

Priests with credible claims against them of sexual abuse of a minor

Thomas Adamson

Date of birth: 7/12/1933 (Age 80)

Date of ordination: 1958

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Diocese of Winona, 1958-1975;
- St. Leo the Great, St. Paul, 1975-1976;
- St. Boniface, St. Bonifacius, 1976;
- St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul Park, 1976-1979;
- Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights, 1979-1980;
- Risen Savior, Apple Valley, 1981-1985;
- Returned to Diocese of Winona, 1985

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Winona

Date removed from ministry: 1985

Current location: Rochester, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry from our archdiocese

John Brown

Birthdate: 7/2/1920 (Age 93)

Date of ordination: 1948

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Timothy, Maple Lake, 1948-1949;
- Associate priest, Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale, 1949-1950;
- Associate priest, St. John, St. Paul, 1950-1951;
- Associate priest, Hopkins, 1951-1956;
- Chaplain, U.S. Army, 1956-1958;
- Associate priest, St. Mary, LeCenter, 1958-1960;
- Temporary administrator, St. Mary, LeCenter, 1960;
- Administrator, St. Mary, Waverly, 1960-1963;
- Pastor, St. Mary, Waverly, 1963-1964;
- Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, 1964-1966;
- Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Marysburg, 1966-1970;
- Pastor, Sacred Heart, Faribault, 1970-1978;
- Pastor, St. Peter Claver, St. Paul, 1978-1981;
- Pastor, Annunciation, Hazelwood, 1981-1990

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Maplewood, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Notes regarding disclosure

Included in this disclosure are clergy members from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time worked in the archdiocese and were accused of engaging in sexual abuse of minors in our archdiocese, to the extent we have reliable and sufficient information to determine whether the claim was credible and could be substantiated. These disclosures will indicate that the individuals are non-diocesan clergy. We may not be able to report on the present status of such clergy members because the archdiocese does not always have access to such information since they are under the authority of their respective diocese or religious order. We do not have sufficient information to make a disclosure regarding priests from outside our archdiocese who may have served here at some point in time but committed child sexual abuse elsewhere.

Also, please note: Despite our best efforts to provide accurate information, our listings at this time may include some errors or omissions. The archdiocese requests that anyone with additional information or corrections regarding clergy members that are or should be subject to disclosure, to contact Greta Sawyer, the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator at 651-291-4497.

- Pastor, St. Michael, Prior Lake, 1983-1993;
 - Resigned with limited ministry, 1993-2003
- Diocese or religious order:** Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Date permanently removed from ministry:** 2003

Current location: Mesa, Ariz.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Gilbert Gustafson

Date of birth: 4/18/1951 (Age 62)

Date of ordination: 1977

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, 1977-1982;
- Administrator, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, 1978;
- Associate director, Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth for Priests, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, 1982;
- Student, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., 1982-1983;
- Associate priest, St. Matthew, St. Paul, 1983-1988;
- In residence, St. Peter, Mendota 1988-2002 (unassigned);
- Resigned, 2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1969

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1969

Rudolph Henrich

Date of birth: 4/3/1906, deceased

Date of ordination: 1933

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. James, St. Paul, 1933-1937;
- Associate priest, Most Holy Trinity, Winsted, 1937-1938;
- Associate priest, St. Mark, Shakopee, 1938;
- Chaplain, State Training School for Boys, Red Wing, 1938-1942;
- Chaplain, U.S. Navy, 1942-1946;
- Chaplain, State Training School for Boys, Red Wing, 1946-1952;
- Chaplain, U.S. Forces, 1952-1954;
- Pastor, St. Boniface, Stewart (New Ulm), 1954-1957;
- Pastor, St. Margaret Mary, Minneapolis, 1957-1976

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1976

Current location: Deceased

- 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. Rosa of Lima, Roseville, 2000-2002;
- Retired, 2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Crosby, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Dennis Kampa

Date of birth: 5/31/1932 (Age 81)

Date of ordination: 1968

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Immaculate Conception, Faribault, 1968-1969;
- Associate priest, St. Mark, St. Paul, 1969-1972;
- Associate priest, St. Joseph, West St. Paul, 1972-1974;
- Associate priest, Holy Family, St. Louis Park, 1974-1976;
- Associate priest, Holy Trinity, South St. Paul, 1976-1980;
- Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul, Osseo, 1980-1989;
- Administrator, St. Michael, Pine Island, 1989-1990;
- Administrator, St. Michael, Kenyon, 1989-1990;
- Pastor, St. Michael, Pine Island, 1990-2002;
- Retired, 2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2003

