

List Of Credibly Accused Diocesan Priests & 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 names of credibly accused Bridgeport Diocesan, Religious Order or Visiting Clerics who served in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The list contains Dates of Birth, Ordination, if deceased, Date of Death; whether they were subject to single or multiple allegations; their status including laicization and other relevant dates; the location of their diocesan assignments and ministries. This list will be updated as new information becomes available.

This list has been recently updated and reorganized into five (5) distinct categories as follows: (1) Credibly Accused Diocesan Clergy, Living; (2) Credibly Accused Diocesan Clergy, Deceased; (3) Credibly Accused Clergy, Religious Order and (4) Credibly Accused Clergy, Visiting from Other Dioceses.

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Credibly Accused Diocesan Clergy, Living

* Removed from ministry means unable to function as a priest because he was put on permanent administrative leave. Where applicable, we have included the year when the cleric was laicized (no longer a priest).

Name	Birth Year	Ordination	Allegation	Status*
Henry A. Albeke	1946	1973	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2007
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Charles, Bridgeport (1974-1976); St. Jude, Monroe (1978-1979); St. Joseph, Brookfield (1979-980); St. John, Darien (1980-1987); St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk (1988-1992); St. Francis of Assisi, Weston (1993)			
John Castaldo	1958	1987	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002; Convicted 2001; Laicized 2007
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1987-1992); St. Mark, Stratford (1992-1994); Our Lady of Grace, Stratford (1994); St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1994-1998); St. Rose of Lima, Newtown (1998-1999); Trinity Catholic High School, Stamford (1999-2001); St. Maurice, Stamford (1999-2001)			
Stephen J. DeLuca	1939	1965	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2014
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Augustine, Bridgeport (1965-1967); St. Catherine of Siena, Riverside (1967-1969); Notre Dame High School, Fairfield (1969-1973); St. Mary's High School, Greenwich, (1973-1977); Stamford Catholic High School, Stamford (1977-1979); St. Ann, Bridgeport (1979-1984); St. Agnes, Greenwich (1984); Hospital and Nathaniel Witterall Nursing Home (2006); Residences: Holy Rosary, Bridgeport; St. Thomas, Fairfield; St. Charles, Bridgeport; St. Bridget, Stamford and Villa Maria Retreat House, Stamford			
Joseph Michael DeShan	1959	1987	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 1989; Laicized 1999
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport (1988-1989)			
James Gay	1931	1959	Single allegation	Left diocesan service in 1984, Faculties removed 2006; Administrative leave reaffirmed 2019
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Peter, Bridgeport (1959-1964); Immaculate High School, Danbury (1964-1969); St. Mary, Bethel (1964-1969); St. Mary Boys High School (1969-1984); United States Navy (1984-2004)			

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Sherman Gray	1943	1970	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2004
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Mary, Greenwich (1971-1973); Rome, Italy (1974-1975); St. Maurice, Stamford (1976-1981); Outside of Diocese (1982-1986); Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford (1987-2002)			
Jaime Marin-Cardona	1968	2010	DCF finding of substantiated allegations of abuse	Removed from ministry 2019
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Joseph Norwalk (2010-2014); Our Lady of Guadalupe (2014-2017); St. Charles Borromeo and St. Mary Bridgeport (June-September 2017); St. Mary Bridgeport (September 2017-2019)			
Gavin O'Connor	1936	1977	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 1989; Laicized 1989
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Joseph, Shelton (1978-1979); St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1980-1981); St. Peter, Danbury (1982-1984);			
Gregory Smith	1941	1967	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2002
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1968-1969); St. Joseph, Danbury (1970-1973); Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport (1975-1996); Chancellor (1989-1992); Sacred Heart University (1992-2002)			
John Stronkowski	1959	1985	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2016 (initially removed from ministry in May 2014 for reasons unrelated to sexual abuse of minors)
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1986-1990); Our Lady of the Assumption, Fairfield (1990-1994); St. Gregory the Great, Danbury (1994-2003); St. Ambrose, Bridgeport (2003-2012); St. Margaret-Mary, Shelton (2012-2014)			
Charlie Stubbs	1937	1963	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 1997; Laicized 2004
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1963); St. Mary, Stamford (1963-1964); Assumption, Westport (1964-1967); St. Ann, Bridgeport (1967-1969); St. Catherine, Riverside (1969-1976); St. Mary, Ridgefield (1976-1991); St. Mary, Greenwich (1991-1996)			

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Vincent Veich	1945	1971	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2002
<i>Assignments</i>	Assumption, Fairfield (1972); St. Catherine, Riverside (1973-1977); Assumption, Westport (1978-1984); St. Cecilia, Stamford (1985-1987); St. John, Darien (1988-1990); St. Benedict, Stamford (1991-1996);			

Credibly Accused Diocesan Clergy, Deceased

Note: in some cases, these allegations were brought forward after the accused was deceased and the death of the accused cleric prevented further investigation. Others were deemed credible when accused was living and accused has since died.

