

# Archdiocese Releases List of Clergy Credibly Accused of Abuse of Minors or the Subject of a Claim Determined Eligible for Compensation

Cardinal Dolan, in a pastoral letter to the faithful of the archdiocese dated April 26, announced his decision to publish a comprehensive list of all archdiocesan clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors or the subject of a claim made to the archdiocese's Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program determined to be eligible for compensation.

That list, which contains 120 names, is now public at [archny.org/letter](http://archny.org/letter). Along with the names of those clergy members, the list includes their dates of ordination and current status. The list includes clergy who have been credibly accused of possessing child pornography.

"Please be assured there is not a single priest or deacon of the Archdiocese of New York against whom there has been a credible and substantiated claim of abuse against a minor currently in ministry," the cardinal said in the letter.

"As we continue the Easter season, and affirm once again the central reality of our faith—that the Lord through His Cross has brought us to the new life in the Resurrection—we live as people of hope in the face of all the evil and sin we find in our world, and sad to say, even in our Church," the cardinal said.

"I write today as someone who himself realizes the shame that has come upon our Church due to the sexual abuse of minors. I write to ask forgiveness again for the failings of those clergy and bishops who should have provided for the safety of our young people but instead betrayed the trust placed in them by God and by the faithful.

"More specifically," the cardinal said, "I write today...after hearing from many victim-survivors,

many of you, and many priests..."

The list includes archdiocesan clergy, which consists of bishops, priests and deacons who were incardinated in the Archdiocese of New York. It does not include priests belonging to religious orders or institutes, many of which have already released their own lists of accused priests, or "extern" priests who were ordained in other dioceses.

Approximately three-quarters of credibly accused clergy were ordained between 1908 and 1969. Most were ordained in the 1950s and 1960s.

The list is accurate to the best of current archdiocesan officials' knowledge, as of April 26. The archdiocese intends to update the list if additional information is discovered or brought to its attention, or if additional allegations of sexual abuse of a minor are determined to be credible. In the event that any changes are made to the list, the revised, modified or updated list will be posted on the archdiocesan website.

The archdiocese has taken numerous steps to strengthen and enhance its procedures "to ensure that our children are protected and to comply with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2002," said the cardinal, who cited key points of those procedures.

He said the measures have been effective, both to respond to victim-survivors with compassion and to prevent, as much as possible, incidents of abuse from occurring in the future.

"Still," the cardinal said, "we must continue to be vigilant to make certain that the failings of the past are not repeated. I pledge again today that I will do

all in my power to ensure the safety of our young people, and to react with sympathy, understanding and respect towards those who come forward with an allegation of abuse.

Among other highlights of the report that accompanied the cardinal's letter: No archdiocesan clergy in the Archdiocese of New York ordained since the Charter's adoption in June 2002 have been the subject of a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. Since the charter's adoption in June 2002, there have occurred two cases of sexual abuse of minors involving active archdiocesan clergy that have been determined to be credible. Both cases were handled by law enforcement, referred to the archdiocesan Review Board and resulted in the priest being removed from ministry.

Cardinal Dolan urged anyone who has an allegation of abuse of a minor "to go immediately to the district attorney to report it. If the allegation concerns a priest or deacon of the archdiocese, I urge you to contact the archdiocese's victims assistance coordinator as well, so that we might offer you pastoral support and invite you to participate in the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program."

The victims assistance coordinator, Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P., may be reached at (646) 794-2949 or via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org), or a report may be made via the website [www.archny.org/report-a-complaint](http://www.archny.org/report-a-complaint).

"Please join me in praying that this outreach helps bring peace and consolation to victim-survivors and their families who have experienced the horror of abuse," the cardinal said.

Jesus, risen from the dead, "shatters the darkness of evil and death and brings us to new life," the cardinal concluded. "It is my heartfelt prayer that together we as a family of faith may be healed and so bring the light of the Resurrection to the darkness of our world."