Current location: Victoria, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Robert Kapoun

Date of birth: 12/1/1938 (Age 75)

Date of ordination: 1964

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Holy Redeemer, Montgomery, 1964-1967;

• Associate priest, St. John, St. Paul, 1950-1951;

• Associate priest, Hopkins, 1951-1956;

• Chaplain, U.S. Army, 1956-1958;

• Associate priest, St. Mary, LeCenter, 1958-1960;

• Temporary administrator, St. Mary, LeCenter, 1960;

• Administrator, St. Mary, Waverly, 1960-1963;

• Pastor, St. Mary, Waverly, 1963-1964;

• Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, 1964-1966;

• Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Marysburg, 1966-1970;

• Pastor, Sacred Heart, Faribault, 1970-1978;

• Pastor, St. Peter Claver, St. Paul, 1978-1981;

• Pastor, Annunciation, Hazelwood, 1981-1990

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Maplewood, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Cosmas Dahlheimer

Date of birth: 11/20/1908, deceased

Date of ordination: 1936

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- St. John's Abbey, 1936-1969;
- Associate priest, St. Augustine, St. Cloud, 1969-1973;
- Associate priest, St. Bernard, St. Paul, 1973-1978;
- Returned to St. John's Abbey, 1978

Diocese or religious order: Order of St. Benedict, St. John's Abbey

Date permanently removed from ministry: Unknown (died 2004)

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 2004

Gilbert DeSutter

Date of birth: 4/28/1928 (Age: 85)

Date of ordination: 1964

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Mark, St. Paul, 1954-1956;
- Associate priest, St. Mary, St. Paul, 1956;
- Associate priest, Annunciation, Minneapolis, 1956-1964;
- Associate priest, St. Peter, Richfield, 1964-1968;
- Spiritual director, St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul, 1968-1973;
- Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Faribault, 1973-1976;
- Pastor, St. William, Fridley, 1976-1983;

Current location: Mesa, Ariz.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Gilbert Gustafson

Date of birth: 4/18/1951 (Age 62)

Date of ordination: 1977

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, 1977-1982;
- Administrator, St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake, 1978;
- Associate director, Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth for Priests, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, 1982;
- Student, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., 1982-1983;
- Associate priest, St. Matthew, St. Paul, 1983-1988;
- In residence, St. Peter, Mendota 1988-2002 (unassigned);
- Resigned, 2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: St. Paul, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Louis Heitzer

Date of birth: 7/15/1914, deceased

Date of ordination: 1942

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Most Holy Trinity, Winsted (New Ulm) 1942-1944;
- Associate priest, St. Andrew, Fairfax (New Ulm), 1944;
- Associate pastor, Assumption, St. Paul, 1944-1945;
- Associate priest, Holy Redeemer, Marshall (New Ulm), 1945;
- Associate priest, St. Mary, Sleepy Eye (New Ulm), 1945-1948;
- Associate priest, St. Joseph, Waconia, 1948;
- Associate priest, St. Aloysius, Olivia (New Ulm), 1948-1950;
- Administrator, Sacred Heart, Franklin (New Ulm), 1950-1954;
- Pastor, St. Joseph, Roseau, 1954-1955;
- Pastor, St. Michael, Gaylord (New Ulm), 1955-1956;
- Pastor, St. Luke, Clearwater, 1956-1958;
- Pastor, St. Scholastica, Heidelberg, 1958-1966;
- Associate priest, St. Richard, Richfield, 1966-1967

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St.

Rudolph Henrich

Date of birth: 1914-1976;

• Associate priest, St. James, St. Paul, 1933-1937;

• Associate priest, Most Holy Trinity, Winsted, 1937-1938;

• Associate priest, St. Mark, Shakopee, 1938;

• Chaplain, State Training School for Boys, Red Wing, 1938-1942;

• Chaplain, U.S. Navy, 1942-1946;

• Chaplain, State Training School for Boys, Red Wing, 1946-1952;

• Chaplain, U.S. Forces, 1952-1954;

• Pastor, St. Boniface, Stewart (New Ulm), 1954-1957;

• Pastor, St. Margaret Mary, Minneapolis, 1957-1976

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1976

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1992

Francis Hoefgen

Date of birth: 8/1/1950 (Age 63)

Date of ordination: 1979

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- St. Boniface, Cold Spring, 1980-1984;
- Associate priest, St. Boniface, Hastings, 1985-1992;
- Confessor, Villa Maria Center, Frontenac, 1985-1994

Diocese or religious order: Order of St. Benedict, St. John's Abbey

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Columbia Heights, Minn.