Name	Birth Year	Ordination	Deceased	Allegation	Status
Alfred Bietighofer	1938	1965	2002	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002
<i>Assignments</i>	St. George, Bridgeport (1966-1968); St. Anthony, Bridgeport (1968-1974); St. John Vianney, Peru (1974-1975); St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1975-1976); Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport (1976-1982); St. Joseph Medical Center, Stamford (1982-1984); St. Joseph, Norwalk (1984-1986); St. John Vianney, Peru (1986-1987); Sacred Heart, Stamford (1987-1988); St. Mary, Norwalk (1988-1998); St. Charles Borromeo, Bridgeport (1998-1999); St. Francis of Assisi, Weston (1999-2001); St. Andrew, Bridgeport (2001-2002)				
Lawrence Brett	1937	1962	2014	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 1994; Laicized 2006
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Cecilia, Stamford (1963-1964); Leave of Absence (1965-1972); Outside of Diocese (1973-1995)				
Charlie Carr	1948	1980	October 2024	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2005
<i>Assignments</i>	Our Lady of Fatima, Wilton (1981-1984); St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk (1985-1986); St. Catherine of Siena Trumbull (1987-1988); Central Catholic High School, Norwalk (1990) St. Philip, Norwalk (1990-1991); St. Andrew, Bridgeport (1992-1995); Leave of Absence (1996)				
Vincent Paul Cleary	1918	1944	1989	Multiple allegations	Deceased in 1989 before any allegation was known or investigated
<i>Assignments</i>	St Augustine 1944-1959; St. John Stamford 1959-1962; St Joseph South Norwalk 1962-1963; Our Lady of Peace Stratford 1963-1989				

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Walter Coleman <i>Assignments</i>	1932	1959	2016	Multiple allegations	Retired 1996; Removed from ministry 2002
	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1960-1966); St. Maurice, Stamford (1967-1968); St. Joseph, Danbury (1969); St. Aloysius, New Canaan (1970-1972); St. Thomas, Fairfield (1973-1975); St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1976-1982); St. Joseph, Brookfield (1983-1987); Immaculate High School, Danbury (1988); Central Catholic High School, Norwalk (1990); Sacred Heart, Georgetown (1988-1990); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1991-1993); St. Margaret-Mary, Shelton (1993-1995);				
William Donovan <i>Assignments</i>	1935	1961	2018	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002
	St. John, Darien (1961-1966); Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich (1966-1973); St. Thomas, Darien (1973-1982); St. Rose of Lima, Newtown (1982-1983); St. Leo, Stamford (1983-1989); Holy Family, Fairfield (1989-2002)				
John Draper <i>Assignments</i>	1927	1953	1966	Single allegation	Deceased before allegation was investigated
	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1953-1959); St. Mary, Greenwich (1959-1960); St. Joseph Hospital, Stamford (1960-1962); St. Thomas, Fairfield (1962); St. Mary, Ridgefield (1962-1964); St. Joseph, Shelton(1964-1966)				
Martin Federici <i>Assignments</i>	1940	1966	2013	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 1996; Laicized 2003
	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1967); Assumption, Westport (1968-1970); St. Ambrose, Bridgeport (1971); Assumption, Fairfield (1972-1977); St. Thomas the Apostle, Norwalk (1978-1981); St. Joseph, Shelton (1982-1983); St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1984); St. Matthew, Norwalk (1985-1995); St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport (1996)				
William Fletcher <i>Assignments</i>	1918	1944	1988	Single allegation	Allegation came forward after deceased
	Sacred Heart, Bridgeport (1953-1955); St. Joseph, Danbury (1955-1958); St. Thomas, Fairfield (1958-1963); St. Margaret Mary (1963-1968), Shelton; Sacred Heart University, Fairfield (1964-1988)				
William A. Genuario <i>Assignments</i>	1931	1956	2015	Multiple allegations	Retired in 2004; Deceased in 2015
	Sacred Heart 1956-1958; St Peters Bridgeport (in residence- 1958-1962; Gregorian University Rome 1962-1963; St Theresa Trumbull – in residence 1963-1968; Blessed Sacrament Bridgeport 1968-1972; St Anthony Bridgeport 1974-78; Diocesan Assignments 1974-1987; St Catherine of Siena Riverside 1987-2004				