## A MESSAGE FROM TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

*Dear Member of the Family of the Archdiocese,*

As we continue the Easter season, and affirm once again the central reality of our faith—that the Lord through His Cross has brought us to the new life in the Resurrection—we live as people of hope in the face of all the evil and sin we find in our world, and sad to say, even in our Church.

I write today as someone who himself realizes the shame that has come upon our Church due to the sexual abuse of minors. I write to ask forgiveness again for the failings of those clergy and bishops who should have provided for the safety of our young people but instead betrayed the trust placed in them by God and by the faithful.

More specifically, I write today because after hearing from many victim-survivors, many of you, and many priests, I have decided to publish a comprehensive list of all archdiocesan clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors or who were the subject of a claim made to the archdiocese's

Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program that was determined to be eligible for compensation. That list is now public at <https://archny.org/list>. Along with those clergy's names, the list also includes their dates of ordination and current status. **Please be assured there is not a single priest or deacon of the Archdiocese of New York against whom there has been a credible and substantiated claim of abuse against a minor currently in ministry.**

The archdiocese has taken numerous steps to strengthen and enhance its procedures to ensure that our children are protected and to comply with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2002. For those who are not familiar with those procedures, here are the key points. Whenever the archdiocese is notified of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, the archdiocese reports that allegation to the appropriate district attorney. Even where law enforcement cannot act upon an allegation, the archdiocese removes the

accused priest from ministry while the allegation is investigated by outside professionals, all of whom are former federal agents, and refers the allegation to our Review Board to determine whether or not it has been substantiated. If it finds an allegation to be substantiated, the priest is permanently removed from ministry. The names of clergy have also been published in our archdiocesan newspaper, *Catholic New York*, and among the parishes where the accused was assigned. We have initiated the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, as a way to bring healing and justice to those who were abused by archdiocesan clergy.

These measures have been effective, both to respond to victim-survivors with compassion and to prevent, as much as possible, incidents of abuse from occurring in the future. Still, we must continue to be vigilant to make certain that the failings of the past are not repeated. I pledge again today that I will do all in my power to ensure the safety of our young people, and to react with sympathy, under-

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# UPDATE ON THE SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS

## *List of Archdiocesan Clergy Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Minor or the Subject of Eligible IRCP Compensation Claims*

Set forth below is a list of clergy of the Archdiocese of New York who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor or possessing child pornography, or who were the subject of a claim made to the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) that was deemed eligible for compensation. This list includes only archdiocesan clergy, which consists of bishops, priests, and deacons who were incardinated in the Archdiocese of New York. It does not include priests belonging to religious orders or institutes, many of which have already released their own lists of accused priests, nor “extern” priests who were ordained in other dioceses.

The inclusion of a cleric’s name on the list does not state or imply that he is guilty of a crime or liable for any civil claim. The criminal justice system presumes that a person who has been indicted by a

grand jury, or otherwise accused of or charged with a crime, is innocent until proven guilty. Similarly, a defendant in a civil action is not liable unless a plaintiff proves otherwise. Where an allegation involving an archdiocesan cleric resulted in a civil settlement, there was not a finding of liability against the archdiocese or the cleric, as is typically the case with civil settlements.

The archdiocese has created a Review Board to assist it in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse of a minor are credible and substantiated, and whether or not accused clergy should be removed from ministry as a result. A determination by the Review Board that an allegation is credible and substantiated, however, is not equivalent to a finding by a judge or jury that a cleric is liable or guilty for sexual abuse of a minor under civil or criminal law. Likewise, the IRCP is a compensatory program and not an adjudicatory body. As such, it is not required to adhere to the same standards as a court of law.

This list, its categorization, and the additional information provided herein is accurate to the best of current archdiocesan officials’ knowledge, as of April 26, 2019. The Archdiocese of New York intends to update this list in the event that additional information is discovered or brought to its attention, or if additional allegations of sexual abuse of a minor are determined to be credible within the parameters set forth above. In the event that any changes are made to the list(s), the revised, modified or updated list(s) will be posted on the archdiocesan website.