Current status: Left order and laicized in 2012

Richard Jeub

Date of birth: 2/21/1940 (Age: 73)

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;

1974-1976;

• Associate priest, Holy Trinity, South St. Paul, 1976-1989;

• Administrator, St. Winifred, Park Valley, 1989-1990;

• Administrator, St. Michael, Kenyon, 1989-1990;

• Pastor, St. Michael, Pine Island, 1990-2002;

• Retired, 2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2003

Current location: Victoria, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Robert Kapoun

Date of birth: 12/1/1938 (Age 75)

Date of ordination: 1964

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Holy Redeemer, Montgomery, 1964-1967;
- Associate priest, St. Kevin, Minneapolis, 1967-1971;
- Associate priest, St. Raphael, Crystal, 1971-1974;
- Chaplain, Home of the Good Shepherd, St. Paul, 1974-1976;
- Medical leave, 1976-1977;
- Pastor, St. Patrick, Cedar Lake, 1977-1984;
- Administrator, St. Catherine, Spring Lake, 1977-1984;
- Pastor, St. Scholastica, Heidelberg, 1984-1996;
- Administrator, St. Joseph, Lexington, 1984-1996;
- Pastor, St. Thomas, St. Thomas, 1991-1996;
- Resigned, 1996;
- Retired, 1998

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Cold Spring, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Jerome Kern

Date of birth: 3/20/1941 (Age 72)

Date of ordination: 1966

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Mark, St. Paul, 1967-70;
- Associate priest, Our Lady of Grace, Edina, 1970-1975;
- Administrator, Our Lady of Grace, Edina, 1975-1976;

- Co-pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Minnetonka, 1976-1994;
- Sabbatical, 1994-1995 (in residence at St. Paul Seminary);
- Temporary administrator, St. Dominic, Northfield, 1995;
- Associate priest, St. Peter, Forest Lake, 1995-2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Edina, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Lee Krautkremer

Date of birth: 8/28/1940 (Age 73)

Date of ordination: 1986

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Immaculate Conception, Faribault, 1966;
- Associate priest, St. Peter, North St. Paul, 1966-1967;
- Associate priest, St. Margaret Mary, Golden Valley, 1967-1968;
- Associate priest, St. Michael, St. Michael, 1968-1970;
- Associate priest, St. Michael, West St. Paul, 1970-1975;
- Associate priest, St. Peter, Forest Lake, 1975-1978;
- Pastor, St. Joseph, Lino Lakes, 1978-1984;
- Pastor, St. Michael, St. Michael, 1984-1987;
- Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Minneapolis, 1987-1989;
- Chaplain, North Memorial Hospital, Robbinsdale, 1987-2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Minneapolis, Minn.

Current status: Laicized in 2006

Ronan Charles Liles

Date of birth: 9/6/1942

Date of ordination: 1969

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- St. Albert the Great, Minneapolis, 1969-1978;
- Dominican Fathers provincial office, Chicago, 1978-1979;
- Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Southern Dominican Province, New Orleans, 1979-1982;
- Leave of absence

Diocese or religious order: Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

Date permanently removed from ministry:

Dismissed from order and dispensed from vows in 1985

Current location: Believed to have died sometime before 2006

Current status: Believed to have died sometime before 2006

Alfred Longley

Date of birth: 9/17/1913, deceased

Date of ordination: 1939

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Immaculate Conception, Faribault, 1939-1942;
- Military chaplain, U.S. Army, 1942-1952;
- Pastor, St. Richard, Richfield, 1952-1961;
- Chaplain, Riverside Medical Center, Minneapolis, 1962-1964;
- Pastor, St. Jude of the Lake, Mahtomedi, 1964

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1968

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1974

Brennan Maiers

Date of birth: 4/27/1936 (Age 77)

Date of ordination: 1963

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Pastor, St. Bernard, St. Paul, 1983-1990
- Diocese or religious order:** Order of St. Benedict, St. John's Abbey

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Collegeville, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Timothy McCarthy

Date of birth: 6/25/1946 (Age 67)

