

Disclosures regarding clergy sexual abuse of minors

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In the interest of accountability, the Diocese of Crookston maintains a list of names of individuals against whom there is a credible claim of abusing a minor as defined under Minn. Stat. § 626.556 subd. 2(d), or in the possession of child pornography. The list is divided according to whether the alleged abuse took place within our diocese or outside of the diocese. A credible claim is one for which sufficient evidence exists to establish reasonable grounds to believe that the alleged abuse occurred.

INDIVIDUALS WITH CREDIBLE CLAIMS AGAINST THEM OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

Bester, Robert - Died in 2019.

Date of Birth: September 30, 1930

Date of Ordination: June 1, 1979

Assignment History

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1979-80

Headmaster: Mount Saint Benedict, Crookston 1980-1982

Pastor: St. Francis of Assisi, Fisher 1980-82

Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle; St. John the Baptist, Alma 1982-86

Administrator: St. John the Baptist, Alma 1986-87

Pastor: Blessed Sacrament, Greenbush; St. Aloysius, Leo 1987-1990

Pastor: St. Joseph, Middle River; St. Edward, Strandquist; St. Joseph, Benwood 1990-91

Leave of Absence: 1991-94

Chaplain: St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth 1995-99

Retired: July 1, 1999

Laicized: December 15, 2006

Current Status: Deceased January 2, 2019

Bernauer, James – Died in 2016.

Date of Birth: July 7, 1926

Date of Ordination: June 7, 1952

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1952-1955

Pastor: St. Bernard, Thief River Falls; St. Ann, Goodridge; St. Clement, Grygla; St. Joseph, Middle River 1955-58

Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1958-60

Pastor: St. Mary, Badger; St. Joseph, Benwood 1960-63

Pastor: St. Joseph, Oslo 1963-71

Pastor: St. Bernard, Thief River Falls; St. Ann, Goodridge; St. Clement, Grygla 1971-81

Pastor: Sts. Peter and Paul, Warren 1981-87

Administrator: St. Joseph, Oslo 1983

Pastor: St. Joseph, Oslo 1984-87

Pastor: St. John, Akeley; St. Theodore, LaPorte; Our Lady of the Pines, Nevis 1987-91

Retired: 1991

Current Status: Deceased June 19, 2016

Bourassa, Stanley – Died in 2004.

Date of Birth: April 13, 1929

Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph, Red Lake Falls 1955-1957

Asst. Pastor: St. Anne, Crookston 1957-1961

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1961-1962

Asst. Pastor: Sacred Heart, East Grand Forks 1962-1969

Pastor: St. Mary, Fosston, St. Lawrence, Mentor 1969-1977

Pastor: Sacred Heart, East Grand Forks 1977-1981

Pastor: St. Bernard, Thief River Falls, St. Ann, Goodridge, St. Clement, Grygla 1981-1991

Pastor: Assumption, Barnesville, St. Cecilia, Sabin 1991-1999

Retired: July 1, 1999

Current Status: Deceased August 11, 2004

Boyd, Richard

Date of Birth: October 24, 1950

Date of Ordination: June 1, 1979

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Sacred Heart, East Grand Forks 1979-80

Chancellor: Diocese of Crookston Chancery 1980-82

Administrator: St. Joseph, Middle River; St. Joseph, Benwood; Assumption, Florian 1980-82

Vice Chancellor: Diocese of Crookston Chancery 1982

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1985-87

Pastor: St. Joseph, Middle River; St. Joseph, Benwood; Assumption, Florian 1987-90

Pastor: St. Peter, Park Rapids 1990-2001

Canonical Pastor: St. Mary, Two Inlets 1994-95

Canonical Pastor: Lake Itasca 1997-2001

Pastor: St. Mary, Fosston; St. Joseph, Bagley 2001-2003

Removed from ministry: 2003

Laicized: 2006

Current status: Unknown

Cardin, Victor – Died in 1992.

