

REPORT OF FINDINGS OF CREDIBILITY OF ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

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Diocese of Springfield

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Since my arrival in the Diocese of Springfield, I have been committed to transparency and communication, particularly with regard to the scandal of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, religious and lay church staff. It is an open wound that has remained for far too long.

Today I am writing to address these painful sins and crimes that have broken countless hearts, shattered lives and have cast a dark shadow over our Church.

In recent months, I have met with many survivors and family members. I have heard from these courageous individuals that the way the diocese responded to their reports of abuse was re-traumatizing and re-victimizing. As your bishop, please accept my sincere apology and my commitment towards working to regain your trust. I am fully committed to doing all that I can to change the culture of the diocese.

With that in mind, I am announcing a significant development in our commitment to transparency and accountability here in the Diocese of Springfield. The diocese is expanding its criteria for disclosure of all those with a finding of credibility of sexual abuse of a minor while serving in the diocese.

An allegation is deemed to be credible if there is reasonable cause to believe that the sexual abuse occurred. It is most similar to a grand jury indictment in our legal system. While it is not a definitive finding of guilt, the public acknowledgement of those credible allegations is a critically important action that the diocese owes to those survivors who have so courageously stepped forward.

The new list will now include posthumous allegations deemed to be credible by either the Diocesan Review Board or its predecessor, the Misconduct Commission. An updated version of the disclosure document will be posted to diospringfield.org in early June.

This will result in a considerable addition to the list which previously appeared on our diocesan website. Many of these credible allegations were previously excluded from our list because the accused was deceased when the allegation surfaced, was a member of a religious order, or were lay employees of the diocese.

It is important to note that these are not new allegations. Rather these findings date back many years.

Prior to this release, the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance conducted a thorough review of all cases to assure we were applying the same standard for names now being listed. To ensure that the process was rigorous and consistent, an independent review was conducted by Dr. Raina Lamande,

a forensic psychologist, faculty member and researcher from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Going forward, the names of additional individuals found to have credible claims of sexual abuse of minors will be added to the list, based on new information or a new evaluation by the Diocesan Review Board.

The expanded disclosure policy is only one element of our response to receiving an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. Currently, all allegations are immediately reported to law enforcement and we cooperate fully in their investigations.

I encourage anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or any personnel of the diocese, to report this directly to law enforcement as well as to the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance at (413) 452-0624, through our confidential toll-free number (800) 842-9055, or by email to reportabuse@diospringfield.org.

It is my belief that this expanded disclosure of names is a necessary action as part of fulfilling my commitment of transparency and healing. We owe this to the courageous survivors and their loved ones who have suffered the unimaginable pain of sexual abuse. We owe this to our Catholic community left devastated and disillusioned by this scourge. We owe this also to the many faithful priests who serve with great devotion.

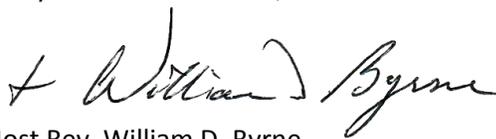
As a Church, both locally and universally, too many times in the past we have failed to protect the innocence and dignity of minors from those who committed these heinous crimes. We can never erase the harm done, however, acknowledging a survivor's allegations to be credible brings the truth of their horrific experience into the light. I offer my most sincere apology to all who have suffered from the abuse and to their loved ones. I am truly sorry.

My commitment to assuring that the Catholic Church here in western Massachusetts is employing the best practices possible in receiving, evaluating allegations, and employing pastoral care to any person abused in this diocese is absolute. As we make this expanded disclosure announcement, I expect more changes in our systems will be identified and recommended by the Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield.

As we make ongoing changes to our policies and procedures, we also need to engage spiritually to cast out this evil. I invite you to join me Thursday, June 3 at 7p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral for a Holy Hour for all whose lives have been impacted by the abuse crisis. I also strongly encourage all parishes to hold similar devotional services.

I pray fervently first and foremost for all survivors of sexual abuse, living and deceased, whose burden no person should ever have to bear. I also ask for God's forgiveness of our Church's past failures and that God will guide us in our continued resolve to effect the actions necessary for healing and the determination to bring about meaningful and sustainable change.

I am your Friend in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Most Rev. William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield

BACKGROUND

The Diocese of Springfield (“Diocese”) has previously published a list of clergy whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been made against them while they were living.

However, the names of clergy who were deceased when the allegation was reported, the names of priests from religious orders who ministered in the Diocese and lay church staff were not included.

The list published here contains the names of clergy who have engaged in public ministry in the Diocese and have had a finding of credibility of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, including those who were living at the time the allegation was brought forward as well as those who were deceased at the time the allegation was reported to the Diocese. The list also includes the names of laypersons who were employed in a ministry of the Diocese of Springfield and have had a finding of credibility of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor while working for the diocese. Finally, the names of clergy from another diocese/eparchy or religious order who ministered within the Diocese who had a finding of credibility of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor in the Diocese, and the determination was made by their diocese/eparchy or religious order, are also included.

CRITERIA

Allegations of sexual abuse of a minor that were determined to be credible by the Misconduct Commission for Diocesan Personnel (1992 - 2004) or the Diocesan Review Board (2004 – present) were included on the list based on the following criteria:

Inclusion Criteria

- Allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a bishop, priest, deacon, other religious, or lay employee who is/was incardinated, assigned to public ministry, or employed by the Diocese of Springfield;
- The allegation has been determined to be credible by the Misconduct Commission for Diocesan Personnel (1992-2004) or the Review Board (2004-present); and/or,

- The allegation has been determined to be credible by another diocese/eparchy or religious order and has been verified by the Diocese of Springfield through a primary source.