### **Steps We Have Taken To Protect Children**

In 2002, the Catholic Bishops of the United States adopted the Charter on the Protection of Children and Young People. The Charter led to a fundamental and comprehensive change in the way that the Church addresses sexual abuse of minors. The Charter requires that: all allegations of child sexual abuse be reported to law enforcement; every diocese have an independent review board to evaluate the legitimacy of these allegations; any priest who is found to have abused a child must be permanently removed from ministry; and every diocese must establish a safe environment program to implement preventive measures. It also requires that pastoral assistance be offered to all victims of abuse and that dioceses cannot demand that settlements of lawsuits be kept confidential.

The Archdiocese of New York has vigorously implemented the requirements of the Charter and, in fact, has adopted policies that are above and beyond the Charter. When the archdiocese receives an allegation of child sexual abuse by

archdiocesan clergy, the allegation is reported to law enforcement and the archdiocese fully cooperates with their investigation. The archdiocese also conducts its own investigation, relying on outside investigators. The results of the investigation are presented to the archdiocese’s Review Board, which the archdiocese established to determine the credibility of sexual abuse allegations and make recommendations to the Archbishop as to the appropriate course of action.

In keeping with the requirements of the Charter, anyone (clergy or lay) who is found to have committed sexual abuse of a minor is removed permanently from ministry and/or employment. Cases involving priests are also sent to the Vatican so that the person can be removed from the clerical state (often called “laicized”).

### **How We Have Helped Survivors of Abuse**

All victims of abuse who come forward are offered help. In accordance with the Charter, the archdiocese has appointed a Victim Assistance Coordinator who provides pastoral care to victims of abuse. All victims are also offered professional counseling by a counselor of his or her choosing. The archdiocese pays for this counseling. Any victim, no matter how old the offense, is offered help.

## **A Message from Cardinal Dolan...**

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standing, and respect towards those who come forward with an allegation of abuse.

Please join me in praying that this outreach helps bring peace and consolation to victim-survivors and their families who have experienced the horror of abuse. Finally, **I once again urge anyone who has an allegation of abuse of a minor to go immediately to the district attorney to report it.** If the allegation concerns a priest or deacon of the archdiocese, I urge you to contact the archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator as well, so that we might offer you pastoral support and invite you to participate in the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. Our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Sister Eileen Clifford, can be reached at 646-794-2949 or via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org), or you can report on our website at <https://www.archny.org/report-a-complaint>.

Jesus, risen from the dead, shatters the darkness of evil and death and brings us to new life. It is my heartfelt prayer that together we as a family of faith may be healed and so bring the light of the Resurrection to the darkness of our world.

Faithfully in Christ,

TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN  
Archbishop of New York

## **Important Highlights**

No archdiocesan clergy ordained since the Charter’s adoption in June 2002 have been the subject of a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. (Fig. 1)

Approximately three-quarters of credibly accused clergy were ordained between 1908-1969. Most were ordained in the 1950s and 1960s. (Fig. 1)

Since the Charter’s adoption in June 2002, there have occurred two cases of sexual abuse of minors involving active archdiocesan clergy that have been determined to be credible. (Fig. 2) Both cases were handled by law enforcement, referred to the archdiocesan Review Board, and resulted in the priest being removed from ministry.

No archdiocesan clergy member against whom there has been a credible claim of sexual abuse against a minor is currently in ministry.