Date of Birth: January 17, 1900

Date of Ordination: March 20, 1926

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph, Red Lake Falls 1926-1929

Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph, Brooks 1929-1930

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1930-1935

Pastor: St. Dorothy, Dorothy

Pastor: St. Joseph, Red Lake Falls 1942-1952

Chancellor: Diocese of Crookston 1952-1960

Pastor: St. Peter, Gentilly 1960-1983

Retired: 1983

Current Status: Deceased November 10, 1992

Carriere, Henry – Died in 2003.

Date of Birth: May 9, 1920

Date of Ordination: June 16, 1946

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1946

Asst. Pastor: St. Joseph, Fertile 1946-1948

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1948-1950

Asst. Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle, 1950-1952

Administrator: St. Lawrence, Guthrie, St. Theodore, Laporte 1952-1955

Chaplain: St. Joseph Hospital, Park Rapids 1952-1955

Pastor: St. Joseph, Brooks 1955-1972

Pastor: St. Vincent de Paul, Plummer 1965-1969

Pastor: St. Anthony, Terrebonne 1969-1972

Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle 1972-1982

Pastor: Sacred Heart, Roseau, St. Mary, Badger 1982-1990

Retired: July 2, 1990

Date removed from ministry: June 19, 2002

Current Status: Deceased November 3, 2003

Davis, Lawrence – Died in 1979.

Date of Birth: September 21, 1918

Date of Ordination: June 7, 1952

Diocese or religious order: Saginaw, MI

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Parochial Vicar: Sacred Heart, E. Grand Forks 1952

Parochial Vicar: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle 1952-53

Current Status: Deceased November 15, 1979

Foley, Gerald

Date of Birth: January 15, 1932

Date of Ordination: June 3, 1961

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Director: Catholic Social Services Association, Red Lake Falls 1963-77

Administrator: St. Dorothy, Dorothy 1963-75

Substitute Ordinary Confessor: Benedictine Convent, Red Lake Falls 1963

Pastor: St. Anne's, Crookston 1975-77

Pastor: St. Joseph, Ada 1977

Pastor: St. Francis de Sales, Moorhead 1979-83

Pastor: St. Cecilia, Sabin 1979-83

Faculties Removed: 2005

Laicization: 2006

Current Status: Residing in Minneapolis, MN

Fitzgerald, Vincent – Died in 2009.

Date of Birth: December 8, 1919

Date of Ordination: May 27, 1950

Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Patrick, Kelliher, St. Joseph, Shooks 1973-1974

Pastor: St. Anne, Naytahwaush, St. Frances Cabrini, Big Elbow Lake, St. Benedict, White Earth 1983-1986

Current Status: Deceased September 27, 2009

Jeyapaul, Joseph

Date of Birth: January 20, 1955

Date of Ordination: May 19, 1982

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Ootacamund, India

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Priest in residence: St. Bernard, Thief River Falls 2004

Administrator: Blessed Sacrament, Greenbush, St. Joseph, Middle River, St. Edward, Karlstad 2004-2005

Date removed from ministry: September 15, 2005

Current Location: Diocese of Ootacamund, India

Current Status: unknown

Plakut, Casimir – Died in 1988.

Date of Birth: December 3, 1910

Date of Ordination: June 6, 1938

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Parochial Vicar: Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes 1946

Pastor: St. Anne, Naytahwaush; St. Theresa, Island Lake; St. Francis Cabrini, Big Elbow Lake 1950-51

Current Status: Died November 10, 1988

Porter, James – Died in 2005.

Date of Birth: January 2, 1935

Date of Ordination: April 2, 1960

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Fall River, MA

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip, Bemidji 1969-70

Current Status: Deceased February 11, 2005

Reid, Francis – Died in 2007.