Exclusion Criteria

- Allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric who is/was incardinated, assigned to public ministry, or employed by the Diocese of Springfield that were not assessed by the Misconduct Commission for Diocesan Personnel (1992-2004) or the Review Board (2004-present);
- Allegations of sexual abuse of a minor who were assessed by the Misconduct Commission for Diocesan Personnel (1993-2004) or Review Board (2004-present) that did not result in a documented finding of credibility; and/or,
- Allegations of individuals not associated with and outside the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Springfield.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance conducted a systematic review of all cases to assure the same standard for names now being listed was applied. To ensure that the process was rigorous and consistent, an independent review was conducted by [Dr. Raina V. Lamade](#), a forensic psychologist, faculty member, and researcher from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth ([see Dr. Raina V. Lamade's Summary of Findings](#)). The published list reflects the findings of these reviews.

While the Diocese has taken great care in the preparation of this list, we recognize that this information may still be imperfect. Going forward, the names of additional individuals found to have credible findings of sexual abuse of minors will be added to the list, based on new information or a new evaluation by the Diocesan Review Board.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Diocese has published a “[Frequently Asked Questions](#)” document that addresses many of the topics raised, including:

1. What names are on the list?
2. Are these new allegations?
3. Why is the list being updated?
4. What is a credible allegation?
5. What kind of investigation currently takes place when an allegation is made?
6. Is a priest or deacon still in ministry while the investigation is being conducted?
7. What happens to a member of clergy if an allegation is deemed credible?
8. What Church penalty can be imposed for a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor?
9. What does dismissal from the clerical state mean for the priest or deacon?
10. How is the reputation of a priest restored if the allegations are not found to be credible?
11. What support is available to a person who as a minor was sexually abused by a representative or the diocese?

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

This glossary is provided to help readers understand Church language used throughout the report.

Assigned to a Life of Prayer and Penance:

Imposing a life of prayer and penance is a penalty used to punish clergy for crimes and misconduct. A priest who has been assigned to a life of prayer and penance is not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to administer the sacraments. He is instructed not to wear clerical garb or to present himself publicly as a priest. This penalty is used typically when the cleric is elderly or in severely compromised health.

Canon Law:

The term used to describe the law of the Catholic Church.

Clerical State:

The clerical state refers to those who have been ordained as a bishop, priest or deacon and their status as a member of the clergy. If a man loses the clerical state he is no longer a member of the clergy (see *Dismissal from the Clerical State*; *Dispensation from the Clerical State*). He always remains a deacon, priest or bishop, however.

Credible Allegation:

An allegation is determined to be credible if there is reasonable cause to believe that the sexual abuse occurred. It is most similar to a grand jury indictment in our legal system.

Dismissal from the Clerical State – or – Laicization (involuntary):

Dismissal from the clerical state means a bishop, priest or deacon has involuntarily lost all rights and obligations associated with ordination. Dismissal occurs after a canonical trial and is a penalty for committing some canonical crime. Dismissal from the clerical state is commonly referred to as “laicization” as it is the process of returning a man to the lay state.

Dispensation from the Clerical State – or – Laicization (voluntary):

A voluntary return to the lay state, commonly referred to as “laicization.” A “dispensation from the clerical state,” is granted by the pope when it is requested by the cleric. This is not a penalty but rather the desire of the cleric to relinquish the rights and obligations associated with the priesthood.

Incardination:

The process of a bishop or other superior formally accepting a priest into a Diocese or Religious Order. When a priest is incardinated, he is accountable to the bishop or other superior of a religious order. Incardination takes place automatically when a man enters the clerical state which occurs when he is ordained a deacon. Incardination of a cleric may change by mutual agreement between his superiors and the cleric himself.

Misconduct Commission for Diocesan Personnel:

Established in 1992 by the Bishop of Springfield, the Misconduct Commission for Diocesan Personnel (“Misconduct Commission”) was a group of nine (9) laypersons who received and investigated all complaints of improper conduct by priests, deacons and diocesan personnel relating to sexual misconduct. The Misconduct Commission was succeeded by the Review Board after the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* (2002) was established.

Removal of Faculties/Restriction of Faculties:

Faculties are a cleric’s authorization to celebrate the sacraments and act on behalf of the Church. A bishop can restrict or revoke a priest’s or deacon’s faculties to minister in the Church. A cleric who has no faculties cannot carry out any liturgical, sacramental or administrative action on behalf of the Church. A cleric can also have restricted faculties, which strictly limits his ministry to a certain place or in a particular instance. Depending on the situation, some priests whose faculties have been restricted may be able to dress in clerical garb and identify themselves as priests.

Removed from Public Ministry:

The term “removed from public ministry” is not found in canon law. The Diocese of Springfield adopted it in the 1990s for the status of a priest or deacon who has been prohibited from exercising ministry due to an allegation of misconduct. It is used for a priest or deacon who has been removed from his assignment and specifies that he is accorded his canonical rights while a canonical crime is investigated.

Review Board:

Established in 2002 under the [Essential Norms](#), the Review Board assists the Bishop and the Diocese in determining and responding to allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.

Sexual Abuse of a Minor:

Any interaction between an adult and a child (under the age of 18) in which the child is used for sexual pleasure, stimulation, or sexual gratification of the perpetrator or observer. Sexual abuse can include both touching and non-touching behavior. This includes the manufacture, distribution and viewing of child pornography.