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Stephen Gleeson	1937	1963	2021	Single allegation	Placed on administrative leave February 19, 2019 – permanently removed from ministry August 22, 2019
<i>Assignments</i>	St John the Evangelist (June 1963 - August 1963 Temporary Assignment); St. Ann, Bridgeport (1963-1968); St Mary Stamford (1968-1973); St Theresa Trumbull (1973-1977); St Stephen (1977-2013)				
Joseph Gorecki	1927	1959	1988	Multiple allegations	Leave of Absence from Diocese from 1978 until death
<i>Assignments</i>	SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bridgeport (1960-1964); Outside of Diocese (1965-1966); St. Joseph, Shelton (1967-1970); St. Theresa, Trumbull (1971); Holy Name, Stamford (1972-1973); Assumption, Westport (1974); St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport (1975); St. Mary, Norwalk (1976-1978)				
Richard Grady	1920	1947	1993	Single allegation	Retired 1989
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Leo, Stamford (1973-1979); Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bridgeport (1980-1988)				
Martin Hitchcock	1926	1951	2014	Multiple allegations	Retired 1991; Second allegation came forward after deceased
<i>Assignments</i>	St. James, Stratford (1951-1953); St. Peter, Danbury (1953-1959); St. Mary, Bethel (1959-1962); St. Joseph, Danbury (1962-1964); St. Lawrence, Huntington (1964-1967); Superintendent (1967-1971) St. Mary, Greenwich (1971-1991)				
Stanley Koziol	1933	1958	2013	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2002
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield (1958); Holy Family, Fairfield (1958-1962), St. Rose, Newtown (1962-1965); St. Clement, Stamford (1965-1966); St. Joseph, South Norwalk (1966-1974); St. Leo, Stamford (1974-1976); Our Lady of Grace, Stratford (1976-1979); Holy Name of Jesus, Stamford (1979-1987); St. Aloysius, New Canaan (1987-1992); St. Philip, Norwalk (1992-1994); St. Mark, Stratford (1994-1996);				

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Bartholomew Laurello	1920	1946	2004	Single allegation	Retired 1995; Allegation came forward after deceased
<i>Assignments</i>	Holy Rosary, Bridgeport (1946-1948); St. Anthony, Hartford (1948-1951); Holy Rosary, Bridgeport (1951-1954); St. Catherine, Riverside (1954); St. Raphael's, Bridgeport (1954-1958); Notre Dame Catholic High School for Boys (1958-1962); St. Joseph High School, Trumbull (1962-1963); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1963-1964); St. Roch, Greenwich (1964-1969); St. Mary, Stamford (1969-1970); Christ the King, Trumbull (1970-1976); Graduate Studies (1976-1980); Our Lady of Grace, Stratford (1980-1995);				
James McCormick	1890	1916	1965	Multiple allegations	Ministry Restricted 1954; Allegations reviewed after deceased
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Michael's, Hartford (1916-1926); Sick leave (1926); St. Agnes Home, Hartford (1927); St. Mary's, Norwalk (1927-1928); Sacred Heart, New Haven (1928-1932); St. Bernard's, Tariffville (1932-1935); St. Augustine's, Seymour (1935-1936); LOA (7/1936-10/1936); St. Vincent's, East Haven and Camp Palmer, Oxford (Summer 1937 & 1938); Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel (1938-1944); St. Michael's, Waterville (1944-1949); Sacred Heart, Waterbury (1949-1951); St. Joseph's, South Norwalk (1951-1954); Notre Dame Convalescent Home (1954)				
Albert McGoldrick	1949	1978	September 2023	Single allegation	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2005
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Mary Church, Stamford Diocesan Tribunal, Instructor Diocesan Tribunal, Auditor Our Lady St. Mary, Stamford (1979-1980); Diocesan Tribunal, Instructor (1980); Diocesan Tribunal, Auditor (1981-1984); Outside of Diocese (1985-1986); Our Lady of Peace, Stratford (1987); Assumption, Westport (1988); Diocesan Tribunal, Judge (1995-2002) Notre Dame of Easton (1988); St. James, Stratford (1999); St. Paul, Greenwich (2000-2002)				
Francis D. McKenna	1920	1945	1989	Multiple allegations	Allegation came forward after deceased
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Ann, Bridgeport (1946-1955); St. Mary, Norwalk (1955-1958); St. Catherine, Riverside (1958-1959); St. Patrick, Bridgeport (1959-1962); St. Joseph High School, Trumbull (1962-1963); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1962-1963); St. Gabriel, Stamford (1963-1968); St. Jerome, Norwalk (1968-1970); St. Charles, Bridgeport (1970-1972); St. Joseph, Shelton (1972-1989)				
Joseph Moore	1944	1971	2021	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 1997; Laicized 2004
<i>Assignments</i>	St. Theresa, Trumbull (1972-1973); Assumption, Westport (1974-1975); St. Joseph, Danbury (1976-1981); St. Mary, Bethel (1982-1983)				