Date of ordination: 1973

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Leo, St. Paul, 1973-1974;
- Associate priest, All Saints, Lakeville, 1974-1977;
- Administrator, St. Andrew, Elysian, 1977-1982;
- Associate priest, St. Peter Claver, St. Paul, 1982-1984;
- On special assignment, 1982-1984;
- Associate priest, Guardian Angels, Lake Elmo, 1984;
- Associate priest, St. Joseph, Lino Lakes, 1984-1986;
- Pastor, Holy Redeemer, Maplewood, 1986-1991;
- Resigned, 1991

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1991

Current location: Believed to be residing in Oakdale, Minn., or St. Paul, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

John McGrath

Date of birth: 4/13/1931, deceased

Date of ordination: 1957

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Nativity, St. Paul, 1957-1965;
- Associate priest, St. Helena, Minneapolis, 1965-1969;
- Associate priest, St. Andrew, St. Paul, 1969-1970;
- Faculty, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, 1970-1976;
- Pastor, Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale, 1976-1995

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry:

1995

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1995

Paul Palmitessa

Date of birth: 1/18/1931 (Age 82)

Date of ordination: 1956

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Cathedral of St. Paul, 1956-1968;
- Pastor, Holy Redeemer, St. Paul, 1968-1979;
- Pastor, St. Paul, Zumbrota, 1979-1982;
- Administrator, St. Mary, Bellechester, 1979-1982;
- Diocese of San Diego, 1982-1988;
- Excardinated, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis; incardinated, Diocese of San Diego, 1988

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and Diocese of San Diego

Date permanently removed from ministry: Retired in 1998, limited ministry until 2012

Current location: San Jose, Calif.

Current status: No longer in ministry, (determined by the Diocese of San Diego)

Joseph Pinkosh

Date of birth: 10/27/1943 (Age 70)

Date of ordination: 1969

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Joseph, Hopkins, 1969-1972;
- Associate priest, St. Wenceslaus, New Prague, 1972-1974;
- Associate priest, Holy Cross, Minneapolis, 1974-1981;
- Pastor, St. Patrick, Shieldsville, 1981-1992

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1992

Current location: Columbia Heights, Minn.

Current status: Left ministry in 1992

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Clergy included on John Jay Commission list with unsubstantiated claims

We have disclosed elsewhere on these pages the names of 29 of the 33 priests on the list provided to the John Jay Commission in 2004 by the archdiocese. We have been able to determine that those 29 priests had substantiated claims asserted against them of sexually abusing a minor. We have not determined that the other four priests had substantiated claims against them of sexually abusing a minor. In fact, we were unable to verify any claim in two of the four cases. Nevertheless, in deference to a recent order from the Ramsey County District Court, we are listing these four priests separately at right with further explanation on each.

Eugene Corica

Date of birth: 7/31/1933 (Age 80)

Date of ordination: 1960

Parish assignments:

- Associate priest, St. Patrick, Inver Grove Heights, 1974-1979;
 - Pastor, St. Bridget, Minneapolis, 1979-1983;
 - Associate pastor, St. Raphael, Crystal, 1983-1985;
 - Temporary administrator, Holy Childhood, St. Paul, 1985;
 - Administrator, Holy Family, St. Louis Park, 1985-1987;
 - Pastor, Holy Family, St. Louis Park, 1987-1995
- Diocese or religious order:** Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date no longer in ministry: 1995

Current location: Minneapolis, Minn.

Current status: Left ministry in 1995

Eugene Corica was accused of having sexual relationships with adult women. No claim of sexual abuse of a minor was made or substantiated against Corica. We have not been able to determine why he was included in the list provided to the John Jay Commission.

Robert Loftus

Date of birth: 12/22/1930 (Age 82)

Date of ordination: 1963

Parish assignments:

- Assistant pastor, St. Stephen, Anoka, 1963-1966;
 - Assistant pastor, Christ the King, Minneapolis, 1966-1967;
 - Assistant pastor, St. Mary's Basilica, 1967-1971;
 - Pastor, St. Frances Cabrini, Minneapolis, 1971-1977
- Leave of absence, 1977

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date no longer in ministry: 1977

Current location: Coon Rapids, Minn.

Current status: Laicized in 1977

Robert Loftus was credibly accused of sexual misconduct with a "young woman" in the early 1970's. We do not have knowledge of the complainant's age at the time of the misconduct. An independent investigator was hired to review the file and advise on whether Loftus should be disclosed as a "substantiated claim." To date, the investigator has not determined whether a claim of sexual abuse of a minor was or can be substantiated. The investigation is continuing, and our disclosures will be updated when the investigation is completed.

