Clergy with credible claims against them concerning sexual abuse of a young person

As part of the Diocese of Duluth’s ongoing efforts to foster safe environments for children and young people, Bishop Paul D. Sirba released on December 31, 2013 information about clergy members who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of young persons while serving or residing in the Duluth Diocese. Included in the release are clergy members who served as diocesan priests as well as clergy from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time worked or resided in the Duluth Diocese.

Despite our best efforts to make sure our information is accurate and complete, we know that it may include errors or be incomplete. We ask that anyone who believes they have information about any instance of child sexual abuse involving any member of the clergy to contact their local law enforcement and the diocese or a diocesan assistance coordinator. Contact information for the diocese and its coordinators is listed in the diocesan newspaper and on the diocesan website.

The list below includes those clergy members whose names were provided to the John Jay Study conducted in 2004, one diocesan priest against whom credible claims have been made subsequent to the compilation of the John Jay list and four non-diocesan clergy who worked or resided in the diocese and who are the subject of allegations made against other institutions. The names included in the John Jay Study have had credible accusations made against them which, for purposes of the study, was a standard defined to be “not implausible.” An allegation was considered “implausible” only if it could not possibly have happened under the given circumstances.

1. Rev. Kirby Blanchard

**Date of birth:** 11/16/1928  
**Date of ordination:** 5/30/1953  
**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Pastor: Our Lady of Fatima Church, Garrison – 1/7/1965 – 8/24/1966
- Pastor: St. Joseph’s Church, Deerwood – 1/7/1965 – 8/24/1966
- Pastor: St. Augustine’s Church, Cohasset – 8/24/1966 – 2/27/1969
- Pastor: St. Mary’s Church, Deer River – 8/24/1966 – 2/27/1969
- Chaplain: St. Joseph’s Hospital, Brainerd – 9/1/1976 – 12/5/1993
- Retired: 12/5/1993

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 12/27/1995  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 8/11/2006
2. Rev. Louis Brouillard

*Date of birth:* 07/27/1921  
*Date of ordination:* 12/17/1948  
*Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:*  
  - Pastor: St. Anne, Kelly Lake - 7/11/1984 – 11/12/1985  
*Diocese or religious order:* Priest of the Diocese of Agana, Guam  
*Date removed from ministry:* 11/12/1985  
*Current location:* Deceased  
*Current status:* Died 10/10/2018

3. Rev. Victor Chateauvert, MSF

*Date of birth:* 5/25/1919  
*Date of ordination:* 8/25/1973  
*Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:*  
*Diocese or religious order:*  
  - Priest of the Holy Family Missionaries  
*Date removed from ministry:* 12/28/1992 – Returned to Order  
*Current location:* Deceased  
*Current status:* Died 3/3/1999

4. Rev. Leonard Colston

*Date of birth:* 10/10/1936  
*Date of ordination:* 1980  
*Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:*  
*Diocese or religious order:* Diocesan Priest  
*Date removed from ministry:* 9/6/1986 Resigned from the Diocese of Duluth  
*Current location:* Deceased  
5. Rev. Raymond Cossette

**Date of birth:** 12/24/1929  
**Date of ordination:** 6/4/1955

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Instructor, Dean of Discipline, Athletic Director, Principal, Chaplain - Duluth Cathedral High School; Duluth – 8/16/1962 – 7/21/1965  
- Chaplain: Carmel Heights, Duluth – 8/16/1962 – 7/21/1965  
- Pastor: St. Peter's Church, Duluth – 8/ 24/1966 – 9/9/1969  
- Diocesan Superintendent of Schools: 8/24/66-9/9/69  
- Chaplain: Brainerd State Hospital - 7/29/75 – 1/1 1995  
- Retired: 1/1/1995

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 12/31/2013  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 6/25/2016