CATEGORIES

The list includes the following three main categories:

Finding of Credibility of an Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor:

Includes bishops, priests, deacons, other religious, and lay employees whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made and it was determined to be credible using the standard defined above and who were incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield, assigned for public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield, or employed by the Diocese of Springfield. This category is divided into five subcategories: (A) Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield; (B) Deceased Clergy Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield for Whom Criminal or Canonical Proceedings Were Not Completed; (C) Other Diocese; (D) Religious Order; and (E) Lay Employee. For those in sub-categories C and D, respectively, the priest was incardinated in another diocese or was a member of a religious order but exercised public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield.

Finding of Credibility of an Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor: Determined to be Credible by Another Diocese or Religious Order:

Includes priests or other religious and against whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made that has been determined to be credible by another diocese or religious order and who were assigned to public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield. This category is divided into one subcategory: (A) Public Ministry within the Diocese of Springfield. For those in this subcategory, the priest was incardinated in another diocese or was a member of a religious order and exercised public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield.

Finding of Credibility of an Allegation of Sexual Misconduct Involving an Adult:

Includes a priest whom an allegation of sexual misconduct involving an adult was determined to be credible and whose name was previously published (2017) on the list of credibly accused clergy. This category is divided into one subcategory: (A) Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield.

In 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter [*Vos estis lux mundi*](#) that established a definition for a “vulnerable person” as, “Any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally, limits their ability to understand or to want or to otherwise resist the offence.” Currently, the Diocese of Springfield is conducting a review of its policies and procedures concerning sexual abuse, assault and/or misconduct with a vulnerable person.

Finding of Credibility of an Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

This category includes bishops, priests, deacons, other religious and lay employees against whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made that has been determined to be credible by the Diocese of Springfield Commission on Improper Conduct of Diocesan Personnel (1992-2004) or the Review Board (2004-present) who were incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield, assigned to public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield, and/or employed by a ministry within the Diocese of Springfield.

This category is divided into five subcategories:

- (A) Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield
- (B) Deceased Clergy Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield for Whom Criminal of Canonical Proceedings Were Not Completed
- (C) Other Diocese
- (D) Religious Order
- (E) Lay Employee

For those in sub-categories C and D, respectively, the priest was incardinated in another diocese or was a member of a religious order but exercised public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield.

A. Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield

Name	Paul Archambault ¹
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2011
Year of Birth	1969
Year of Ordination	2005
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish, South Hadley (2005-2006); St. Patrick's Chicopee [In residence] (2007-2009); St. Mary Parish, Hampden (2008-2011); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield [In residence] (2009-2011)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	2005-2011
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	2006-2010
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

¹ + denotes the individual was previously included on the published *List of Credibly Accused Clergy Within the Diocese of Springfield*.

Name	Albert Rene Blanchard ⁺
Last Known Status	Leave of Absence, 1977; Laicized (Voluntary), 1980
Year of Birth	1941
Year of Ordination	1966
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Francis of Assisi Parish, North Adams (1966); St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam (1966-1973); St. Patrick Parish, South Hadley (1973-1977)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1966-1977
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1971
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Donald A. Desilets ⁺
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2001
Year of Birth	1926
Year of Ordination	1952
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee (1958-1975); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1967-1971); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springfield (1971-1972); St. Louis de France Parish, West Springfield (1972-1975); Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke (1975-1978); St. Aloysius Parish, Indian Orchard (1978-1993)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1958-1993
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1987-1993
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Michael Henry Devlin ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2004; Deceased, 2021
Year of Birth	1942
Year of Ordination	1968
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield

Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Francis of Assisi Parish, North Adams (1968-1969); Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Westfield (1969-1974); St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, West Springfield (1974-1975); Medical Center of Western Mass (later Baystate Medical Center), Springfield (1975 – 1985); All Souls Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1975 – 1985); Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish, Williamstown (1985-1989); Baystate Medical Center, Springfield (1989-2000); All Souls Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1989-1991); St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam [In residence] (1991-1993); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1993-1994); Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee [In residence] (1994-2000); St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Haydenville (2000-2002); Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee [In residence] (2002 – 2004); Providence Place, Holyoke (2002-2004); St. Mary’s Parish, Longmeadow (2002-2004)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1969-2004
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1970-1972
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Thomas Ludger Dupre ⁺
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2016
Year of Birth	1933
Year of Ordination	1959; Episcopal Ordination, 1990
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. George Parish, Chicopee (1959-1964); St. John the Baptist Parish, Ludlow (1970-1973); Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (1964-1967); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1967-1970); Chancery Office, Springfield (1967-1979); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee [In residence] (1973-1977); Chancery Office, Springfield [In residence] (1977-1978); St. Louis de France Parish, West Springfield (1978-1990); St. Joseph Mission, East Longmeadow (1989); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springfield (1990); Auxiliary Bishop (1990-1995); Bishop of Springfield (1995-2004)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1959-2004
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1970-1973, 1975-1984
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	David Michael Farland ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002
Year of Birth	1947
Year of Ordination	1974
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1974-1976); Cathedral High School (1976-1979); Holy Family Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1976-1979); Mercy Hospital, Springfield (1979-1985); St. Mary Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1979-1980), St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1980-1981); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1981-1985); Our Lady of Fatima, Ludlow (1985-1990); St. Joseph Parish, Pittsfield (1990-1993); St. Michael's Gate of Heaven and St. Aloysius Cemeteries (1997-1999); St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield [In residence] (1997-2002); Mercy Hospital (1999-2002)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1974-2002
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1984-1988
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Joseph Clarence W. Forand ⁺
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2005
Year of Birth	1917
Year of Ordination	1945
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Parish, North Adams (1946-1950); Saint John the Baptist, Ludlow (1950-1955); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1955-1961); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield (1961); St. Anne Parish, Chicopee (1961-1964); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1964-1967); Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton (1967-1968); Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke (1968-1969); St. Anne Parish, Turners Falls (1969-1983); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1983-1993), St. Patrick