Patrick Ryan

Date of birth: 12/2/1892, deceased

Date of ordination: 1919

Parish assignments:

- Associate priest, St. Mary, St. Paul, 1919;
- Associate priest, St. Clement, Minneapolis, 1919-1921;
- Associate priest, St. Stephen, Minneapolis, 1921-1922;
- Associate priest, Immaculate Conception, Faribault, 1922-1933;
- Pastor, St. John, Ortonville (New Ulm), 1933-1943;
- Pastor, Guardian Angels, Hastings, 1943-1965

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date no longer in ministry: 1965

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1965

Patrick Ryan was accused posthumously in 2002 of sexually abusing a minor in 1961, and was consequently included in the list provided to the John Jay Commission. The Archdiocese subsequently met with the complainant and hired a private investigative firm. The firm investigated the matter through more than two dozen conversations and face-to-face meetings with the complainant as well as interviews with more than a dozen persons thought to have information relevant to the claim against Ryan. The private investigative firm reported that "this investigation found no credible, corroborating or supporting information which would validate [the] claim of sexual abuse." The claim of sexually abusing a minor was never substantiated.

Roger Vaughn

Date of birth: 6/16/1948 (Age 65)

Date of ordination: 1977

Parish assignments:

- Crosier Monastery and Seminary, Onamia, 1977-1980. Never assigned to ministry or residence in the archdiocese
- Diocese or religious order:** Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosiers)

Date no longer in ministry: 2000

Current location: Yonkers, N.Y.

Current status: Left the Crosier order in 2001

We have not been able to determine why Roger Vaughn was included in the list provided to the John Jay Commission. There is no record of Vaughn being assigned to ministry or residence in this Archdiocese. He was a priest of the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosiers) until he left the order in 2001. We do not have knowledge of any claims that Vaughn sexually abused a minor in this archdiocese.

What is the 'Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People'?

In his Nov. 7 column in The Catholic Spirit, Archbishop John Nienstedt identified fulfillment of the charter as a top priority of the archdiocese. Below are answers to some common questions regarding the charter's scope and provisions.

Q. What is the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People"?

A. The charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The charter includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of further acts of abuse. It directs action in all the following matters:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;

- Making prompt and effective responses to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders; and
- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and the National Review Board.

Q. Where can I read it?

A. The charter is available for download from the USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection website (www.usccb.org/ocyp).

Q. How does the charter define a "minor"?

A. In both civil and canon law, a minor is anyone under the age of 18. Until 1994, under canon law, a minor was considered any person under the age of 16. In 1994, canon law was changed for dioceses of the USCCB so that anyone under the age of 18 was considered to be a minor. In 2001, it changed for the universal Church. Also covered under the charter is anyone over the age of 18 who

habitually lacks the use of reason and therefore is considered equivalent to a minor.

Q. What if the abuse occurred prior to the enactment of the charter?

A. Any act of sexual abuse of a minor which occurred prior to the charter being implemented but is brought forward now, will be considered relevant and subject to the charter. The charter pertains to acts of abuse in the past, present and future.

Q. How is compliance with the charter monitored?

A. In June 2003, the Office (now Secretariat) of Child and Youth Protection began an audit process of all dioceses throughout the United States. The audit is used to determine if the diocese is implementing the practices required by the charter. An "Annual Report on the Implementation of the Charter" is prepared by the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection.

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Francis Reynolds

Date of birth: 9/5/1922, deceased

Date of ordination: 1955

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Maternity of Mary, St. Paul, 1955-1957;
- Associate priest, St. Patrick, St. Paul, 1957-1964;
- Associate priest, Visitation, Minneapolis, 1964-1966;
- Associate priest, St. Margaret Mary, Golden Valley, 1966-1968;
- Pastor, St. Francis Xavier, Buffalo, 1968-1985;
- Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Minneapolis, 1985-1986;

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1987

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1988

Richard Skluzacek

Date of birth: 8/10/1932, deceased

Date of ordination: 1957

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Stanislaus, St. Paul, 1957-1964;
- Administrator, St. Stanislaus, St. Paul, 1964-1966;
- Associate priest, St. Stephen, Anoka, 1966-1967;
- Associate priest, Most Holy Redeemer, Montgomery, 1967-1968;
- Administrator, Most Holy Trinity, Veseli, 1968-1973;
- Administrator, St. Nicholas, New Market, 1970-1974;
- Pastor, Most Holy Trinity, Veseli, 1974;
- Pastor, Corpus Christi, Roseville, 1974-1978;
- Pastor, St. Joseph, Hopkins, 1978-1990;
- Chaplain, Veterans Medical Center, Minneapolis, 1990-1998;