6. Rev. Frederick Fox

**Date of birth:** 08/28/1926  
**Date of ordination:** 7/7/1952

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Asst. Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 7/ 30/1952 – 9/14/1956  
- School: Catholic University of America – 9/14/1956 – 7/5/1957  
- Asst. Pastor: St. John the Evangelist Church, Duluth – 7/5/1957 – 1/18/1965  
- Director: St. James Children’s Home, Duluth 1/18/1965 -8/19/1970  
- On Leave: to work with Family Services-Duluth Drug Abuse Program 12/13/1970  
- Retirement: 6/1/1987

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 1/28/1988  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 6/17/1999
7. Rev. John Golobich

**Date of birth:** 03/03/1923  
**Date of ordination:** 6/5/1948

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Pastor: St. Mary's Church, Silver Bay – 6/29/1965 – 7/1/1981
- Pastor: St. Anthony's Church, Duluth – 7/1/1981 – 7/11/1984
- Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 7/11/1984 – 7/14/1993
- Administrator: St. Elizabeth Church, Duluth – 7/12/2001 – 1/15/2002
- Retired: 7/14/1993

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** Deceased  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 6/5/2011

8. Rev. Ralph Goniea, OMI

**Date of birth:** 12/23/1937  
**Date of ordination:** 1963

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Asst. Pastor: St. Jean’s, Duluth – 9/1/1965 – 12/22/1966

**Diocese or religious order:**  
Priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
**Date removed from ministry:** Cleric no longer in diocese at time of allegation  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 3/24/2003

9. Rev. Robert Klein

**Date of birth:** 10/17/1931  
**Date of ordination:** 6/2/1956

**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**
- Director of Liturgy: 1981 - 1983
- Leave: Unassigned, Disability Leave – 8/1/1983

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 9/18/1987  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 2/16/2000
10. Rev. Mark Makowski

**Date of birth:** 10/31/1956  
**Date of ordination:** 6/7/1987  
**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**  
- Pastor: St. Benedict's Church, Duluth – 7/18/1990 – 7/14/1993  
- Pastor: Queen of Peace Church, Hoyt Lakes – 7/14/1993 – 9/1/1993  
- Pastor: St. John's Church, Grand Marais – 9/1/1993 – 1/12/1995  
- Pastor: Holy Rosary Church, Grand Portage – 9/1/1993 – 1/12/1995

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 1/12/1995  
**Current location:** Sun City, AZ  
**Current status:** Removed from ministry, Faculties revoked

11. Rev. (Thomas) Gregory Manning

**Date of birth:** 05/25/1918  
**Date of ordination:** 3/25/1944  
**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**  
- Pastor: St. Louis Church, Floodwood, & missions of Goodland & Warba – 7/20/1950 – 7/22/1953  
- Pastor: St. John the Baptist Church, Biwabik – 7/22/1953 – 10/16/1957  
- Left Diocese: 12/1/1957

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** 10/16/1957  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 8/15/1979


**Date of birth:** 01/23/1918  
**Date of ordination:** 6/5/1948  
**Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:**  
- Director: Diocesan Director of Scouting – 8/5/1948 – 5/2/1961  
- Administrator, St. Mary's Church, Deer River, and  
- Pastor: St. Mary's Church, Deer River and St. Augustine, Cohasset – 4/28/1960 – 8/24/1966  

**Diocese or religious order:** Diocesan Priest  
**Date removed from ministry:** Deceased  
**Current location:** Deceased  
**Current status:** Died 12/6/1988
13. Rev. Dennis Puhl

Date of birth: 03/28/1947  
Date of ordination: 6/15/1974  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
Pastor: St. Casimir's Church, Cloquet and mission at Cromwell – 7/15/1978 – 7/15/1979  
Sick Leave: 11/1/1980  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: 7/15/1986 signed a statement terminating priestly ministry and affiliation with Diocese of Duluth  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 12/11/1995  

14. Rev. Thomas Stack

Date of birth: 05/11/1914  
Date of ordination: 3/25/1944  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
Asst. Pastor: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Virginia – 4/20/1944 – 12/14/1950  
Pastor: St. Joseph's Church, Gnesen and  
St. Joseph's Church, Lakewood – 12/14/1950 – 8/10/1955  
Pastor: Good Shepherd Church, Duluth – 9/29/1964 – 1/6/1968  
Pastor: St. Anthony's Church, Ely – 9/27/1972 – 8/1/1973  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: Deceased at time of allegation  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 2/24/1987  

