

ABUSIVE CLERGY LIST

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DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

o November 22, 2022

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Bishop of Superior, I am publicly releasing the names of clergy with substantiated allegations of child sexual abuse. This list of names is the result of three separate clergy file reviews (including security consultant firm Defenbaugh & Associates), more than a year of meetings, multiple sessions with the Diocesan Review Board, and much prayer and discernment. As this list is made public, I want to express my deepest apology and sympathy to all victims, survivors, and the family members who suffered with them. While most of the allegations in the list are more than 30 years old, I know that the wounds caused by abuse are as fresh as if the abuse happened yesterday. I understand that the publication of this list may reopen those wounds and I sincerely apologize. It is my hope and prayer that making this list public will bring healing.

I wish we could go back in time and undo all of the hurt and pain, the sins of the past. But we cannot. What we can do is learn from the past and do everything in our power to never repeat the abuse.

I firmly believe that the Diocese of Superior is clearly on the right path in protecting our children. Over the past 35 years, starting with our 1988 Morals and Ethics Policy, we have implemented the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, and we have established our Diocesan Safe Environment Office. Through the efforts and guidance of this Office, more than 15,000 adults have been background checked and trained to recognize abuse, the grooming behaviors of abusers, and that all

abuse of minors must be reported to law enforcement. This number includes some 300 clergy, volunteers, and all adult employees. What began as “Safe and Sacred” training for children (now Circle of Grace) has trained thousands of children. Our children now have a greater sense of their own sanctity and how valuable they are in the eyes of God.

Again, I extend my deepest apology and sympathy to victims, survivors, their family members, and all the faithful of the Diocese of Superior. As a Diocese, we are committed to openness and transparency. I strongly urge all victims of clergy abuse to report their abuse to local law enforcement and to Kathy Drinkwine, our Diocesan Coordinator of Assistance at 715-718-1110 (cell) anytime, 715-394-0216 (office), and email kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org.

Please join me in prayer daily for victims of clergy abuse. May God bless and protect us.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Most Rev. James P. Powers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

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ABUSIVE CLERGY LIST

* Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior

Religious Orders:

- OMI - Order of Mary Immaculate
- CPPS - Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood
- ICKSP - Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Ahrens, Theodore

Augustyn, Thaddeus

Bartelme, James

Beutner, Edward

Charland, Michael OMI*

Dummer, Donald OMI*

Ericksen, Thomas

Erickson, Ryan

Hanchak, Augustine CPPS*

Herrmann, Richard*

Higgins, Joseph

Klister, Irving "Jack"

Kraker, James

Leipert, John "Jack"*

Mahon, Gerald

Malsch, David

Murphy, Lawrence*

Payne, Alan

Regh, John

Scobee, Robert*

Stremski, John

Svea, Timothy ICKSP*

Telegdy, Louis CPPS*

Ahrens, Theodore**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

July 21, 1937

Date of Ordination

May 1, 1963

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Early 1960s, Hurley

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

April 1978

Current Status

Deceased November 20, 2003

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Augustyn, Thaddeus**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

February 23, 1913

Date of Ordination

December 20, 1944

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1943 - 1946, Lublin

1955 - 1965, Shell Lake

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

November 2, 1966

Current Status

Deceased August 10, 1981

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Bartelme, James**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

March 27, 1951

Date of Ordination

June 11, 1982

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1990 - 1991, Superior

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

September 8, 2022

Current Status

Administrative Leave

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Beutner, Edward**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

March 29, 1940

Date of Ordination

May 29, 1965

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1965 - 1970 & 1974 - 1975, Superior

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

April 2002

Current Status

Laicized March 14, 2006 | Deceased January 26, 2008

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Charland, Michael OMI***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

June 22, 1945

Date of Ordination

August 21, 1971

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1970s - 1980s, Outside of Diocese of Superior

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

1984

Current Status

Laicized 1989

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served in River Falls in 1984
Listed as credibly accused by:

- Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota
- Diocese of Belleville, Illinois

Dummer, Donald OMI***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

October 23, 1937

Date of Ordination

December 19, 1964

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1986, River Falls

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

December 30, 1986

Current Status

Laicized 2006

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served in River Falls
Listed as credibly accused by Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis,
Minnesota

Ericksen, Thomas**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

June 17, 1947

Date of Ordination

June 2, 1973

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1979 - 1983, Winter

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

June 30, 1983

Current Status

Laicized April 29, 1988 | Convicted/Incarcerated September 2019

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Erickson, Ryan**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

January 17, 1973

Date of Ordination

June 4, 2000

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

2000 - 2003, Hudson

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

December 19, 2004

Current Status

Deceased December 19, 2004

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Hanchak, Augustine CPPS***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

July 29, 1924

Date of Ordination

May 18, 1952

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1960s, Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas

1976 - 1984, Sanborn / Highbridge / Mason

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

Late 1984 | Reassigned outside of Diocese of Superior by Religious Order

Current Status

Deceased November 20, 2001

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served in the Westboro / Chelsea / Whittlesey area 1966 - 1968 and in the Sanborn / Highbridge / Mason area 1976 - 1984

Listed as credibly accused by Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas

Herrmann, Richard***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

June 12, 1920

Date of Ordination

October 28, 1944

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Dates unavailable - Abuse outside of Diocese of Superior

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

Date unavailable

Current Status

Deceased February 18, 2016

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served in Boulder Junction, Catawba, Conrath, Cumberland, Ladysmith, Presque Isle, Sayner, Spooner, and Trego

Listed as credibly accused by Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin

Higgins, Joseph**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

February 25, 1920

Date of Ordination

June 29, 1946

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Late 1960s, River Falls

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

February 17, 1974

Current Status

Deceased February 17, 1974

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Klister, Irving "Jack"**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

September 7, 1915

Date of Ordination

May 27, 1944

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1950s - 1960s, Outside of the Diocese of Superior

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

1995

Current Status

Deceased April 19, 1997

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior until 1984 when incardinated in the Diocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Convicted of Federal child pornography charges in 1990

Listed as credibly accused by:

- Diocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico

Kraker, James**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

November 28, 1936

Date of Ordination

May 29, 1965

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1988 - 1998, Hammond / Merrill

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

November 28, 2001

Current Status

Deceased December 8, 2013

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Leipert, John "Jack"***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

March 12, 1946

Date of Ordination

April 24, 1975

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Dates unavailable - Abuse outside of the Diocese of Superior

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

June 2001

Current Status

Laicized February 17, 2006

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served as a transitional deacon in 1972

Listed as credibly accused by Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan

Mahon, Gerald**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

December 1, 1904

Date of Ordination

June 14, 1930

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1943 -1946, Superior

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

August 26, 1971

Current Status

Deceased August 27, 1977

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Malsch, David**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

March 22, 1939

Date of Ordination

May 27, 1967

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1987 - 1991, Tomahawk

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

October 26, 1993

Current Status

Laicized May 20, 2005 | Deceased May 20, 2022

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Murphy, Lawrence***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

November 11, 1925

Date of Ordination

May 1950

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1963 - 1974, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

January 1993

Current Status

Deceased August 21, 1998

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but retired to and served the Boulder Junction / Sayner / Presque Isle area in a help-out capacity for nearly 20 years

Listed as credibly accused by Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Payne, Alan**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

December 6, 1945

Date of Ordination

May 27, 1972

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Early 1970s, Rhineland

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

June 22, 1988

Current Status

Laicization in progress

Notes/Comments

Priest of Diocese of Superior

Regh, John**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

December 10, 1926

Date of Ordination

May 26, 1953

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1973 - 1975, Catawba

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

June 8, 1993

Current Status

Deceased February 5, 2006

Notes/Comments

Priest of Diocese of Superior

Scobee, Robert***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

November 19, 1911

Date of Ordination

May 22, 1937

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Unavailable - Abuse outside of the Diocese of Superior

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

1976

Current Status

Deceased April 30, 1979

Notes/Comments

Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served in Lake Tomahawk and Rhinelander

Listed as credibly accused by Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri

Stremski, John**Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

April 13, 1934

Date of Ordination

June 11, 1960

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

Early 1970s, Superior

Allegations

Single

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

June 13, 1999

Current Status

Deceased July 13, 2004

Notes/Comments

Priest of the Diocese of Superior

Svea, Timothy ICKSP***Date Added or Updated**

November 22, 2022

Date of Birth

March 10, 1963

Date of Ordination

November 11, 1992

Timeframe & Location of Abuse

1990s, Diocese of La Crosse

Allegations

Multiple

Date Left or Removed from Ministry

November 2020

Current Status

Incarcerated

Notes/Comments

Grew up in the Diocese of Superior, but ordained by Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Listed as credibly accused by Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin

<p><u>Telegdy, Louis CPPS*</u></p>

<p>Date Added or Updated</p>

<p>November 22, 2022</p>

<p>Date of Birth</p>

<p>February 2, 1911</p>

<p>Date of Ordination</p>

<p>March 8, 1942</p>

<p>Timeframe & Location of Abuse</p>

<p>1961 - 1962, Rib Lake</p>

<p>1962 - 1966, Park Falls</p>

<p>Multiple dates in other dioceses</p>

<p>Allegations</p>

<p>Single in Diocese of Superior, Multiple in other dioceses</p>
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<p>Date Left or Removed from Ministry</p>
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<p>1984</p>

<p>Current Status</p>

<p>Deceased January 21, 1995</p>

<p>Notes/Comments</p>

<p>Not a priest of the Diocese of Superior, but served in Rib Lake and Park Falls</p>

<p>Listed as credibly accused by:</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocese of Davenport, Iowa • Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky • Diocese of Stockton, California |
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