



Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse

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The following clergy on this list have had a substantiated allegation of child sexual abuse. None are in public ministry.

An allegation is deemed to be substantiated if it has been sufficiently confirmed so as to believe that abuse occurred. This determination follows a process of consultation and is not a legal judgment.

The fact that a specific parish is on the list does not mean that an act of abuse occurred at said parish. It's only significance is that a priest on our list once served at that parish.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. Questions about this list should be in writing and directed to the Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

The names on this list are divided into three categories:

- (1) Diocesan clergy
- (2) Non-Diocesan clergy with a substantiated allegation in the Diocese of La Crosse
- (3) Non-Diocesan clergy who spent time in the Diocese of La Crosse and whose name appears on a list in another diocese or religious order

(1) Diocesan clergy: a priest or deacon incardinated in the Diocese of La Crosse, against whom a complaint was filed and found to be substantiated, relating to conduct occurring in the Diocese of La Crosse or while the cleric was incardinated in the Diocese of La Crosse.

[Bruce Ball](#)

[Raymond Bornbach](#)

[Eugene Comiskey](#)

[Thomas Dempsey](#)

[James Ennis](#)

[James Finucan](#)

[John Thomas Finucan](#)

Tom Garthwaite

Richard Herrmann

William Hertenberg

Thomas Langer

James E. Mason

Garland Muller

Charles Rasmussen

Albert Sonnberger

James Stauber

Patrick Umberger

Raymond J. Wagner

(2) Non-Diocesan clergy with a substantiated allegation in the Diocese of La Crosse: a priest or deacon who is either from a religious order or from a diocese other than the Diocese of La Crosse, against whom an allegation was filed and found to be substantiated, while the individual was serving in the Diocese of La Crosse. For these names, not all otherwise reported information may be accessible to the Diocese of La Crosse, e.g., date of ordination or assignment history. All information available to the Diocese of La Crosse has been reported.

Timothy Svea

Bogdan Werra

(3) Non-Diocesan clergy who spent time in the Diocese of La Crosse and whose name appears on a list in another diocese or religious order: a priest or deacon who is either from a religious order or from a diocese other than the Diocese of La Crosse, against whom an allegation was filed and found to be substantiated by another diocese or religious order. The Diocese of La Crosse would have no specific information relating to the allegation.

Benedict Adams (Added February 5, 2020)

Dennis Bouche

Daniel Budzynski

[J. Michael Cannon](#) (Added February 5, 2020)

[Thomas R. Haller](#) (Added February 5, 2020)

[J. Roger Lucey](#) (Added February 5, 2020)

[Charles Meyer](#) (Added February 5, 2020)

[Orville Munie](#)

[James V. O'Connor](#) (Added February 5, 2020)

[Joseph Smetana](#)

[Michael A. Spegele](#) (Added February 5, 2020)

[Francis Zimmerer](#)

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