

List of Edmundites Against Whom We Have Received Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

We Edmundites are profoundly sorry for any and all incidents involving the sexual abuse of minors by members of our Society. In the interest of transparency we have examined our records for the past seventy-five years and have decided to publish all allegations that have been received, whether or not they have been substantiated. Allegations against only four members are listed as “substantiated.” The others came either after the death of the accused, who were not able to respond to the allegations, or from persons who were not able or willing to follow up with deeper investigations, or who expressly requested that there be no further steps taken beyond their unburdening themselves of their stories. We have given pastoral attention and care and appropriate support to all who have approached us.

The Society of Saint Edmund is fully accredited by *Praesidium*, a national organization for the prevention of sexual abuse. The most recent substantiated alleged incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by an Edmundite occurred in the 1980’s. It was reported and addressed immediately in 1991.

Laurence A. Boucher

Ordained 1943.

Deceased May 27, 1972.

Allegation of the abuse of a minor in Florida in the 1960’s received in 2015, only after his death.

John A. Lanoue

Ordained 1940.

Deceased June 16, 1980.

Allegation of the abuse of a minor in Vermont in 1954 received in 1996, only after his death.

Edward A. Leary

Ordained 1953.

Retired from ministry in 1995.

Allegation of the abuse of a minor in Alabama in 1972-1974 received in 1998, only after his retirement, and not substantiated.

All claims released and discharged in 1999.

Deceased April 4, 2000.

Charles G. Many

Ordained 1974.

Substantiated allegation of the abuse of a minor in Vermont, about 1981 or 1982, received in 1986.

Removed from ministry immediately in 1986.

Substantiated allegations of abuse in Connecticut, between 1978 and 1981, received in 1993-1994.

Released from religious vows in the Society of Saint Edmund in 1994.

Laicized in 1995.

John A. Stankiewicz

Ordained 1941.

Retired from ministry in 1989.

Substantiated allegation of the abuse of minors in Vermont in the 1950's received in 1992, only after his retirement.

Deceased January 12, 2000.

Paul A. Pinard

Ordained 1959.

Substantiated allegation of the abuse of minors in Vermont in the 1980's received in 1991.

Removed from ministry immediately in 1991.

Deceased June 12, 2017.

Paul I. Plouffe

Ordained 1945.

Deceased 2004.

Allegation of the abuse of a minor in Vermont in 1946 received in 2006, only after his death.

Edward J. Stapleton

Ordained 1948.

Deceased 1983.

Allegation of the abuse of a minor in Vermont about 1974 received in 2004, only after his death.

Aime J. Trahan

Ordained 1938.

Retired in 1979.

Deceased August 14, 1984.

Allegation of the abuse of a minor in Vermont in the 1950's received in 2004, only after his death.

Nelson B. Ziter

Ordained 1947.

Substantiated allegation of the abuse of a minor in Alabama 1974-1979 received in 1993.

Removed from ministry immediately in 1993.

Deceased July 7, 2000.