

The following clergy of the Archdiocese of Washington have been the subject of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor that meets one or more of the following criteria: (a) the allegation was admitted; (b) guilt was established through a criminal, civil, or canonical process; or (c) the allegation was otherwise supported by evidence sufficient to warrant inclusion on this list.

This list does not include clergy who were the subject of an allegation first made after they were deceased. The existence of an allegation or inclusion on this list should not be construed to mean that there has been an ultimate determination that the clergy member is guilty of sexual abuse of a minor, unless there is a specific notation that guilt was established after a formal criminal or civil law process, or an appropriate process conducted under Canon Law.

Francis A. Benham

Ordained 1963

Abuse first reported to ADW 1979

Removed from ADW ministry 1979 (treated and cleared for return to ministry)

Accepted assignment Diocese of Columbus, OH 1979-85

Abandoned priesthood 1985

Arrested and convicted 2005

Removed from Clerical State 2005

Died 2023

Salvatore F. Bucca

Ordained 1976

Abuse (possibly sexual) first reported to ADW 1978

Removed from ministry 1978

Robert Buchmeier*

Ordained 1991

Abuse first reported to ADW 2022

Removed from ministry 2022

Retired 2024

No arrest or conviction, and no canonical trial since the allegation predates his entry to seminary and subsequent ordination.

Raymond C. Callahan

Ordained 1963

Abuse first reported to ADW 1971

Removed from ministry 1971

Arrested and Convicted 1971

Removed from Clerical State 1977

Died 1996

C. Thomas Chleboski

Ordained 1988
Abuse first reported to ADW 1990
Removed from ministry 1990
Arrested 1990; convicted 1991
Removed from Clerical State 1996

Joseph B. Coyne

Ordained 1945
Abuse reported to ADW 1992
Retired 1994
Faculties removed 1995
Died 1999

Russell Lowell Dillard

Ordained 1978
Abuse first reported to ADW 2002
Removed from ministry 2002
Removed from Clerical State 2003

R. Joseph Dooley

Ordained 1960
Abuse first reported to ADW 1991
Removed from parish ministry 1992
Coordinator for Sick and Retired Priests 1992-1995
Retired without faculties 1995
Died 2002

John W. Eccleston

Ordained 1955
Sexual misconduct reported to ADW 1960 (sent for evaluation and treatment, cleared for return 1962)
Served in Diocese of St. Cloud, MN beginning 1962; Incardinated in St. Cloud, MN 1973
Arrested and convicted in Minnesota 1982
Died 2012

James A. Finan

Ordained 1959
Abuse first reported to ADW 1996
Removed from ministry 1996
Arrested and convicted 1997, 2003
Died 2013

Roger P. Gallagher

Ordained 1954

Abuse first reported to ADW 1992

Removed from ministry 1992

Died 2012

Edward T. Hartel

Ordained 1962

Abuse first reported to ADW 1995

Removed from ministry 1995

Arrested 1995; tried and acquitted

Died 2013

William E. Krouse

Ordained 1973

Abandoned priesthood 1987

Abuse first reported to ADW 1996

Arrested and convicted 1996

James V. Lannon

Ordained 1931

Abuse first reported to ADW 1953

Suspended 1953, 1954 (temporarily removed, evaluated, returned to ministry)

Permanently removed from parish ministry 1958

Died 1984

Paul E. Lavin

Ordained 1969

Abuse first reported to ADW 1997 (placed on leave and evaluated; returned to ministry after police investigated without charges)

Permanently removed from ministry after additional abuse reported 2002

Removed from Clerical State 2004

Thomas W. Lyons

Ordained 1948

Died 1988

Abuse reported to ADW 2002

Peter M. McCutcheon

Ordained 1979

Abuse first reported to ADW 1986

Removed from ministry 1986

Arrested and convicted 1986

Removed from Clerical State 2004

James F. Montgomery

Ordained 1956

Died 2000

Abuse reported to ADW 2020

Arthur J. O'Brien

Ordained 1983

Abuse first reported to ADW 1983

Removed from ADW ministry 1984 (treated and cleared for return to ministry)

Accepted assignments in Alabama and Hawaii 1985-89

Excardinated to Hawaii 1989

Arrested and convicted in Hawaii 1992

Died 2011

Robert J. Petrella

Ordained 1964

Abuse first reported to ADW 1966 (temporarily removed, evaluated and treated, cleared for return to ministry)