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Robert Morrissey <i>Assignments</i>	1945	1976	2014	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002
	St. Lawrence, Huntington (1976-1977); St. Mary, Greenwich (1977-1982); St. Mary High School (1982); St. Clement, Stamford (1982-1984); St. Joseph, Danbury (1985-1986); Outside of Diocese – US Navy (1986-1989); St. Joseph, Danbury (1984-1986; 1989-1992) St. Mary, Ridgefield (1992-2002)				
William R. Nagle <i>Assignments</i>	1926	1955	1979	Single allegation	Allegation came forward after deceased
	St. Clement, Stamford (1955-1962); St. Vincent's Hospital (1962-1965); LOA for Clinical Pastoral Training Program (1965-1966); St. Vincent Hospital (1966-1969); Fairfield Hills Hospital (1969-1971); Residence St. Clement, Stamford; Tribunal, Judge (1971-1979)				
Raymond Pcolka <i>Assignments</i>	1939	1965	2009	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002; Laicized 2004
	St. Benedict, Stamford (1996-1997), St. John Nepomucene, Bridgeport (1968-1973); St. Mary, Greenwich (1974); St. James, Stratford (1975); Holy Name of Jesus, Stratford (1976-1986); St. Mary, Bethel (1987-1988); Sacred Heart, Greenwich (1990-1993); Leave of Absence (1994-1995)				
Boleslaus ("Bill") Rarus <i>Assignments</i>	1914	1940	2005	Multiple allegations	Retired 1987; Deceased before allegations investigated
	St. Bernard's, Sharon (1940); St. Patrick's, Waterbury (1940); Sacred Heart, New Britain (1940-1942); Holy Name, Stamford (1942-1945); St. Mary's, Jewett City (1945-1947); Holy Name, Stamford (1947-1959); St. Joseph's, Brookfield (1959-1967); St. Paul's, Greenwich (1967-1987)				
Paul Spodnick <i>Assignments</i>	1902	1927	1976	Multiple allegations	Retired 1968; Deceased before allegations investigated
	Assumption Church, Ansonia (1928-1929); St. John Nepomucene Church, Bridgeport (1929-1933); All Saint's Church, New Britain (1933-1937); LOA (1937-1938); Immaculate Conception, Waterbury (1938-1944); Sacred Heart Church, Southbury (1944-1950); St. Mary's Church, Bethel (1950-1955); Blessed Sacrament Church, Bridgeport (1955-1961); St. Benedict's, Stamford (1961-1965); St. Joseph Manor, Trumbull (1965-1968)				

Credibly Accused Clergy, Religious Order

Name	Birth Year	Ordination Year	Deceased	Allegation	Status	Assignments
Kieran T. Ahearn (Franciscan)	1938		1997	Single allegation	Removed from Ministry and Convicted 1993	St. Luke, Westport (1986-1990); St. Mary, Bethel (1991-1993)
Stanley Bonzszek (Maryknoll)			2007	Single allegation		St. Anthony of Padua, Bridgeport (1985)
Jean Marie DeGraff (Society of St. Jacques)	1962	1999			The allegation occurred outside of the country. Allegation in CT was not found to be credible, but Fr. DeGraff was later arrested for abuse of a minor family member out of the country. Fr. DeGraff is not permitted to exercise ministry in the Diocese of Bridgeport	In residence St. Mary, Greenwich
James Gildea (Fathers of the Holy Cross)	1930	1957	1986	Multiple allegations	Removed from ministry 2002	Notre Dame Catholic High School, Fairfield (1965-1986)

Credibly Accused Clergy, Visiting from Other Dioceses

Name	Status	Assignments
Jose Daniel Alberran	Diocese of Barcelona, Venezuela	St. Peter, Bridgeport, (Summer 1991)
