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List of Those Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

| BY PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The list that follows is of those individuals of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross for whom an accusation of the sexual abuse of a minor has been deemed credible.

An allegation is deemed “credible” if, after an independent review of available and relevant, factual information, in consultation with a review board, the provincial council, and the provincial administration, there is reason to believe the allegation is more likely true than not. An allegation is also determined to be credible if the accused member of

Holy Cross admits to the allegation, or the accused is convicted by civil authorities in a court of law.

This list was initially developed with the assistance of an outside law firm, which independently reviewed all personnel files of the Province. It has been vetted by the Province Review Board as well as by the Provincial Council. Changes to the list are possible given new information that may emerge. The list will be updated as necessary on our website.

You will note that the earliest incident for which an accusation has been made dates back to the 1940s. The most recent incident for which an accusation has been made was in the early 1990s. All who are on the list would have served in the Eastern Province, the Southern Province, or the Indiana Province of Holy Cross, which together now constitute the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. None of the individuals on the list is currently in ministry. While a list of assignments is included for each person, the incident(s) did not necessarily occur at one of the listed assignments.

It is important to note that inclusion on this list does not necessarily mean that these allegations are true or correct or that the accused religious has been found guilty of a crime or liable for any civil claim. Many of these allegations arise from events that occurred decades after the alleged abuse would have taken place, making it difficult to conduct a complete investigation. In addition, some of

these allegations were made after an accused religious died and, therefore, he did not have the opportunity to respond for himself.

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, has a [*Policy on Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors*](#), which articulates our procedural actions, prevention and treatment measures, along with steps to assist victims.

| Name | Number of Allegations | Years & Location of Incident(s) | Status | Assignments (alphabetical) | Added to List |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| Rev. Lawrence Dark, CSC Born: 1925 Ordained: 1952 Deceased: 1984 | Multiple | 1960s-1970s Louisiana | Allegations received in 1994 and 2008 after his death | Reynold's Institute - Louisiana Sacred Heart Parish - New Orleans, LA St. George's College - Santiago, Chile | June 2019 |
| Rev. John Fitzgerald, CSC Born: 1943 Ordained: 1969 | One | 1970s Illinois | Allegation received 1992 Removed from ministry 1992 Left Holy Cross 1997 | Andre House - Oakland, CA Andre House - Phoenix, AZ Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN | June 2019 |
| Rev. James Gildea, CSC Born: 1930 Ordained: 1957 Deceased: 1986 | Multiple | Late 1960s-early 1980s Connecticut | Allegations received 2002-2012 after his death | Notre Dame High School - Bridgeport, CT | June 2019 |
| Rev. Paul Lebrun, CSC Born: 1956 Ordained: 1983 | Multiple | 1980s-1990s Indiana & Arizona | Allegations received 2000 Permanently removed from ministry 2000 Dismissed from Holy Cross 2007 Incarcerated in Arizona | Blessed Sacrament Parish - Tolleson, AZ Little Flower Catholic Church - South Bend, IN St. John Vianney Catholic Church - Goodyear, AZ | June 2019 |
| Rev. Ralph Luczak, CSC Born: 1931 Ordained: 1958 Deceased: 1970 | One | 1960s Michigan | Allegation received 1969 Removed from ministry 1969 | Christ the King Parish - South Bend, IN Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL | June 2019 |
| Rev. Archibald McDowell, CSC Born: 1905 Ordained: 1933 Deceased: 1994 | Multiple | 1950s Oregon, Indiana, Louisiana | Allegations received 1949-1950s Permanently removed from ministry 1962 | Sacred Heart Parish - New Orleans, LA St. Edward's University - Austin, TX University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN University of Portland - Portland, OR | June 2019 |
| Rev. Louis L. Meyer, CSC Born: 1917 Ordained: 1945 Deceased: unknown | One | 1960s California | Allegation received in 2007 Handled by Archdiocese of Los Angeles Withdrew from Holy Cross 1974 | Holy Cross Parish - South Bend, IN St. Francis Xavier Parish - Burbank, CA | June 2019 |
| Br. Lewis Morrow, CSC Born: 1937 Profession: 1963 Deceased: 2004 | Multiple | 1970s New York | Allegation received 1977 Permanently removed from ministry 2003 after review of files | Lutheran Medical - Brooklyn, NY Milton Hospital - Milton, MA Sacred Heart Parish - Burlington, NH St. Ann's Church - Raritan, NJ St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Brighton, MA Victory Memorial Hospital - Brooklyn, NY | June 2019 |
| Rev. Richard Nowery, CSC Born: 1938 Ordained: 1968 Deceased: 2018 | Multiple | 1980s Texas | Allegations received 1986 Ministry restricted 1986-1994 Permanently removed from ministry 2002 after review of files Withdrew from Holy Cross | Sacred Heart Parish - New Orleans, LA St. Ignatius Martyr - Austin, TX | June 2019 |
| Rev. Cornelius Ryan, CSC Born: 1937 Ordained: 1966 | Multiple | 1980s Africa | Allegations received 2013 Removed from ministry 2013 In long-term treatment facility with no access to minors | East Africa Little Flower Parish - South Bend, IN St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel - Fort Wayne, IN | June 2019 |
| Rev. Edgar Szymanski, CSC Born: 1914 Ordained: 1943 Deceased: 1998 | Multiple | 1940s & 1950s Michigan | Allegations received 1999 and 2018 after his death | Boysville - Clinton, MI Gilmour Academy - Gates Mills, OH Holy Trinity Parish - Chicago, IL Sacred Heart Military Academy - Watertown, WI St. Casimir Parish - South Bend, IN St. Edward's University - Austin, TX St. Hedwig Parish - South Bend, IN St. Stanislaus Parish - South Bend, IN | June 2019 |
| Rev. James Trepanier, CSC Born: 1929 Ordained: 1955 | One | 1980s Illinois | Allegation received 1991 Ministry restricted in 1991 Permanently removed from ministry 2002 In nursing facility with no access to minors | Holy Cross Parish - South Bend, IN St. Pius X Parish - Granger, IN University of Portland - Portland, OR | June 2019 |
| Rev. David Tushar, CSC Born: 1949 Ordained: 1976 | Two | Late 1970s Illinois | Left Holy Cross to be incardinated into Diocese of Duluth in 1985 Allegations received August & September 2019 Permanently Removed from Ministry by Diocese of Duluth in 2020 | Notre Dame High School for Boys - Niles, IL | Oct. 2020 |
| Rev. David Verhalen, CSC Born: 1928 Ordained: 1954 Deceased: 2012 | One | 1970s Illinois | Allegation received 2007 Permanently removed from ministry 2001 | LeMans Academy - Rolling Prairie, IN Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN | June 2019 |
| Rev. Gordon Wilcox, CSC Born: 1928 Ordained: 1955 Deceased: 1984 | Multiple | 1970s California | Allegations received 2003 and 2012 after his death | Moreau High School - Hayward, CA Notre Dame High School - Niles, IL St. George's College - Santiago, Chile University of Portland - Portland, OR | June 2019 |
| Mr. Randall Blum, CSC (Seminarist) Born: 1948 1st Vows: 1983 | Multiple | 1980s Indiana | Allegations received in 1986 after dismissal from Seminary Convicted in court of law 1987 | Christ the King Parish - South Bend, IN (Seminarist) | June 2019 |



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