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2005

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 2012

Michael Stevens

Date of birth: 12/24/1954 (Age 58)

Date of ordination: 1980

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Michael, Prior Lake, 1980-1982;
- Associate priest, Epiphany, Coon Rapids, 1982-1988;
- In residence, St. Mark, St. Paul, 1988;
- In residence, St. Adalbert, St. Paul, 1988-2003
- Resigned, 2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Believed to be residing in St. Paul,

Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Thomas Stitts

Date of birth: 5/5/1935, deceased

Date of ordination: 1962

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Matthew, St. Paul, 1962-1965;
- Associate priest, Our Lady of Grace, Edina, 1965-1966;
- Associate priest, Guardian Angels, Hastings, 1966-1970;
- Associate priest, Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul, 1970;
- Administrator, St. Leo, St. Paul, 1970-1973;
- Pastor, St. George, Long Lake, 1973-1980;
- Pastor, St. John the Baptist, New Brighton, 1980-1985

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 1985

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 1985

Robert Thurner

Date of birth: 11/25/1925 (Age 88)

Date of ordination: 1951

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, Most Holy Trinity, St. Louis Park, 1951-1963;
- Administrator, Most Holy Trinity, St. Louis Park, 1958;
- Associate priest, St. Luke, St. Paul, 1963-1967;
- Pastor, St. Michael, Prior Lake, 1967-1970;
- Pastor, St. John the Evangelist, Hopkins, 1970-1983;
- Associate priest, St. Joseph, West St. Paul, 1983-1986;
- Temporary administrator, St. Edward, Bloomington, 1986;
- Pastor, St. Therese, St. Paul, 1986-1991

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Maplewood, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Clarence Vavra

Date of birth: 3/13/1939 (Age 74)

Date of ordination: 1965

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Rose of Lima, Roseville, 1965-1969;
- Associate priest, St. Philip, Minneapolis, 1969-1970;
- Associate priest, St. Peter, North St. Paul, 1970-1971;
- Associate priest, Guardian Angels, Hastings, 1971-1972;

• Absent, 1972-1973;

• Associate priest, St. Matthew, St. Paul, 1973-1975;

• Diocese of Rapid City, 1975-1976;

• Associate priest, Holy Spirit, St. Paul, 1976-1977;

• Pastor, Sacred Heart Rush City, 1977-1978;

• Administrator, St. Gregory, North Branch, 1977-1978;

• Associate priest, St. Wenceslaus, New Prague, 1979;

• Associate priest, St. Jerome, Maplewood, 1979-1981;

• Pastor, Holy Redeemer, Maplewood, 1981-1986;

• Unassigned, 1986-1987;

• Temporary administrator, St. Genevieve, Centerville, 1987;

• Pastor, St. Nicholas, New Market, 1987-1992;

• Temporary administrator, St. Philip, Minneapolis, 1992-1993;

• Pastor, St. Philip, Minneapolis, 1993-1996;

• Sabbatical, 1996-1997;

• Associate priest, Nativity of Mary, Cleveland, 1997;

• Associate priest, Most Holy Redeemer, Montgomery, 1997-2003;

• Associate priest, St. Patrick, Shieldsville, 1997-2003;

• Retired, 2003

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2003

Current location: New Prague, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Joseph Wajda

Date of birth: 2/9/1947 (Age 66)

Date of ordination: 1973

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate priest, St. Raphael, Crystal, 1973-1977;
- Associate priest, Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights, 1977-1981;
- Administrator, Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights, 1980-1981;
- Associate priest, St. Rose of Lima, Roseville, 1982-1986;
- Temporary administrator, St. Joseph, Waconia, 1986;
- Temporary administrator, Sts. Peter and Paul, Loretto, 1986;
- Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Minneapolis, 1986-1987;
- Pastor, St. Andrew, St. Paul, 1987-1989;
- Associate priest, Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul, 1990-1991;
- Student, Catholic University of America, 1992-1994;
- Judicial Vicar, Metropolitan Tribunal, St. Paul, 1996-2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2003

Current location: Minneapolis, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry

Raymond Walter

Date of birth: 7/28/1915, deceased

Date of ordination: 1941

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- St. Alphonsus, Brooklyn Center, 1964-1978, 1981-1989

Diocese or religious order: Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2003

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 2003

Curtis Wehmeyer

Date of birth: 9/28/1964 (Age 49)

Date of ordination: 2001

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Associate pastor, St. Joseph, West St. Paul, 2001-2006;
- Parochial administrator, Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul, 2006-2009;
- Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul, 2009-2011;
- Pastor, Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul, 2009-2012

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2012

Current location: Minnesota Correctional Facility – St. Cloud, Minn.