	Parish, Monson (1994), St. Anthony of Padua Parish, North Adams (1994-1995)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1946-1995
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1960-1962, 1968-1979
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Alfred Charles Graves ⁺
Last Known Status	Laicized (Involuntary), 2006
Year of Birth	1941
Year of Ordination	1967
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary Parish, Orange (1967-1970); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield (1970-1976); Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1976-1977); St. Jerome Parish, Holyoke (1977); Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City (1977-1981); Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsfield (1981); Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish, Williamstown (1981-1985); St. Matthew Parish, Indian Orchard (1985-1989); Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1989-1992)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1967-1992
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1972-1976, 1981-1985
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Maurice P. Karam
Last Known Status	Leave of Absence, 1970; Deceased, 2013
Year of Birth	1929
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield (1957-1999); Ascribed to the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn (Maronite Rite) (1999 – 2013)
Year of Ordination	1957
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary Mother of the Church Parish, Lee (1957-1963); Mercy Hospital, Springfield (1963-1964); St. Anthony Catholic Church (Maronite Rite), Springfield (1964-1970)

Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1960-1999
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1967-1968
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Edward Michael Kennedy ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002; Laicized (Involuntary), 2006; Deceased, 2018
Year of Birth	1933
Year of Ordination	1959
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Patrick Parish, Chicopee (1959); Holy Family Parish, Springfield (1959); St. Brigid Parish, Amherst (1959-1960); St. Patrick Parish, Monson (1960-1967); St. Joseph Parish, Shelburne Falls (1967-1968); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Greenfield (1968); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield (1968-1978); North American Martyrs Parish, Lanesboro (1978-1979); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Northampton (1979-1992); Providence Motherhouse, Holyoke (1996); Chancery Office, Springfield (1997-2002)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1959-1992, 1996-2002
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1969-1973, 1978-1985
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	John Anthony Koonz ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002; Deceased, 2013
Year of Birth	1937
Year of Ordination	1963
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City (1963); Christ the King Parish, Ludlow (1963-1964); Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1964-1969); St. John Parish, Millers Falls (1969-1973); Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1973-1978); St. Agnes Parish, Dalton (1978-

	2002); St. Joseph Mission, Stockbridge and St. Patrick Parish, West Stockbridge (1995-2002)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1963-2002
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1969-1972, 1974-1977
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Francis Patrick Lavelle ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002; Assigned to a Life of Prayer and Penance, 2010
Year of Birth	1942
Year of Ordination	1970
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary Parish, Orange (1970); Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield (1970-1973); St. Mary Parish, Westfield (1973-1975); Chancery Office, Springfield (1975-1977); Chancery Office, Springfield [In residence] (1975-1979); Holy Cross Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1979); Chancery Office, Springfield [In residence] (1979-1980); St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield (1980-1984); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Adams (1984-1993); Newman Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst (1993-1997); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Northampton (1996-1997); Immaculate Conception Parish, Easthampton (2001); St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow (2001-2002)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1970-2002
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1978-1979
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Richard Roger Lavigne ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 1991; Criminal Conviction, 1992; Laicized (Involuntary), 2003; Deceased, 2021
Year of Birth	1941
Year of Ordination	1966
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield

Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Easthampton (1966-1967); Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke (1967); St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Springfield (1967-1968); St. Mary Parish, Springfield (1968-1976); St. Francis of Assisi Parish, North Adams (1976-1977); St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Palmer (1977); St. Joseph Parish, Shelburne Falls (1977-1991)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1966-1991
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor and Murder ²
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1966-1990
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Ronald Raoul Malboeuf
Last Known Status	Laicized (Voluntary), 1989; Deceased, 2009
Year of Birth	1939
Year of Ordination	1965
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Florence (1965); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springfield (1965-1969); Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Parish, North Adams (1969-1971); St. George Parish, Chicopee (1971-1973); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield (1973); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1973-1975); St. Jerome Parish, Holyoke (1975); St. Joseph Parish, Shelburne Falls (1976); St. Joseph Mission, East Longmeadow (1977); Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1977-1978); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1979); St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Springfield (1981); St. Mary the Morning Star Parish, Pittsfield (1981); St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield [In residence] (1981); Notre Dame du Bon Conseil Parish, Easthampton (1984-1985); St. Anthony of Padua Parish, North Adams (1986); St. Mary Parish, Springfield (1987)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1965-1987
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor

² On May 24, 2021, [Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni](#) publically announced the investigation into the 1972 murder of Danny Croteau has been officially closed. On May 21, 2021, District Attorney Gulluni authorized detectives from the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office to obtain an arrest warrant against Lavigne for murder. Lavigne died later that day.

Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1967-1969
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	James Martone ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2004; Deceased, 2021
Year of Birth	n.d.
Year of Ordination	Permanent Diaconate, 1983
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam (1990); Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills (1991-2003); Immaculate Conception Parish, West Springfield (2004); St. Louis de France Parish, West Springfield (2004)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1990-2004
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1991-1999
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Richard Francis Meehan ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002; Laicized (Involuntary), 2006; Deceased, 2017
Year of Birth	1943
Year of Ordination	1969
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1969-1971); St. Patrick Parish, South Hadley (1971-1973); Cathedral High School, Springfield (1971-1972); Mercy Hospital, Springfield (1973-1975); St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Turners Falls (1976-1980); St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield (1980-1991); St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam (1991-1994);
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1969-1994
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1969-1990

More than One Credible Allegation	Yes
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Name	John R. Russell ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 1970; Deceased, 2019
Year of Birth	1939
Year of Ordination	1966
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Cross Parish, Springfield (1967-1970)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1967-1970
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1968-1970
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Charles Joseph Sgueglia ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002; Deceased, 2005
Year of Birth	1918
Year of Ordination	1977
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Florence (1974); St. Mary Parish, Orange (1974-1984); St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Turners Falls (1984-1991); Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City (1984)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1974-1991
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1989
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Charles Sullivan ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002; Assigned to a Life of Prayer and Penance, 2005; Deceased, 2014
Year of Birth	1936

Year of Ordination	1965
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow (1965); St. Mary Parish, Springfield (1965-1970); St. Matthew Parish, Indian Orchard [In residence] (1972-1973); Mount St. Vincent, Holyoke (1973-1978); St. Casimir Parish, Westfield (1977); St. Mary Parish, Thorndike (1977); Chancery Office, Springfield (1975-1981); Mont Marie, Holyoke [In residence] (1979-1980); St. Patrick Parish, Monson (1979); St. Matthew Parish, Indian Orchard (1980-1984); St. Mary the Morning Star Parish, Pittsfield (1984-1986); St. Ann Parish, Lenox (1986-1987); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield (1987); Newman Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst (1987-1988); St. Cecilia Parish, Wilbraham (1988); Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (1989-1992); Baystate Medical Center, Springfield (1989-1992); Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield [In residence] (1989-1990); St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield [In residence] (1990-1992)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1965-1992
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1993
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Ronald Wamsher ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002
Year of Birth	1950
Year of Ordination	1977
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Blessed Sacrament Parish, Greenfield (1977-1983); Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1983); St. Jerome Parish, Holyoke (1983); St. Anne Parish, Turners Falls (1983); Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1983-1986); Holy Trinity Parish, Hatfield (1986-1990); St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Belchertown (2000-2002)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1977-1990, 2000-2002
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1975, 1980

More than One Credible Allegation	Yes
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B. Deceased Clergy Incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield for Whom Criminal or Canonical Proceedings Were Not Completed

This section includes the names of deceased clergy accused of sexual abuse of a minor for whom criminal or canonical proceedings were not completed. Allegations were received only after the priest's death. Because the cleric did not have the opportunity to respond to the allegation, there has been no formal determination of guilt in these cases. Rather, the Diocese has listed these names because the allegation was determined to be credible by the Misconduct Commission or Review Board.

Name	Ralph Herbert Adair
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1992
Year of Birth	1946
Year of Ordination	1973
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield (1973-1978); St. Anne Parish, Chicopee (1978-1979); Mercy Hospital, Springfield (1979); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1979); Outside study at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (1979-1981); St. Patrick's, Monson (1981); Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1981-1984); St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield (1984-1988); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield (1988); Diocesan Marriage Counseling/Youth Counseling Ministry (1988 – 1992); Chancery Office (1989 to 1992)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1973 - 1992
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1984
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	William Edward Francis Allen
Last Known Status	Left Diocese, 1954; Deceased, 1998
Year of Birth	1906
Year of Ordination	1931
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Patrick Parish, Chicopee (1935-1936); St. Mary of the Assumption, Northampton (1936); Vice Chancellor, Springfield (1941-1943); St. Mary the Morning Star, Pittsfield (1943-1952); Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City (1953-1954)

Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1935-1936, 1941-1954
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1943
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Henry Auger ^{*3}
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1968
Year of Birth	1895
Year of Ordination	1923
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Notre Dame Parish, Pittsfield (1928-1929); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1931-1938); St. Thomas of Aquinas Parish, Springfield (1942-1944); St. Anne Parish, Chicopee (1944-1956); Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton (1955-1958); St. Aloysius Parish, Indian Orchard (1958-1961); St. George Parish, Chicopee (1961-1968)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1923-1968
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1965-1967
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Edward George Authier
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1970
Year of Birth	1903
Year of Ordination	1930
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Rose de Lima Parish, Chicopee (1933-1937); Our Lady of Mount, Carmel Parish, Ware (1937-1942); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield (1942-1944); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1944-1953); St. Louis de France Parish, West Springfield (1953-1955); St. Anne Parish, Chicopee (1955-1970)

³ *Denotes the priest was assigned to parish(es) in what is now the ecclesiastical territory of the Diocese of Worcester that are not listed in the present assignment history for the Diocese of Springfield. Pope Pius XII erected the Diocese of Worcester on March 7, 1950, taking its territory from the Diocese of Springfield.

Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1933-1970
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1960
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Joseph Rosario Gerald Beauregard
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1982
Year of Birth	1913
Year of Ordination	1943
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. George Parish, Chicopee (1943-1950); Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur, North Adams (1950-1953); Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1953-1955); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springfield (1955-1961); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1961-1962); Notre Dame Parish, Pittsfield (1962-1963); Notre Dame du Bon Conseil Parish, Easthampton (1963-1968); St. Louis de France Parish, West Springfield (1968-1972); St. John the Baptist Parish, Ludlow (1972-1982)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1943-1982
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1940's
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Frederic George Dion
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1991
Year of Birth	1922
Year of Ordination	1953
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield (1953-1955); St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Palmer (1955-1961); St. Joseph Parish, Shelburne Falls (1961-1963); St. Mark Parish, Pittsfield (1963-1970); Holy Cross Parish, Springfield (1970-1973); Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Sheffield (1973-1976); St. Mary of the Assumption, Cheshire (1976-

	1981); St. Teresa Parish, Pittsfield [In residence] (1981-1983); St. Mary Parish, Westfield [In residence] (1983-1991)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1953-1991
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1957
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	John Paul Donahue
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1971
Year of Birth	1933
Year of Ordination	1958
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary Parish, Hampden (1958); Mercy Hospital, Springfield (1958); Mount Vincent, Holyoke (1958); Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City (1958); St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Palmer (1958); Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsfield (1958); Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Florence (1958-1962)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1958-1962
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1961-1962
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Donald Valmore Dube
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2003
Year of Birth	1935
Year of Ordination	1961
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Anne Parish, Chicopee (1961); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield (1961-1966); Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton (1966-1967); St. Rose de Lima Parish, Chicopee (1967-1973); St. George Parish, Chicopee (1973-1978); St. Joseph Parish, Springfield (1975); Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Parish, North Adams (1978-1982); North Adams State College, North Adams (1978-1982); St. John the Baptist

	Parish, Ludlow (1982-1990); Notre Dame du Bon Conseil Parish, Easthampton (1990-1994)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1961-1994
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1977-1978
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	W. Francois Dufresne
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1983
Year of Birth	1907
Year of Ordination	1933
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springfield (1938-1942); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1949-1951); Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke (1951-1953); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1953-1955); St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Agawam (1955-1961); Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ware (1961-1975)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1938-1942, 1949-1975
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1955
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	John F. Egan
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1974
Year of Birth	n.d.
Year of Ordination	1930
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary the Morning Star Parish, Pittsfield (1953-1970); Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City [In residence] (1970-1971)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1953-1970
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1954-1955
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Timothy Joseph Hallahan
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2013
Year of Birth	1931
Year of Ordination	1957
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield (1957-1958); Holy Rosary Parish, Holyoke (1958-1969); St. Mary the Morning Star Parish, Pittsfield (1969-1978); Immaculate Conception Parish, West Springfield (1978-1993); Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Southwick (1993-2003)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1957-2003
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1967-1968
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Earl Albert Victor Hebert
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2015
Year of Birth	1923
Year of Ordination	1952
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1953-1954); Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Parish, Adams (1954-65); Notre Dame Parish, Pittsfield (1965-1967); St. Aloysius Parish, Indian Orchard (1965-1970); Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ware (1970-1971); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1971-1974); Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ware (1974-1990); Notre Dame Parish, Pittsfield (1990-2003)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1953-2003
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor Child
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1972

More than One Credible Allegation	No
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Name	Karl Huller
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1997
Year of Birth	1925
Year of Ordination	1954
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Mary Parish, Springfield (1954-1959); Cathedral High School Faculty, Springfield (1959-1969); Holy Name High School, Chicopee (1969-1970); Sacred Heart High School, Springfield (1969-1970); Associate Superintendent of School (1970-1974), Superintendent of Schools (1974-1979); St. Joseph Mission, East Longmeadow (1977-1978); St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam (1978-1991); Our Lady of Fatima, Ludlow (1984-1985), St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield (1991)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1954-1991
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1964-1965
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Roy Jenness
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1988
Year of Birth	1923
Year of Ordination	1956
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Brigid Parish, Amherst (1956-1957); Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Sheffield (1957-1959); St. Mary Parish, Springfield (1959-1961); St. Thomas Parish, Huntington (1961-1966); St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Adams (1966-1969); Holy Family Parish, Holyoke (1969-1970); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Greenfield (1970-1972); St. Mary the Morning Star Parish, Pittsfield (1972-1974); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Greenfield (1974-1976); St. Bartholomew Parish, Bondsville (1976-1988)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1956-1988
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1967-1975
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	John R. Klekotka
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1974
Year of Birth	1900
Year of Ordination	1923
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Immaculate Conception Parish, Indian Orchard (1923-1926); St. John Parish, Millers Falls (1937-1939); Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Springfield (1939-1940); Holy Family Parish, Pittsfield (1940); Our of Lady Czestochowa, Turners Falls (1942-1943); Sacred Heart Parish, Greenfield (1943-1961); Holy Family Parish, Pittsfield (1960-1965); Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Easthampton (1965-1974)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1923-1926, 1937-1940, 1942-1974
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1963-1970
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Thomas James McCarthy
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2003
Year of Birth	1924
Year of Ordination	1951
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield (1951-1968); St. Ann Parish, Lenox (1968-1969); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield (1969); St. Mary Parish, Westfield (1969-1973); All Soul's, Springfield (1973-1992); Holyoke Geriatric Authority [In residence] (1992-2003)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1951-1992
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1954-1957

