristy. In December of last year, the pastor at Holy Trinity denounced Szymanski's accusers as 'cowards.'

Resolution

Szymanski's accusers will be paid \$600,000 by the Boston Archdiocese and the Order of St. Paul, Szymanski's religious order. Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley publicly apologized for the pastor's remarks. Szymanski died in a car crash in 1987. He was 45.

Reason omitted from O'Malley's list

Szymanski was a religious order priest with the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit.



Rev. James F.
Talbot, 73

Where is he now?

Vianney Renewal Center, Dittmer, MO.

Accusations

A wrestling coach at Boston College High School during the 1970s, Talbot induced students to wrestle him wearing little or no clothing and would pin them to the ground and molest them. He was transferred to a Catholic high school in Maine, where he also was accused of abuse.

Resolution

The New England Province of the Society of Jesus paid \$5.2 million to 14 men with abuse claims against Talbot. Talbot also served six years in a Massachusetts prison for raping two BC High students.

Reason omitted from O'Malley's list

Talbot is a religious order priest with the Society of Jesus (Jesuit).