

THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT  
LIST OF CREDIBLY ACCUSED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

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ACCUSED RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

The Diocese of Bridgeport Policies and Procedures Relating to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors, Section 11.2, states that the Diocese will maintain a public record, including a website, that lists the names of diocesan priests and deacons who have been removed from ministry under this Policy. This policy is in accord with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies dealing with the Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors.

The information below includes the name of accused Diocesan Clerics or accused Religious Order Priests who served in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The list contains Dates of Birth if alive and if deceased, the year the cleric died; their status; the location of their diocesan assignments and ministries; the year of laicization where applicable and date when the accused cleric was convicted where applicable. This list will be updated as new information becomes available.

**CREDIBLY ACCUSED CLERICS, LIVING**

<b>NAME (R) Religious Order Priest</b>	<b>Date of Birth (D.O.B.) Religious Order where applicable</b>	<b>Status: The year when the cleric was removed from ministry (unable to function as a priest)</b> <i>Where applicable, we have included the year when the cleric was laicized (No longer a priest).</i>	<b>Diocesan Assignments / Ministries</b>
Henry A. Albeke	D.O.B.: 9/3/1946 Year of Ordination: 1973	Removed from ministry 2002 Laicized 2007	St. Charles, Bridgeport   St. Jude, Monroe   St. Joseph, Brookfield   St. John, Darien   St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk   St. Francis of Assisi Church, Weston   Notre Dame High School

<p>Charlie Carr</p>	<p>D.O.B.: 3/21/1948 Year of Ordination: 1980</p>	<p>Laicized 2005</p>	<p>Our Lady of Fatima Church, Wilton; St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk   St. Catherine of Siena Church, Trumbull   Central Catholic High School, Norwalk   St. Philip Church, Norwalk   St. Andrew Church, Bridgeport   Notre Dame High School; St. Mary Church, Bethel   Immaculate High School, Danbury   John Paul Health Care Center   Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth</p>
<p>John Castaldo</p>	<p>D.O.B.: 12/6/1958 Year of Ordination:1987</p>	<p>Convicted 2001 Laicized 2007</p>	<p>St. Theresa Church, Trumbull   St. Mark Church, Stratford   St. Edward the Confessor Church, New Fairfield   St Rose of Lima Church, Newtown   St. Maurice Church, Stamford   Trinity Catholic High School, Stamford   Our Lady of Grace, Stratford</p>
<p>Jean Marie DeGraff (R)</p>	<p>Religious Order: Society of St. Jacques</p>	<p>The allegation occurred outside of the country. Allegation in CT was immediately reported to civil authorities in 2007 and ministry restricted during the investigation. Allegation not found to be credible by CT D.C.F. on appeal. Prior to being returned to unrestricted ministry, Fr. DeGraff was arrested for abuse of a minor family member out of the country. The Diocese of Bridgeport notified his Religious Order, the Society of St. Jacques as well as the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Fr. DeGraff is</p>	<p>Never incardinated in the Diocese of Bridgeport</p>
<p>Stephen J. DeLuca</p>	<p>D.O.B.: 1940 Year of Ordination: 1965</p>	<p>Removed from ministry December, 2014</p>	<p>St. Augustine, St Catherine of Sienna, Notre Dame High School, St Mary's High School, St Ann, St Agnes, Greenwich Hospital and Nathaniel Witterall Nursing Home</p>

Joseph Michael DeShan	D.O.B.: 7/11/1959 Year of Ordination 1987	Removed from ministry 1989 Laicized 1994	St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport
William Donovan	D.O.B.: 7/25/1935 Year of Ordination 1961	Removed from ministry 2005	St. John Church, Darien, ; St. Mary Boys High School   Central Catholic High School; Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich   St. Thomas More Church, Darien   St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown   St. Leo Church, Stamford   Holy Family Church,
Sherman Gray	D.O.B.: 7/4/1943 Year of ordination 1970	Removed from ministry 2004	St. Mary Church, Greenwich   St. Maurice Church, Stamford   Holy Name of Jesus Church, Stamford
Albert McGoldrick	D.O.B.: 4/25/1949 Year of ordination 1978	Laicized 2005	St. Mary Church, Stamford   Diocesan Tribunal, Instructor   Diocesan Tribunal, Auditor   Our Lady of Peace, Stratford   Assumption Church, Westport   Notre Dame of Easton, Easton   St. James Church, Stratford   St. Paul, Greenwich   Sacred Heart
Joseph Moore	D.O.B.: 10/3/1944 Year of ordination 1971	Laicized 2004	St. Theresa Church, Trumbull   Assumption Church, Westport   St. Joseph Church, Danbury   St. Mary Church, Bethel   St. Mary Church, Greenwich
Gavin O'Connor	D.O.B.:1/21/1936 Year of ordination:1977	Laicized 1989	St. Joseph Church, Shelton   St. Edward the Confessor Church, New Fairfield   St. Peter Church, Danbury
Gregory Smith	D.O.B.:5/25/1941 Year of ordination 1967	Removed from ministry 2002	St. Theresa Church, Trumbull   St. Joseph Church, Danbury   Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Bridgeport   Chancellor

John Stronkowski	D.O.B.: 9/20/1959 Year of ordination 1985	Removed from Ministry: June 23, 2016 (He was initially removed from ministry in May 2014 for reasons unrelated to sexual abuse of minors.)	St. Patrick Parish, Bridgeport   Our Lady of The Assumption Parish, Fairfield   St. Gregory The Great Parish, Danbury   St Ambrose Parish, Bridgeport   St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Shelton
Charlie Stubbs	D.O.B.: 1937 Year of ordination 1963	Laicized 2004	St. Edward Church, New Fairfield   St. Mary Church, Stamford, Assumption Church, Westport   St. James   St. Ann Church, Bridgeport   St. Catherine of Siena, Greenwich   St. Mary Church, Ridgefield   St. Mary
Vincent Veich	D.O.B.: 1945 Year of ordination 1971	Removed from Ministry 2002	Assumption Church, Fairfield   St. Catherine Church, Riverside   Assumption Church, Westport   St. Cecilia Church, Stamford   St. John Church, Darien   St. Benedict Church, Stamford   Notre Dame High School, Bridgeport

## CREDIBLY ACCUSED CLERICS, DECEASED

Accused Clerics who are deceased. In some cases, these allegations were brought forward after the accused was deceased and the death of the accused cleric prevented further investigation.