Current status: Permanently removed from ministry. Incarcerated

Robert Zasacki

Date of birth: 5/13/1940, deceased

Date of ordination: 1967

Cleric's prior assignments in archdiocese:

- Entered archdiocese from Archdiocese of Newark, 1979;
- St. Bridget, Lindstrom, 1982-1983;
- St. Joseph, Lino Lakes, 1983-1984;
- Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, 1984-1985;
- Administrator, St. Peter, Forest Lake, 1985-1987;
- Incardinated, 1987;
- Pastor, St. Peter, Forest Lake, 1987-1989;
- Pastor, St. Peter, Delano, 1989-1995;
- Pastor, St. Joseph, Delano, 1989-1995;
- Pastor, Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale, 1995-2001;
- Pastor, St. Joseph, Hopkins, 2001-2002

Diocese or religious order: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

Date permanently removed from ministry: 2002

Current location: Deceased

Current status: Died in 2008

Q&A *On the disclosure of names*

Questions and answers were provided by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Q. Why are you choosing to disclose the names of offending priests now?

A. Appropriate disclosure is critically important if we are to do all that we can to keep children safe, help victims of abuse heal, and regain the trust and confidence of our communities. We believe this is an essential step in regaining trust and confidence. This decision on disclosure will take us to a new level of accountability and — most importantly — we believe these actions will further serve our primary goal of protecting minors.

Q. Will the names be posted online? If so, where?

A. Yes. Information about clergy members who have credible claims of sexual abuse of a minor that have been substantiated will be posted on our website at www.archspm.org. Right at the top of our home page, you'll see an icon that says "Advocacy and Victim Assistance," a page on our website that we have had for many years. In this section of our website, we have added access to a new page called "Disclosures Regarding Clergy Sexual Abuse of Minors."

Q. You initially said you would only disclose the names of living priests currently residing in the archdiocese. Why did you decide to expand your disclosure by including the names of the deceased priests as well as priests living outside the archdiocese?

A. Consistent with the paramount

wanted to ensure that our initiative now to release the names and related information was not in violation of that order.

In addition, we were concerned about the release of the entire list because we were able to determine that only 29 of the priests listed in 2004 had credible claims asserted against them of sexually abusing a minor that could be substantiated. We have not determined that the other four priests had substantiated claims against them of sexually abusing a minor. In fact, we were unable to verify any claim in two of the four cases.

Q. What is the difference between a "credible" claim and one that is "substantiated?"

A. As soon as the archdiocese is made aware of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, appropriate archdiocesan staff promptly takes two steps. First, the allegation is reported to the police or other authorities, as appropriate, so that they can make whatever evaluation or investigation they deem appropriate. Second, the archdiocese initiates its own internal evaluation of the allegation.

The first step in this internal evaluation is to determine whether the claim is "credible." A "credible claim" is one that is "not manifestly false or frivolous." If the archdiocese determines that a credible claim exists, the archdiocese opens an investigation to determine whether a claim is "substantiated." A "substantiated claim" is one for which sufficient evidence exists to establish reasonable grounds to believe that the alleged abuse occurred.

Neither a credible accusation nor a substantiated claim is a conclusion or presumption of guilt. Rather, if a

abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, the archdiocese will share that information with the public by issuing and posting a press release. If a credible claim is determined to be substantiated, whether from the review of clergy files by outside experts or otherwise, we will provide that information on the disclosure section of our website.

Q. Are these priests being supported financially or in other ways by the archdiocese? Where does this money come from?

A. All priests are legally entitled to receive pension benefits that have been accrued. Financial support varies depending on the individual circumstance. The archdiocese has an obligation in Church law to ensure that no priest is left destitute. All of the living priests who have not been laicized are receiving their pension and retirement healthcare. Two of the men are receiving a salary and housing allowance. Pension and retirement health care payments are paid from the pension trust, and salary and housing allowances are paid from the archdiocese operating account.

Q. Have any of these men been permanently removed from the priesthood (laicized)?

A. A few of these men have been laicized. None of these men is allowed to exercise ministry. When the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" was promulgated in 2002, the decision was made to impose severe restrictions and monitor these offending priests rather than seek laicization — removal from the priesthood altogether — based on a desire by the archdiocese to oversee these men versus placing them outside

support groups, and, where appropriate, attend accountability groups regarding particular addictions and/or issues.