Date of Birth: June 10, 1922

Date of Ordination: May 23, 1964

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Asst. Pastor: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston 1964-1965

Asst. Pastor: St. Philip's, Bemidji 1965-1966

Asst. Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle 1966-1968

Asst. Pastor: St. Bernard's, Thief River Falls 1968-1971

Administrator: St. Ann, Waubun 1971

Pastor: St. John's, Akeley, Immaculate Conception, Nevis, St. Theodore, Ponsford 1971-1977

Pastor: St. Michael, Mahnomen 1977-1980

Pastor: St. Peter the Apostle, Park Rapids 1980-1990

Pastor: St. Mary, Two Inlets, St. Theodore, Ponsford, St. Catherine, Lake Itasca 1990-1992

Retired: July 1, 1992

Date removed from ministry: July 1, 1992

Current Status: Deceased April 15, 2007

Rellihan, James

Date of Birth: December 13, 1939

Date of Ordination: December 18, 1965

Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Parochial Vicar: St. Benedict, White Earth; St. Anne, Naytahwaush; St. Francis Cabrini, Big Elbow Lake 1986-92

Current Status: Unknown

Simon, Aloysius

Date of Birth: July 13, 1925

Date of Ordination: May 29, 1950

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Bismarck, ND

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Parochial Vicar: St. John's, Akeley; Immaculate Conception, Nevis; St. Theodore's, Laporte 1977-78

Current Status: Unknown

INDIVIDUALS WITH CREDIBLE CLAIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR OUTSIDE OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

For each individual in this category, the determination that a claim was credible was made by an entity other than the Diocese of Crookston, such as another diocese or a religious order. Some of these individuals held temporary assignments in this diocese. In other cases, they may have traveled here or resided here for a period of time.

Dummer, Donald

Date of Birth: October 23, 1937

Date of Ordination: December 19, 1964

Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Pastor: St. Ann, Blackduck; St. Charles, Pennington; St. Patrick, Kelliher; St. Joseph, Shooks 1988-93

Pastor: Assumption, Callaway; St. Catherine, Lake Itasca 1993-96

Pastor: St. Mary of the Lakes, Detroit Lakes 1993-94

Permanently Removed from Ministry: 2006

Current Status: Unknown

Gormly, Charles – Died in 1968.

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Cheyenne, WY

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Parochial Vicar: St. Peter's, Park Rapids 1956

Current Status: Deceased 1968

Heitzer, Louis – Died in 1969.

Date of Birth: July 15, 1914

Date of Ordination: 1942

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

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Supply Ministry: Clergy Retreat House, Nevis 1968

Current Status: Deceased 1969

Hohmann, Othman – Died in 1980.

Date of Birth: January 28, 1900
Date of Ordination: June 7, 1931
Diocese or religious order: Order of St. Benedict
Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:
 Parochial Vicar: St. Michael, Mahanomen 1958-59
 Pastor: Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes 1959-60
Current Status: Died January 4, 1980

Kabat, Paul – Died in 1999.

Date of Birth: January 16, 1932
Date of Ordination: September 8, 1958
Diocese or religious order: Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:
 Pastor: Sacred Heart, Wilton 1972-76
 Chaplain: Holy Spirit Newman Center, Bemidji 1972-76
Current Status: Died 1999

Murawski, Stephen

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Pueblo, CO.

Odor, Luke

Year of Ordination: 1980
Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Aba, Nigeria
Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:
 Associate Pastor: Assumption, Florian; St. John the Baptist, Alma; 1995
 Associate Pastor: St. Rose of Lima, Argyle 1995
 Associate Pastor: Sacred Heart, E. Grand Forks 1996
Current Status: Unknown

O'Reilly, Michael

No other known information.

Strub, Augustine – Died in 2015.

Date of Birth: March 7, 1921

Date of Ordination: June 15, 1947

Assignments in the Diocese of Crookston:

Parochial Vicar: St. Anne, Naytahwaush; St. Francis Cabrini, Big Elbow Lake; St. Theresa, Island Lake 1951-56

Pastor: Assumption, Callaway 1957-59

Current Status: Left the priesthood in 1962. Died in 2015

INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

For each individual in this category, internal and/or independent investigation has not been able to substantiate that a claim made was credible. Some of these individuals have been named in lawsuits.