15. Rev. Joseph Thibaudeau, OMI

Date of birth: 10/17/1869  
Date of ordination: 8/15/1896  
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:  
St. Jean’s, Duluth - 6/30/1910 – ?/1943  
Diocese or religious order:  
Priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
Date removed from ministry: Deceased at time of allegation  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 1946, Manitoba, Canada
16. Rev. Stephen Toporowitz

*Date of birth:* 5/13/1914  
*Date of ordination:* 6/7/1941  
*Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:*  
- Pastor: St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Duluth – 9/4/1941 – 10/12/1944  
- Pastor: Willow River and Split Rock – 10/17/1944 – 6/10/1964  
  (Split Rock attached to Sturgeon Lake 4/20/1960)  
- Pastor: St. Joseph's Church, Deerwood and mission of Our Lady of Fatima, Garrison – 6/10/1964 – 1/7/1965  
- Chaplain: St. Joseph’s Hospital, Brainerd – 1/7/1965 – 8/24/1966  
- Pastor: St. John's Church, Virginia – 8/24/1966 – 6/16/1969  
*Diocese or religious order:* Diocesan Priest  
*Date removed from ministry:* Deceased at time of allegation  
*Current location:* Deceased  
*Current status:* Died 6/16/1969

17. Rev. Angelo Zankl, OSB

*Date of birth:* 04/19/1901  
*Date of ordination:* 5/29/1926  
*Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:*  
- St. Clement’s, Duluth – 7/18/1951 – 8/8/1967  
- Left the Diocese: 5/30/1987  
*Diocese or religious order:* Priest of the Order of St. Benedict  
*Date removed from ministry:* Deceased at time of allegation  
*Current location:* Deceased  
*Current status:* Died 7/12/2007

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18. UN-NAMED ACCUSED PERSON NO LONGER IN MINISTRY

The name of a former priest was included in the list provided to the John Jay Study solely on the basis of a single vague and ambiguous allegation that did not identify the priest by name. A subsequent investigation did not produce any further information or corroboration. This individual voluntarily left the priesthood prior to and not related to the allegation. As a result, the diocese is re-investigating this matter but is not releasing the former priest’s name at this time.
Rev. Cornelius Kelleher

Date of birth: 9/9/1932  
Date of ordination: 6/17/1956  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
  - Asst. Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 9/14/1956 – 9/16/1959  
  - Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph’s Church, Crosby – 9/16/1959 – 9/22/1960  
  - Pastor: St. Patrick’s Church, Hinckley and St. Joseph’s Church, Beroun – 7/16/1997 – 7/11/2012  
  - Retired: July 11, 2012  
Diocese or religious order: Diocesan Priest  
Date removed from ministry: 10/2/2012  
Current location: Proctor, MN  
Current status: Removed from ministry, Faculties revoked

Rev. J. Vincent Fitzgerald, OMI

Date of birth: 12/9/1919  
Date of ordination: 5/28/1950  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
  - Pastor: St. Michael’s, Northome; Our Lady of the Snows, Bigfork and St. Theresa, Effie – 11/13/1957 – 9/10/1961  
  - Pastor: Holy Cross, Orr – 9/1/1963 – 9/1/1964  
  - Pastor: Immaculate Conception, Nett Lake – 9/1/1963 – 8/2/1966  
Diocese or religious order: Priest of Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
Date removed from ministry: Deceased at time of allegation  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 2009
Rev. Othmar Hohmann, OSB

Date of birth: 1/28/1900  
Date of ordination: 6/7/1931  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:  
Diocese or religious order:  
Priest of the Order of St. Benedict  
Date removed from ministry: Retired in 1976  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Died 1/24/1980