The archdiocesan monitoring program was created and has been implemented to contribute toward the creation of safer environments. Appropriate accountability and monitoring of priests who have a history of sexual misconduct helps ensure present and future health toward the goal of preventing future sexual misconduct and safer environments.

Q. What is the threshold for removing a priest from active ministry?

A. If the archdiocese receives a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor, a priest will be removed from active ministry. These restrictions stay in place until an investigation determines whether or not the claim is substantiated. If a claim is determined to be substantiated, he will remain restricted until any criminal or canonical proceedings are concluded.

Q. What should a person do if he or she recognizes a name on the list and has concerns about further risks the man may pose?

A. Any concerns should be conveyed to the proper civil authorities, such as the local police. In addition, he or she is encouraged to notify Greta Sawyer, the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (651) 291-4497.

Q. Can priests with substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor against them ever be put back into active ministry?

goal of protecting children, the archdiocese is including the names of clergy members from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time worked in the archdiocese and were accused of engaging in sexual abuse of minors in our archdiocese, to the extent we have reliable and sufficient information to determine whether the claim is credible and has been substantiated.

The archdiocese is disclosing information about priests of our archdiocese who are living outside of the archdiocese for the same reason. We believe it may aid in protecting children in other dioceses where these priests live. We also believe that it is appropriate to disclose information regarding the deceased priests because doing so may help the healing process for some victims.

Q. Why was permission required from the court to release the names?

A. There has been a protective order in place in Ramsey County District Court since 2009 related to a list of 33 priests provided by the archdiocese to the John Jay Commission in 2004. That list was used to compile a nationwide summary of "credible" claims of clergy abuse of minors. The court order to seal this list applied to all parties, including the archdiocese. Out of respect and deference to the court, we

credible claim is substantiated, this finding initiates a canonical process in order to resolve the claim.

All credible claims are thoroughly investigated by the archdiocese and all allegations of sexual abuse of a minor are reported to civil authorities in accordance with applicable law, prior to the determination of the applicable canonical process.

Q. Is this the extent of the disclosure of names? Is it possible more names could be added after the review of clergy files?

A. These disclosures are intended to be ongoing. We are currently engaged in a comprehensive review of clergy files and the list will be updated as additional announcements are made. These disclosure practices may evolve in the future as we progress, including recommendations that may be made by the independent task force or through the review of our clergy files by an outside firm. If the archdiocese learns of additional credible claims that are substantiated, whether from the review of the clergy files from outside experts or otherwise, the disclosures will be updated on our website.

Q. How often will additional names be disclosed?

A. Whenever the archdiocese learns of additional credible claims of

of the Church and unsupervised as lay citizens who would have no restrictions. This was an earnest effort to be responsible.

For some of the men, the decision to sequester them by removing them from all ministry, monitoring their behavior and ensuring they are living lives of prayer and penance was approved by the Holy See as an appropriate response to their abusive behavior.

Q. How are the men who have been removed from ministry, but who are still priests, being monitored?

A. The archdiocese currently has a program by which priests who have committed sexual misconduct are monitored by a professional who works for the archdiocese. The Promoter of Ministerial Standards (POMS) creates and oversees an individual monitoring plan for each priest and meets regularly with these priests to help ensure accountability and health. Each year, a new plan is developed with the goal of maintaining and ensuring appropriate behavior and boundaries, a healthy lifestyle and spiritual life, and accountability. Among other things, priests on the monitoring plan may be required to do the following: attend counseling sessions, meet regularly with a spiritual director, attend priest

A. No priest who has sexually abused a minor can ever return to active ministry. The determination by the review board that the claim is substantiated is a very serious matter. Ultimately though, a final determination is made through a criminal or canonical process. If not enough evidence is presented to support an accusation, the priest may return to active ministry.

Q. How much has the archdiocese paid to victims to settle civil claims related to clergy sexual abuse of minors? How have those settlements been funded?

A. Since July 1, 2002, the archdiocese has paid out approximately \$680,000 to victims. Additional amounts were paid to these victims by our insurance carriers. We will disclose these amounts once we obtain such information from the carriers.

Q. How many individuals have civil suits pending against the archdiocese regarding sexual abuse of a minor?

A. Currently, there are 14 lawsuits involving 23 claimants alleging that they were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy who, at one time, had an assignment within our archdiocese.