Permanently removed from ministry after additional abuse reported 1989

Arrested 1996; convicted 1997

Removed from Clerical State 2003

James J. Powderly

Ordained 1958

Abuse first reported to ADW 1997

Retired without faculties 1997

Died 2004

Edward B. Pritchard

Ordained 1974

Abuse first reported to ADW 1986 (placed on leave, evaluated and treated, cleared for return to ministry)

Permanently removed from ministry after additional abuse reported 1995

Arrested and convicted 1995

Died 2002

Thomas S. Schaefer

Ordained 1953

Abuse first reported to ADW 1967 (temporarily removed, evaluated and treated, cleared for return to ministry)

Additional abuse reported to ADW 1982 (temporarily removed, evaluated and treated, cleared for return to ministry 1983)

Permanently removed from parish ministry 1986

Nursing Home Chaplain 1986-95

Removed without faculties 1995

Arrested 1995; convicted 1996

Died 2009

James A. Scott

Ordained 1966

Abuse first reported to ADW 1986 (temporarily removed, evaluated, cleared for return to limited ministry 1987)

Hospital and Nursing Home Chaplain 1987-95

Faculties removed 1995

Removed from Clerical State 1996

Died 2013

Timothy F. Slevin

Ordained 1965

Abandoned priesthood 1974

Removed from Clerical State 1978

Abuse first reported to ADW 1986

Arrested and convicted 1986

Alphonsus M. Smith

Ordained 1956

Abuse first reported to ADW 1995

Removed from ministry 1995

Arrested and convicted 1995

Died 2005

Dan P. Stallings

Ordained Deacon 1986

Abuse first reported to ADW 2007

Arrested 2007; convicted 2008

Removed from ministry 2007

Removed from Clerical State 2009

Died 2015

William M. Stock

Ordained 1969

Abandoned priesthood 1985

Abuse first reported to ADW 2006

Arrested 2006; convicted 2007

Paul T. Twiddy

Ordained 1952

Abuse first reported to ADW 1965 (removed from ministry, evaluated and treated, cleared for return to ministry 1968)

Accepted assignment in Diocese of Monterey 1968-1971

Long-term in-patient treatment after additional report of abuse in CA 1971-1979 (cleared for return to limited ministry 1980)

In residence at ADW parish with limited responsibilities while in out-patient treatment 1980-1986

Retired 1986

Died 2009

Miguel Umana Zelaya

Ordained 1996

Abuse first reported to ADW 2000

Removed from ministry 2000

Removed from Clerical State 2003

Religious Order or Non-Diocesan Priests Serving in Archdiocese of Washington Parishes or Schools

Wayland Yoder Brown, Jr.

Seminarian for the Diocese of Savannah who studied at Theological College, Catholic University of America (Washington, DC) 1974-1977

Ordained (Diocese of Savannah) 1977

Removed from Ministry (by Diocese of Savannah) 1988

Abuse occurring as seminarian in ADW first reported to ADW 2002

Convicted for abuse occurring as seminarian in ADW 2002

Removed from the Clerical State 2004

Died 2019

Aaron J. Cote, O.P.

Dominican Priest on temporary parish assignment

Re-assigned by Order to Rhode Island 2003

Abuse reported to ADW 2003 (after re-assignment)

Removed from Ministry by Order 2005

Arrested 2008; convicted 2009

Died 2012

Theodore E. McCarrick

Ordained 1958

Removed from Clerical State 2019

Theodore Edgar McCarrick has been included on the list based on the findings of the Archdiocese of New York that allegations of abuse of a minor against then Father McCarrick were found to be credible and substantiated.

Walter Dayton Salisbury

Josephite Priest on temporary parish assignment
Abuse reported to ADW 1993
Arrested and convicted 1993
Removed from ADW by Order 1993

Ronald J. Tully

Augustinian Priest/teacher, Archbishop Carroll High School 1960s
Left Augustinian Order 1970, became priest of Diocese of Paterson, NJ
Removed from Clerical State 2004
Abuse reported to ADW 2011

Urbano Vazquez

Capuchin Priest on parish assignment
Abuse reported to ADW 2018
Faculties removed by ADW and removed from parish by Capuchin Order 2018
Arrested 2018; Convicted 2019

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This list will be updated if warranted by the receipt of additional allegations or further review of Archdiocesan records.