Rev. Richard Jeub

Date of birth: 2/21/1940  
Date of ordination: 1966  
Cleric’s prior assignments in archdiocese:  
Associate priest, St. Joseph, Hopkins, 1966-1967;  
Associate priest, Our Lady of Grace, Edina, 1967-1970  
Associate priest, St. Mark, St. Paul, 1970-1976;  
Associate priest, Christ the King, Minneapolis, 1976-1978;  
Chaplain, Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, 1978-1982;  
Chaplain, Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina, 1978-1982;  
Pastor, St. Kevin, Minneapolis, 1981-1990;  
Associate priest, Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale, 1996-1997;  
Associate priest, Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence, Faribault, 1997-2000;  
Associate priest, St. Rose of Lima, Roseville, 2000-2002;  
Retired, 2002  
Diocese or religious order: Priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002  
Current location: Crosby, Minn.  
Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Rev. Brennen Maiers, OSB

Date of birth: 4/27/1936  
Date of ordination: 6/1/1963  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:  
Adjunct Chaplain: St. Mary’s Medical Center, Duluth – 1/4/1991 -4/1996  
Diocese or religious order:  
Priest of the Order of St. Benedict  
Date permanently removed from ministry: 6/2002  
Current location: St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, MN  
Current status: Permanently removed from ministry
Rev. Timothy Conlon, OSC

Date of birth:
Date of ordination: 1979
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
    Holy Family Church, McGregor
    as part of a Deacon Internship – 1978-1979
Diocese or religious order:
    Priest of the Crosier Fathers
Date permanently removed from ministry:
Current location: Gallup, N.M.
Current status: 1/2014 removed from ministry

Rev. James Porter

Date of birth: 1/2/1935
Date of ordination: 1960
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order:
    Diocese of Crookston
Date permanently removed from ministry: 1970
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 2/11/2005

Rev. Urban Schmitt, OSC

Date of birth: 7/19/1919
Date of ordination: 6/4/1949
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
    Holy Family, Barnum and Holy Trinity, Moose Lake – 8/4/1964 – 7/14/1966
Diocese or religious order:
    Crosier Fathers
Date permanently removed from ministry:
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Deceased

Rev. Charles Gormly

Date of birth: 9/21/1910
Date of ordination: 5/26/1935
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese: Lived at St. James Church rectory, Duluth 7/23/1960-8/18/1960;
    Asst. Pastor - St. Lawrence Church, Duluth - 7/23/1960-8/18/1960;
Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyoming
Date permanently removed from ministry:
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Died 1/11/1968
Rev. Brian Lederer

Date of birth: 6/25/1985
Date of ordination: 6/22/2012
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Parochial Vicar – Blessed Sacrament Church, Hibbing – 7/11/2012 – 7/7/2015
Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Duluth
Date permanently removed from ministry: 3/14/2020
Current location: Chippewa Falls, WI
Current status: Laicized – 3/14/2020

Rev. Paul Kabat, OMI

Date of birth: 1/16/32
Date of ordination: 9/8/1958
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Date permanently removed from ministry: Deceased
Current location: Deceased – 5/31/1999

Rev. Thomas Meyer, OMI

Date of birth: 8/4/1938
Date of ordination: 9/8/1970
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Date permanently removed from ministry: Deceased
Current location: Deceased – 7/7/2012

Rev. Robert Reitmeier, OMI

Date of birth: 9/10/1943
Date of ordination: 6/19/1971
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Date permanently removed from ministry: Left congregation in 1992
Current location: Chicago, IL
Rev. Michael Charland, OMI

Date of birth: 6/22/1945  
Date of ordination: 8/21/1971  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:  
Not assigned to the Diocese of Duluth, but served as Spiritual Director on TEC retreats in 1977 at Rainy River Community College.  
Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
Date permanently removed from ministry: Left congregation in 1984  
Current location: Woodbury, MN  
Current status: Laicized – 12/6/1989

Rev. Bernard W. Bissonnette

Date of birth: 10/8/1931  
Date of ordination: 5/15/1958  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:  
St. Cecilia Church, Nashwauk – 6/26/1965 – 1/1966  
Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Norwich Connecticut  
Date permanently removed from ministry: left the Diocese of Duluth 1/1966  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Deceased – 12/24/2008

