

Credibly Accused

The following clergy have had credible allegations of engaging in or perpetrating child sexual abuse while working in or associated with the Diocese of Boise since the 1950s. Eight priests and one deacon are from the Diocese of Boise. It is estimated that since 1950, there have more than 300 priests who have served in the Diocese.

In addition to priests affiliated with the Diocese of Boise, the list also includes priests from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time were assigned here. These priests from outside our Diocese total eight, dating back to the 1960s. The Diocese of Boise does not have control over the final disposition of cases regarding religious order priests or priests from outside the Diocese. Per diocesan policy, these cases were presented to the Diocesan Review Board for Sexual Abuse of Minors beginning in 2002. Those credibly accused were removed from ministry if alive when the incidents were reported. Law enforcement was informed in cases where the alleged perpetrator was known to be alive.

The years listed under “Incident” are believed to be at or near the time the incident or incidents were believed to have occurred. The years listed under “Reported” is the time when the incidents were first reported to the Diocese.

Credibly Accused Diocese of Boise Clergy 1950s-to-current

Simmons, Donald (Deceased)

Incidents, 1950, '56

Reported, 2002

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. John’s Cathedral, Boise; St. Alphonsus, Wallace

King, Colman (Deceased)

Incident, 1960’s

Reported, 1993

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Rita’s, Kellogg.

Later, Morris (Deceased)

Incidents, 1960s and 70s

Reported, 2003

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Bernard’s, Blackfoot; Blessed Sacrament, Aberdeen; St. Mark’s, Boise; St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise

Kuiper, Michael (Deceased)

Incident(s), 1974-1975

Reported, 1994

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): Sacred Heart, Boise; St. Edward’s, Twin Falls.

Worsley, James

Incidents, 1976-1981

Reported, 1992

Left Idaho, laicized. Diocese to where he relocated was informed.

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Mary’s, Caldwell; St. Paul’s Student Center, Boise; St. Augustine’s Student Center, Moscow.

Garcia, Ruben

Incardinated in Boise originally. Later incardinated in Diocese of Tijuana, Mexico

Incident, 1980s

Reported, 1991

Imprisoned

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Mary's, Soda Springs; St. Bernard's, Blackfoot.

Gould, William (Deceased)

Incident, 1981

Reported, 2010.

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls.

Howell, Robert "Rap" (Deacon)

Incident, 2002

Reported, 2004.

Possession of Child Pornography

Imprisoned, Laicized

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Mary's, Boise.

Faucher, W. Thomas

Incident, 2018

2018 Convicted of Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography.

Imprisoned. Laicized.

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Mary's, Boise

Credibly Accused Religious Order priests or from another diocese, 1960s to current

Cornelius (McKenna), John

Seminarian, Ordained for Seattle Archdiocese

Incidents: 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973

Reported, 2001

Left Diocese of Boise to be ordained elsewhere in 1970s. Seattle Archdiocese took action. Seminarian for Diocese of Boise. Not ordained here. No formal assignment.

Meunier, Luke (Deceased)

Diocesan priest from Canada

Incident, 1971

Reported, 1993

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. John's Cathedral, Boise.

McSorley, James

Religious Order

Incident, 1972

Reported, 2004

Left Idaho in 1975. His religious order was notified, but his whereabouts are unknown.

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): Sacred Heart, Boise; Our Lady of the Lake, McCall.

Schuck, Martin (Deceased)

Diocesan priest from New York state.

Incidents, 1974-76

Reported, 2003

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Catherine's, Kamiah.

Baltazar, Carmelo Melchior (Mel)

Philippine Diocese of Metolos

Incidents, Late 1970s and 1985

Reported, 1985

Imprisoned, 1985

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise.

Connolly, Thomas

Religious Order

Incident, Early 1980s

Reported, 2012

Permanently removed from ministry, resides in another state. Incidents were reported to his home diocese and Religious Order.

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): Sacred Heart Mission, DeSmet.

O'Grady, Peter (Deceased)

Religious Order

Incidents, 1984 and 1985

Reported to Diocese and Order, 2003

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): Sacred Heart, Boise

Arockiam, Francis

Religious Order in India, Secular Institute of Our Lady

Incident, 1996

Reported, 1996

Expelled from Diocese back to India.

Assignment location(s) at time of incident(s): St. Mary Immaculate, St. Maries.