More than One Credible Allegation	No
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Name	James Daniel McKenna
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2000
Year of Birth	1924
Year of Ordination	1950
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee (1950); Knights of Columbus Camp, Hawley (1950); St. Peter Parish, Great Barrington (1950); Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1950-1961); Chancery Office, Springfield (1961-1964); St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, West Springfield (1964-1967); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Greenfield (1967-1971); St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Lenoxdale (1971-1988); Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield (1988-1990); St. Joseph Parish, Pittsfield [In residence] (1988-1990); Holy Cross Parish, Holyoke (1990-1992); Blessed Sacrament Parish, Holyoke (1992-1999)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1950-1996
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1974
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	John Davitt McNamara
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1990
Year of Birth	1920
Year of Ordination	1948
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1948-1962); St. Joseph Parish, Pittsfield (1962-1965); Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Florence (1965-1968); St. Brigid Parish, Amherst (1968-1970); Holy Family Parish, Springfield (1970-1975); Holy Name Parish, Springfield (1975-1990)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1948-1990
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1980-1981

More than One Credible Allegation	No
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Name	Thomas Joseph O'Connor
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1987
Year of Birth	1930
Year of Ordination	1955
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Cross Parish, Holyoke (1955); St. Patrick Parish, Monson (1955-1960); Mercy Hospital, Springfield (1960-1962); St. Anthony of Padua Parish, North Adams (1962-1963); Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield (1963-1965); St. Joseph Parish, Pittsfield (1965-1969); St. Mary Parish, Westfield (1969-1975); Holy Family Parish, Springfield (1975-1977); St. Ann Parish, Lenox (1977-1986); St. Teresa Parish, Pittsfield [In residence] (1986)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1955-1986
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1970-1972
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	John Paul Richard
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1991
Year of Birth	1925
Year of Ordination	1952
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. George Parish, Chicopee (1952-1953); Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Parish, North Adams (1953-1960); St. Rose de Lima Parish, Chicopee (1960-1967); Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Chicopee (1967-1969); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke (1969-1971); Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Parish, North Adams (1971-1978); North Adams State College, North Adams (1971-1978); St. Rose de Lima Parish, Chicopee (1978-1989)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1952-1989
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1978-1980

More than One Credible Allegation	No
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Name	Ferdinand Roy*
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1983
Year of Birth	1897
Year of Ordination	1926
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Parish, North Adams (1930-1931); Precious Blood Parish School, Holyoke (1937-1942); Our Lady of Good Council, Easthampton (1948-1951); All Saints Parish, Agawam (1952-1955); Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ware (1956-1961); St. Aloysius Parish, Indian Orchard (1962-1975)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1930-1975
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1965-1968
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Richard Joseph Welch
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1969
Year of Birth	1898
Year of Ordination	1925
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Saint Patrick Parish, South Hadley (1925-1927); Holy Trinity Parish, Greenfield (1928-1931); Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton (1933-1941); Notre Dame Parish, Pittsfield (1941-1953)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1925-1953
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1948-1952
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Christopher J. Weldon ⁺
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1982
Year of Birth	1905
Year of Ordination	1929 (Archdiocese of New York); Episcopal Ordination, 1950
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Bishop of Springfield (1950-1977)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1950-1977
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1960-1962
More than One Credible Allegation	No

C. Other Diocese

Name	Andre Anthony Corbin ⁴⁺
Last Known Status	Criminal Conviction, 1989 (North Carolina); Deceased, 2008
Year of Birth	1929
Year of Ordination	1961
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	None
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	Resided in Springfield and Palmer
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	c. 1960
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Richard Kirouac
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2003
Year of Birth	1945
Diocese of Incardination	Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Ukrainian Rite)
Year of Ordination	1985

⁴ Finding of credibility previously reported on the published *List of Credibly Accused Clergy Within the Diocese of Springfield*. Available data supports inclusion on the present list.

Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Sts. Patrick and Raphael Parish, Williamstown (2001-2003)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	2001-2003
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1998-2000
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	George Paulin
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2002
Year of Birth	1943
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Burlington, Vermont
Year of Ordination	1970
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	None
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	None
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1968-1969
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

D. Religious Order

Name	Richard Ahern
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2001
Year of Birth	1927
Religious Order	Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers (C.S.S.)
Year of Ordination	1954
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Ann Mission, West Springfield (1956-1958); St. Anthony of Padua Mission, Agawam (1968-1969); Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Pittsfield (1970–1976); Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills (1981 – 1984)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1956-1958, 1968-1976, 1981-1984
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1968-1969, 1980
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Eugene Adalbert Dranka ^{†5}
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1974
Year of Birth	1908
Religious Order	Missionaries of La Salette (M.S.)
Year of Ordination	1944
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield (1964-1965); St. Bartholomew Parish, Bondsville (1966-1974)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1964-1974
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1966-1968
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Joseph E. Flood
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1996
Year of Birth	1916
Religious Order	Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers (C.S.S.)

⁵ † denotes the allegation was received after the individual was deceased.

Year of Ordination	1949
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills (1971-1985)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1971-1985
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1971-1984
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	John (a/k/a Vernon) Kelly [†]
Last Known Status	Laicized, 1967
Year of Birth	1929
Religious Order	Passionists (C.P.)
Year of Ordination	1960
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	None. Vocations Director from the Passionists who visited Our Mother of Sorrows Monastery, West Springfield
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1961-1964
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1965
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	John Earl Kelty [†]
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1993
Year of Birth	1918
Religious Order	Conventual Franciscan (OFM Conv.)
Year of Ordination	1946
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	San Domiano Friary, Holyoke (1981-1982)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1981-1982
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1980's
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Jeffrey L'Arche ⁶
Last Known Status	Faculties removed from the Diocese of Springfield, 1997; Diocese of Albany, New York
Year of Birth	1948
Religious Order	Missionaries of La Salette (M.S.)
Year of Ordination	1975
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Immaculate Conception Parish, Holyoke (1976-1981)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1976-1981
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1976-1981
More than One Credible Allegation	No

E. Lay Employee

Name	Michael A. Graziano
Employment in the Diocese of Springfield	President, Catholic Communications Corporation (1982-2004)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1982-2004
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1985
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Robert Ellis Hosmer, Jr.
Employment in the Diocese of Springfield	Faculty, Holyoke Catholic High School (1968-1979)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1968-1979

⁶ The Missionaries of LaSalette commissioned an independent investigation into the allegation against Father Jeffrey L'Arche in 2004 by Praesidium, Inc. Documentation from the Missionaries of LaSalette states the conclusion of the investigation is that the "allegation against Fr. Jeffrey L'Arche appears to be highly questionable."

Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1973-1978
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Michael F. Linnehan
Employment in the Diocese of Springfield	Faculty, St. Joan of Arc School, Chicopee (1981 - 1989)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1981 - 1989
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1987-1988
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Finding of Credibility of an Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor: Determined to be Credible by Another Diocese or Religious Order

This category includes priests or other religious and against whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was made that has been determined to be credible by another diocese/eparchy or religious order and who were assigned to public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield.

This category is divided into one subcategory:

(A) Public Ministry within the Diocese of Springfield

For those in this subcategory, the priest was incardinated in another diocese or was a member of a religious order but exercised public ministry in the Diocese of Springfield.

A. Public Ministry within the Diocese of Springfield

Name	Aaron Joseph Cote ⁷
Last Known Status	Removed from Ministry, 2005; Criminal Conviction, 2009 (Maryland); Deceased, 2012
Year of Birth	1951
Religious Order	Dominican Friars (O.P.)
Year of Ordination	1986
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish, South Hadley (1991); St. Mary Parish, Westfield (1991-1995)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1991-1995
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	2001
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Jude Dowling ⁸
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2001
Year of Birth	1925
Religious Order	Passionists (C.P.)
Year of Ordination	1954
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Mother of Sorrows Monastery, West Springfield (1978-1993)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1978-1993

⁷ Allegations of sexual abuse of a minor against Aaron Joseph Cote were deemed credible by the Dominican Friars, Province of Saint Joseph.

⁸ Validated cases of sexual abuse of a minor were confirmed against Jude Dowling by the Congregation of the Passion of the St. Paul of the Cross Province.

Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1969-1975 and 1980-1985
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

Name	Placid Kaczorek ⁹
Last Known Status	Deceased, 2016
Year of Birth	1938
Religious Order	Conventual Franciscan
Year of Ordination	1964
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Hyacinth College and Seminary, Granby (1970-1988); St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Chicopee (1988-1990); St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Basilica, Chicopee (1991-2001)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1970-2001
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1973-1981
More than One Credible Allegation	No

Name	Jordan Loiselle ¹⁰
Last Known Status	Deceased, 1996
Year of Birth	1907
Religious Order	Passionists (C.P.)
Year of Ordination	1933
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Our Mother of Sorrows Monastery, West Springfield (1947-1949 and 1970-1975); Mont Marie Health Care Center, Holyoke (1975-1996)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1947-1949 and 1970-1996
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1988
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

⁹ Credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was confirmed against Placid Kaczorek by the Franciscan Friars Conventual of the Our Lady of the Angels Province.

¹⁰ Validated cases of sexual abuse of a minor were confirmed against Jordan Loiselle by the Congregation of the Passion of the St. Paul of the Cross Province.

Name	Donald Simonds ¹¹
Last Known Status	Removed from Ministry, 2002
Year of Birth	1937
Religious Order	Missionaries of La Salette (M.S.)
Year of Ordination	1963
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	Holy Trinity, Westfield (1980-1983 and 1984-1997)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1980-1983 and 1984-1997
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Abuse of a Minor
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1979-1983
More than One Credible Allegation	Yes

¹¹ Credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors against Donald Simonds were deemed credible by the Missionaries of La Salette, Province of Mary, Mother of the Americas.

Finding of Credibility of an Allegation of Sexual Misconduct Involving an Adult

This category includes a priest whom an allegation of sexual misconduct involving an adult was determined to be credible using the standard defined above, who is incardinated in the Diocese of Springfield, and whose identify was previously published (2017) on the list of credibly accused clergy. In 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter [*Vos estis lux mundi*](#) that defined a “vulnerable person” as, “Any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally, limits their ability to understand or to want or to otherwise resist the offence.” Currently, the Diocese of Springfield is conducting a review of its policies and procedures concerning sexual abuse, assault and/or misconduct with a vulnerable person.

This category is divided into one subcategory:

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Name	Eugene Honan ⁺
Last Known Status	Removed from Public Ministry, 2010; Retired
Year of Birth	1940
Diocese of Incardination	Diocese of Springfield
Year of Ordination	1967
Assignments in the Diocese of Springfield	St. Cecilia Parish, Wilbraham (1967-1968); Our Lady of Hope Parish, Springfield (1968-1972); St. Brigid Parish, Amherst (1975); Holyoke Catholic High School (1972-1982); St. Patrick Parish, South Hadley [In residence] (1972-1982); St. Francis of Assisi Parish, North Adams (1982-1993); St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Northampton (1993-2005); Immaculate Conception Parish, Easthampton (2005-2010)
Time period at Diocese of Springfield	1967-2010
Nature of Reported Conduct	Sexual Misconduct Involving an Adult
Timeframe of Reported Conduct	1996-1997
More than One Credible Allegation	No

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