Rev. Alfred Longley

Date of birth: 9/17/1913  
Date of ordination: 1939  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese: Never assigned in the Diocese of Duluth – resided in Brainerd area  
Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis  
Date permanently removed from ministry: 1968  
Current location: Deceased  
Current status: Deceased – 1974

Rev. Robert Bedrosian, MSF

Date of birth: 7/7/1937  
Date of ordination: 3/26/1966  
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:  
Diocese or religious order: Missionaries of the Holy Family  
Date removed from ministry: Unknown  
Current location: Unknown  
Current status: Unknown
Rev. Roland Antus

Date of birth: 12/11/1934
Date of ordination: 5/27/1962
Cleric's prior assignments in diocese:
  Pastor: St. Mary’s Church, Deer River – 1970-1973
  Pastor: St. Augustine Church, Cohasset – 1970-1973
  Pastor: St. James Church, Duluth – 1973-1983
  Pastor: Sacred Heart Church, Mountain Iron – 1984-1985
  Pastor: St. Francis Church, Brainerd – 1989-1998
  Pastor: St. Thomas Church, Pine Beach - 1989-1998
  Administrator: St. Edwards Church, Longville - 1998-2008
  Administrator: St. Paul Church, Remer – 1998-2008
  Retired: 2008

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Duluth
Date removed from ministry: 5/16/2016
Current location: Deceased
Current status: Deceased – 6/21/2020

Rev. William C. Graham

Date of birth: 4/16/1950
Date of ordination: 6/18/1976
Cleric’s prior assignments in diocese:
  Assoc. Pastor: St. John Church, Duluth – 1976-1979
  Chaplin/Part-time Instructor, Cathedral High School, Duluth – 1976
  Weekend Help: St. Michael Church, Duluth – 1979-1980
  Department Head: Cathedral High School, Duluth – 1978-1981
  Pastor: St. Margaret Mary, Duluth – 1980-1982
  Pastor: St. Michael Church, Duluth – 1982-1990
  Administrator: St. Michael, Church, Duluth - 2014
  Pastor: St. Michael Church. Duluth – 2014 - Current

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Duluth
Date removed from ministry: 5/26/2016
Current location: Duluth
Current status: Removed from ministry, Faculties revoked
Rev. David Tushar

Date placed on list: 1/07/2021
Date of birth: 4/13/1949
Date of Final Vows in Holy Cross: 4/18/1975
Date of Ordination: 4/26/1976
Cleric’s prior assignments in Diocese:
  Full-time Teacher: Notre Dame High School for Boys – 1974 – 1977
  Part-time Teacher: Notre Dame High School for Boys – 1977-1981
  Assistant Principal: 1977 – 1981
  Part-time Teacher: 1981 - 1985
  Principal: 1981 - 1985
Date of Exclaustration: 7/1985
Date of Incardination in Diocese of Duluth: 3/3/1988
Cleric’s prior assignments in Diocese:
  Assoc. Pastor: St. Joseph’s Church, Grand Rapids - 1985
  Assoc. Pastor: St. Augustine’s Church, Cohasset - 1985
  Pastor: St. Augustine’s Church, Cohasset – 7/1990 – 1/1993
  Pastor: St. Lawrence Church, Duluth – 1/1993 – 7/1996
  Rector: Cathedral or Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Duluth – 7/1996 – 7/2013
  Pastor: St. Francis Church, Carlton – 7/2003 – 2/2020
  Pastor: SS Mary & Joseph Church, Sawyer – 7/16 – 2/2020
  Pastor: Queen of Peace Church, Cloquet - 6/2007 – 02/2009

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Duluth
Date removed from ministry: 7/30/2019
Current location: Las Vegas, NV
Current status: Deceased – 12/23/2021

Links to other lists:
Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis
http://safe-environment.archspm.org/accountability/clergy-disclosures/

Diocese of Crookston

Diocese of St. Cloud
Diocese of Winona

http://www.dow.org/News/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/142/DIOCESE-DISCLOSES-NAMES

St. John’s Abbey

http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/info/safe-environment/

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