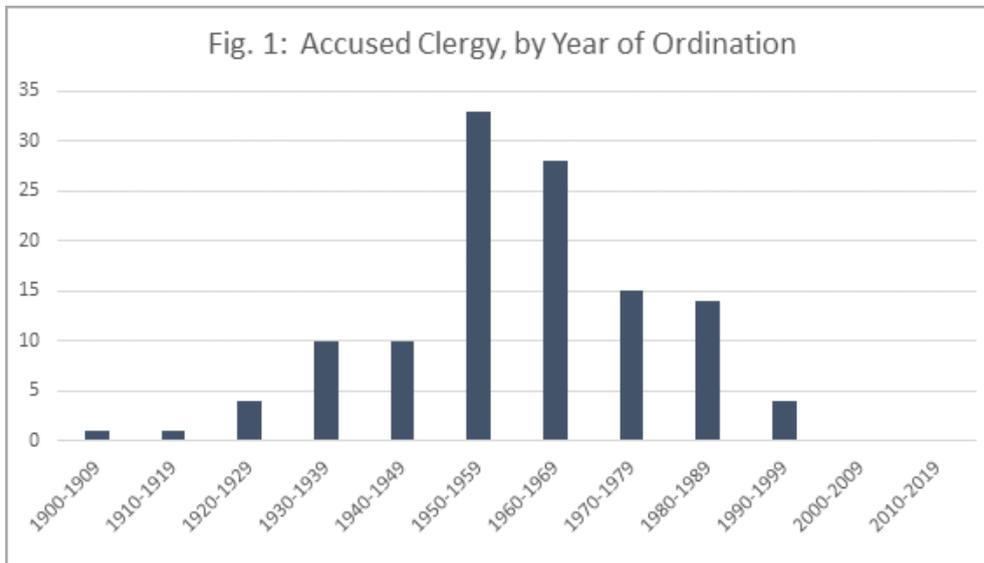


Fig. 1 shows the year of ordination for archdiocesan clergy who were credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor or the subject of eligible IRCP compensation claims.

Fig. 2 shows the years in which alleged sexual abuse of a minor occurred by archdiocesan clergy who were credibly accused or the subject of eligible IRCP compensation claims.

The following archdiocesan clergy have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this list, “credibly accused” means that archdiocesan officials have determined, following a review of available and accessible files, that one or more of the following exists:

- the archdiocesan Review Board found the allegation to be credible and substantiated;

- the accused was laicized or permanently removed from ministry as a result of the allegation;
- the accused admitted the allegation;
- the accused was convicted of a crime in connection with the allegation; or
- there was a civil settlement as a result of the allegation prior to the creation of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program.

NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	YEAR OF ORDINATION	DOD	STATUS
1	Adamo	Joseph	1942	2003	Removed from ministry; deceased
2	Albino	John	1990	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
3	Barjacoba	Peter	1960	2012	Removed from ministry; deceased
4	Betances-Torres	Martin	1987	N/A	Removed from ministry
5	Boyle	Francis V.	1955	N/A	Removed from ministry
6	Brennan	Robert J.	1949	2008	Removed from ministry; deceased
7	Calabrese	Daniel	1987	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
8	Carbo	Richard	1975	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
9	Carden	Robert	1957	2008	Removed from ministry; deceased
10	Carson	David	1984	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
11	Carson	John F.	1964	2011	Deceased
12	Colleran	Kevin	1972	2016	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
13	Dickson	Donald (Deacon)	1979	2005	Removed from ministry
14	Duenas	Jaime	1950	2014	Removed from ministry; deceased; laicization process pending at death
15	Eremito	Anthony J.	1967	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
16	Fennessy	Keith	1984	N/A	Removed from ministry
17	Flanagan	John D.	1973	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
18	Gallagher	Kevin	1998	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
19	Gallant	Alfred	1962	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
20	Gallant	John P.	1960	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
21	Gentile	Gennaro	1971	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
22	Giuliano	Anthony	1984	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
23	Gorman	Richard	1982	2018	Removed from ministry; deceased; laicization process pending at death
24	Harris	Wallace	1972	N/A	Removed from ministry
25	Hyland	Raymond	1947	1995	Deceased
26	Inzeo	Lawrence	1978	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
27	Jesselli	Kenneth	1984	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized



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NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	YEAR OF ORDINATION	DOD	STATUS
28	Kavanagh	Charles	1963	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
29	Kihm	Peter	1981	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
30	Kuhl	Morgan	1993	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
31	LaBelle	Ralph	1978	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
32	Lennon	John W.	1955	2012	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
33	Leone	Arthur	1956	2018	Removed from ministry; deceased; laicization process pending at death
34	Lynch	John J.	1965	N/A	Removed from ministry
35	Maguire	Stephen	1987	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicization process pending
36	Malone	Donald T.	1960	2012	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
37	Manziona	Arthur (Deacon)	1979	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
38	Mazza	Albert (Deacon)	1996	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
39	McCarrick	Theodore (Cardinal)	1958	N/A	Laicized
40	Mills	Henry	1988	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
41	O'Herlihy	Michael	1961	2013	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
42	O'Keefe	John	1972	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
43	Parrakow	Edmond	1968	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
44	Pfeiffer	James	1970	2002	Removed from ministry; deceased
45	Pipala	Edward A.	1966	2013	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
46	Quigley	Patrick	1981	2010	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
47	Sardy	John	1980	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
48	Stinner	Francis	1967	2017	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
49	Theisen	Joseph	1959	2013	Removed from ministry; laicized; deceased
50	Tos	Aldo	1953	2014	Removed from ministry; deceased; laicization process pending at death
51	Voglio	John	1987	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized
52	Walsh	James	1936	1998	Deceased
53	White	William T.	1958	N/A	Removed from ministry; laicized

<sup>1</sup>Father Christopher Pliauplis, an archdiocesan priest who had been accused of sexually abusing a minor, was found not guilty by an ecclesiastical court on December 14, 2007. Two archdiocesan clergy, Father James McLucas and Deacon James Rush, were accused of inappropriate sexual conduct following assignments in the Diocese of Harrisburg, in Pennsylvania. In Father McLucas' case, the victim stated in a court filing that she was not a minor when the sexual activity occurred. Deacon Rush was determined by the Diocese of Harrisburg not to have sexually abused a minor. Nonetheless, both men were suspended and remain out of ministry.

*The following archdiocesan clergy are awaiting final canonical or archdiocesan disposition of allegations against them.<sup>2</sup>*

NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	YEAR OF ORDINATION	DOD	STATUS
54	Coen	Charles	1968	N/A	Removed from ministry; allegation found credible and substantiated by archdiocesan Review Board; canonical process pending
55	Jeffers	Robert	1954	N/A	Removed from ministry; allegation found credible and substantiated by archdiocesan Review Board; canonical process pending
56	Jenik	John (Bishop)	1970	N/A	Removed from ministry; allegation found credible and substantiated by archdiocesan Review Board; canonical process pending
57	McCarthy	James F. (Bishop)	1968	N/A	Removed from ministry; canonical process pending
58	Meehan	John	1964	N/A	Removed from ministry; allegation found credible and substantiated by archdiocesan Review Board; canonical process pending

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59	Taylor	Samuel	1982	N/A	Removed from ministry; allegation found credible and substantiated by archdiocesan Review Board; laicized; appeal of laicization pending
60	Timone	Donald	1960	N/A	Removed from ministry; archdiocesan Review Board process pending
61	Williams	William	1959	N/A	Removed from ministry; allegation found credible and substantiated by archdiocesan Review Board; canonical process pending

<sup>2</sup>Two archdiocesan priests, Monsignor Harry Byrne and Father Thomas Kreiser, have been indicted by a grand jury and have been removed from ministry pending the outcome of their criminal cases. Further action by the archdiocese will be determined following the conclusion of those cases. An additional archdiocesan priest, Father Daniel M. O'Hare, has been placed on leave following an allegation of sexual abuse that was recently reported to the archdiocese. The archdiocese is continuing to investigate the allegation.

*The following archdiocesan clergy do not meet the criteria set forth above, but the IRCP's independent administrators have determined that claims against them were eligible for compensation. 3 In reviewing this list, it is important to note:*

- The clergy on the following list had already died or left ministry when the claims about them were made to the IRCP. As such, these clergy did not have an opportunity to respond to the allegations made about them or provide a defense.
- While the IRCP is a widely praised program which is being emulated across the

*country, it is a compensatory program and not an adjudicatory body. As such, it is not required to adhere to the same standards as a court of law.*

- A determination by the IRCP that a claim is eligible for compensation is not equivalent to a finding by a judge or jury that a clergy member is liable for sexual abuse of a minor under civil or criminal law.
- Certain archdiocesan clergy members who are on the above lists were also the subject of eligible IRCP compensation claims.

NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	YEAR OF ORDINATION	DOD	STATUS
62	Ansaldi	Joseph	1962	2015	Deceased
63	Brady	John J.	1908	1950	Deceased
64	Carroll	Maurice	1956	1998	Deceased
65	Cassiero	Daniel	1968	2009	Deceased
66	Clyne	Vincent	1945	2013	Deceased
67	Connolly	Eugene	1954	1995	Deceased
68	Croston	Daniel	1968	1994	Deceased
69	Cullen	Bernard	1930	1960	Deceased
70	Cunningham	Thomas	1935	1956	Deceased
71	D'Argenio	Herbert	1959	1996	Deceased
72	Dobransky	Edward	1959	2017	Left ministry; deceased
73	Dougherty	Daniel M.	1927	1978	Deceased
74	Fitzgerald	Joseph	1923	1977	Deceased
75	Flaherty	John	1945	1971	Deceased
76	Fox	Vincent	1954	1994	Deceased
77	Gaffney	Thomas	1950	2004	Deceased
78	Gerathy	Kenneth	1954	2013	Deceased
79	Gibbons	Thomas	1955	2017	Left ministry; deceased
80	Golden	Matthew	1936	1987	Deceased
81	Greene	William	1929	1976	Deceased
82	Harrington	John M.	1945	2009	Deceased
83	Haverty	John	1936	1980	Deceased
84	Heide	Herman	1941	1997	Deceased
85	Hickey	Joseph	1956	2014	Deceased
86	Hicks	Eugene	1952	1986	Deceased
87	Kearns	Walter	1961	1985	Deceased
88	Kelly	Kevin	1956	2008	Left ministry; deceased
89	Kelly	Stephen	1977	1993	Deceased
90	LeBar	James	1962	2008	Deceased
91	Logue	Francis	1968	1981	Deceased
92	Lott	Robert	1965	2002	Deceased

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93	Mangan	Eugene	1958	1997	Deceased
94	Marino	Umberto	1954	2004	Deceased
95	Martin	Patrick H.	1937	1983	Deceased
96	Mathews	Stanley	1946	1993	Deceased
97	McDonagh	Charles	1963	1999	Deceased
98	McGirr	Charles	1930	1949	Deceased
99	McNeill	Lawrence (Deacon)	1973	2006	Deceased
100	Melican	Mortimer	1951	2002	Left ministry; deceased
101	Murphy	Arthur E.	1919	1959	Deceased
102	Netter	Edmund	1951	1998	Deceased
103	O'Brien	Edward J.	1962	2002	Deceased
104	O'Brien	William B.	1951	2014	Deceased
105	O'Connell	Kenneth	1956	1984	Deceased
106	Parsons	Harold	1929	2002	Deceased
107	Phillips	Thomas	1942	2000	Deceased
108	Quinn	Lawrence T.	1967	2004	Deceased
109	Reinheimer	George	1950	2010	Deceased
110	Roos	Edward	1966	2015	Deceased
111	Ryan	Joseph	1938	1968	Deceased
112	Shine	Raymond	1953	1991	Deceased
113	Sullivan	Daniel J. L.	1933	1977	Deceased
114	Sullivan	Paul	1950	2005	Deceased
115	Taglienti	Vincent	1953	1990	Deceased
116	Weckbach	Joseph (Deacon)	1977	1995	Deceased
117	Welby	James	1962	N/A	Left ministry
118	Whelan	Donald	1957	1987	Deceased
119	Wilkinson	John	1948	2005	Deceased
120	Wolf	Casper	1938	1972	Deceased

<sup>3</sup> In four situations, the IRCP awarded compensation to victims who were unable to identify accused priests by name or where the identity of accused priests could not be conclusively determined.