<b>NAME (R) Religious Order Priest</b>	<b>Year of Death   Religious Order where applicable</b>	<b>Status: The year when the cleric was removed from ministry (unable to function as a priest)</b> <i>Where applicable, we have included the year when the cleric was laicized (No longer a priest).</i>	<b>Diocesan Assignments / Ministries</b>
Kieran T. Ahern (R)	Deceased 1997	Convicted 1993	St. Luke Church, Westport   St. Mary Church, Bethel
Alfred Bietighofer	Deceased 2002		St. George Church, Bridgeport   St. Anthony Church, Bridgeport   St. Patrick Church, Bridgeport   Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport   St. Joseph Medical Center, Stamford   St. Joseph Church, Norwalk   Sacred Heart, Stamford   St. Mary Church, Norwalk   St. Charles Borromeo   St. Francis of Assisi, Weston   St. Andrew Church, Bridgeport
Stanley Bonaszek (R)	Deceased 2007 Religious Order: MaryKnoll MaryKnoll		St. Anthony of Padua, Bridgeport
Lawrence Brett	Deceased 2014	Laicized 2006	St. Cecelia, Stamford   Sacred Heart University
Walter Coleman	D.O.B.: 4/29/1932 Year of Ordination: 1959 Deceased: October 2016	Retired 1995 Removed from Ministry 2002	St. Theresa Church, Trumbull   St. Maurice Church, Stamford   St. Joseph Church, Danbury   St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan   St. Thomas Church, Fairfield   St. Patrick Church, Bridgeport   St. Joseph Church, Brookfield Center   Immaculate High School, Danbury   Central Catholic High School, Norwalk   Sacred Heart Church, Georgetown   St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull   St. Margaret Mary Church, Shelton   St. Cecelia Church, Stamford

Martin Federici	Deceased 2013	Laicized 2003	St. Theresa Church, Trumbull   Assumption Church, Westport   St. Ambrose Church, Bridgeport   Assumption Church, Fairfield   St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Norwalk   St. Joseph Church, Shelton   St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield   St. Matthew Church, Norwalk   St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport
William Fletcher	Deceased 1988	This is a single allegation. His death prevented further investigation	Sacred Heart Bridgeport   St. Joseph Church Danbury   St. Thomas Church, Fairfield   St. Margaret Mary Church, Shelton   Sacred Heart University   Assumption Church, Westport
James Gildea (R)	Deceased 1986 Religious Order: Fathers of The Holy		Notre Dame High School
Joseph Gorecki	Deceased 1988		St. Cyril Methodius Church, Bridgeport   St. Joseph Church, Shelton   St. Teresa Church, Trumbull   Holy Name, Stamford   Assumption Church, Westport   St. Vincent Hospital, Bridgeport   St. Mary Church, Norwalk
Richard Grady	Deceased 1993	This is a single allegation. His death prevented further investigation.	St. Leo Church, Stratford   Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport   St. Vincent Hospital   St. Mary Church, Stamford   Catholic Charities   St. Augustine Cathedral   St. Joseph, Bridgeport   St. Joseph Medical Center, Stamford   St. Mary Church, Bridgeport
Stanley Koziol	Deceased 2013	Removed from ministry 2002	Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford   St. Aloysius, New Canaan, St. Philip, Norwalk   St. Mark Church, Stratford   Holy Family Church, Fairfield   St. Edward the Confessor Church, New Fairfield   Immaculate High School, Danbury   St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown   St. Clement Church, Stamford   Our Lady of Grace, Stamford   St. Leo Church, Stamford   St. Joseph Church, Norwalk
Francis D. McKenna	Deceased 1989	Allegations first received in 2015/2016	St. Gabriel, Stamford   St. Jerome, Norwalk   St. Charles, Bridgeport   St. Bernard's, Sharon   St. Ann's, Bridgeport   St. Mary's Norwalk   St. Catherine's, Riverside   St. Patrick's Bridgeport   St. Joseph, Shelton   Spiritual Director, St. Joseph High School, Trumbull   St. Joseph Manor

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Robert Morrissey	Deceased 2014	Removed from ministry 2004	St. Lawrence Church, Huntington   St. Mary Church, Greenwich   St. Clement Church, Stamford   St. Joseph Church, Danbury   St. Joseph, Danbury   St. Mary Church, Ridgefield   St. Mary High School, Greenwich   St. Patrick Church, Bridgeport
Raymond Pcolka	Deceased 2009	Laicized 2004	St. Benedict Church, Stamford   St. John Nepomucene Church, Bridgeport   St. Mary Church, Greenwich   St. James Church, Stratford   Holy Name Church, Stratford   St. Mary Church, Bethel   Sacred Heart Church, Greenwich   St. Mary's Boys High School Greenwich   Notre Dame Girls High School Bridgeport