- **Msgr. Roger Grundhaus**
- **Fr. Joseph Richards**
- **Fr. Pat Sullivan**

Voice from the Valley

VFTV: August 21, 2019

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

On Wednesday, July 17, we announced that a settlement had been reached between claimants represented by Jeff Anderson & Associates and the Diocese of Crookston. The economic facts of the settlement have been reported. As part of the settlement, the diocese agreed to a number of non-economic protocols as well. The diocese agreed to make available for public release the names of all clergy who have worked in the Diocese of Crookston at any time who have been credibly accused of child sexual abuse or possession of child pornography. The diocese also agreed to make available for review and publication by plaintiff's counsel all documents on Fathers Roger Grundhaus, Patrick Sullivan and Joseph Richards. I want to say something to you about each of these three.

Father Joseph Richards: Father Richards was ordained in 1990. Three years after ordination, Father Richards asked to receive help to deal with unresolved issues in his life

that stemmed from his childhood. Father Richards shared with Bishop Balke that he had been sexually abused as a child. He additionally disclosed that when a minor, 14 years old, on one occasion he also abused another child. His request for help was granted and for nine months he received treatment at St. Michael's Center in St. Louis. After his successful completion and discharge from treatment, and having benefitted from the help he received, Father Richards was returned to priestly ministry and has served admirably now and without incident for a total of 29 years. No accusation of sexual abuse has ever been made against Father Richards. These facts were presented to the Diocesan Review Board whose membership includes people with experience in law enforcement and child protection. The Board recommended that Father Richards continue in priestly ministry. According to the settlement, Father Richards' name will NOT be included on the list of priests credibly accused but his name will be listed as a priest accused because of his own admission in 1993.

Father Patrick Sullivan: Father Sullivan served at St. Mary's Mission at Red Lake from 1997-2009. In 2016, the Diocese of Crookston was sued by a man who accused Father Sullivan of abusing him when the man was a minor. Father Sullivan denies this accusation. After review of the testimony in this case, the allegation was deemed "not credible" by the Diocesan Review Board. The Diocese of Crookston has not received any other accusation of minor sexual abuse against Father Sullivan. According to the settlement, Father Sullivan's name will NOT be included on the list of priests credibly accused. His name will be listed as a priest accused as a result of having been named in a lawsuit.

Msgr. Roger Grundhaus: In 2017, the Diocese of Crookston was served with a lawsuit in which the claimant asserted that Msgr. Grundhaus sexually abused him at a Canon Law Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in 1971, when the claimant was a minor. Msgr. Grundhaus denies this allegation. At my direction, testimony and evidence was gathered by an independent investigator from outside the diocese. The investigator found that, in fact, there was no Canon Law Convention in Columbus in 1971. This fact and all the testimony gathered in the case, along with the investigator's report and recommendations, was thereafter presented to the Diocesan Review Board. The Review Board has recommended that Msgr. Grundhaus be reinstated to priestly ministry. No other accusation against Msgr. Grundhaus of sexual abuse of a minor has ever been received by the Diocese of Crookston. According to the terms of the settlement, Msgr. Grundhaus' name will NOT be included on the list of priests credibly accused. His name will be listed as a priest accused as a result of having been named in a lawsuit.

And so, to reiterate: According to the non-economic protocols negotiated as part of the settlement of these cases, Father Richards' name will not be included on our list of priests credibly accused but his name will be listed as a priest accused, not because someone accused him of sexual abuse during his priesthood, but because of his own admission in 1993. The Diocesan Review Board has determined that the accusations made against Father Sullivan and Msgr. Grundhaus are not credible. Therefore, the names of Father Sullivan and Msgr. Grundhaus likewise are not included on the list of priests credibly accused of child sexual abuse of a minor or possession of child pornography but will be listed as priests accused.

August 4 is traditionally the feast of the patron of parish priests, the Cure of Ars, St. John Marie Vianney. This August 4, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote a letter to all the priests

of the world. He wanted to thank them for leaving all behind to immerse themselves in the daily life of their parish communities and for expending themselves to care for and accompany God's people. He said: "Without denying or dismissing the harm caused by some of our brothers, it would be unfair not to express our gratitude to all those priests who faithfully and generously spend their lives in the service of others." Knowing that priests are human, imperfect and sinners too, let us remember to express our gratitude for all our great priests and to encourage them in their ministry as they accompany us on our road of conversion and, day in and day out, feed us with the richness of the Gospel message, the grace-life of the sacraments.