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of
LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

**Priests who served in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana with
Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors**

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In the September 16, 2018 edition of The Catholic Moment, Bishop Timothy Doherty committed to publishing a list of clergy with substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with minors who served in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Today, September 28, we are publishing this list and making a commitment to provide updates to the list so that it remains current.

The following clergy that served in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, had a substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor, and as a result, are no longer in public ministry. When considering this list, please bear in mind the following points:

- Our primary concern in the publication of this list is for the benefit of the victims. That the victims know the person who abused them has been identified, and the name(s) of the abuser(s) made public.
- If you have been a victim of abuse by clergy, or know someone who has been, please contact the following:
 - If a child is a victim of abuse or neglect immediately report to the Child Protection Agency (Hotline: 800-800-5556) or a local law enforcement agency.
 - Jackie Montrie, Victim Assistance Coordinator and Head of Pastoral Response Team: (765) 464-4988.
- Abuse may take different forms that constitute an attack on the person's emotional and physical being.
- Allegations are deemed to be substantiated when there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse with a minor occurred. A determination does not constitute a legal judgement.
- This list covers the period from 1944 (the year the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana was created) to the present.
- Cases reported subsequent to 1994 (when the Diocesan Review Board was created) have been presented to the DRB for review and recommendation.
- Cases predating 1994 were reviewed using diocesan administrative processes.



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- *The Catholic Moment*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana has, as a matter of practice, posted announcements about the removal of clergy from ministry for sexual misconduct with minors.
- Secular newspapers, through investigative reporting, have provided the public with the names of clergy serving in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana who were accused of child sexual abuse. In particular, we reference:
 - *The Indianapolis Star* and *Indianapolis News* exposé; February 16, 1997
 - *The Journal and Courier Special Report*; February, 1997
 - *The National Catholic Reporter*; February 26, 1997
 - *Pharos-Tribune*; March 21, 1997
- Questions about this list should be submitted to the Office of the Vicar General, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, P.O. Box 260, Lafayette, IN 47902-0260. 765-742-0275.

Diocesan Priests with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors (Includes living current and former priests and deceased priests.) Revised: October 26, 2021			
Name	Date of Ordination	Action Taken, Date Effective	Current Status, Date Effective
Bohlinger, Kenneth	May 22, 1976	Removed from public ministry August, 1988	Laicized March 27, 2009
Colletti, Joseph	May 29, 1971	Removed from public ministry July, 1990	Laicization in process
Funcheon, Gerald	May 22, 1965	Incardinated July, 1987 from Crosier Fathers Removed from public ministry	Restricted to life of prayer and penance in a supervised facility.
Grear, James	May 30, 1970	Impeded from Ministry Priestly faculties removed October, 2001	Impeded from Ministry Priestly faculties removed October, 2001
Kilcline, Frank	May 2, 1981	Removed from public ministry July, 2012	Laicized April 17, 2021
Kohne, Ambrose	June 11, 1929	Allegation of abuse received August, 2018	Deceased April 4, 1964
Sego, Arthur	June 15, 1946	Removed from public ministry July, 1994 Restricted to life of prayer and penance	Deceased September 7, 1998
Tracey, Donald	May 31, 1958		Deceased June 4, 1989
Voss, Ronald	May 20, 1967	Resigned September, 1993	Laicized June 6, 1998
Wagoner, Gordon	May 29, 1965	Ministry in Santa Fe, NM 6/1976 to 9/1983	Deceased September 2, 2008
Wieber, Raymond	May 24, 1969	Granted leave of absence November 1992	Deceased August 17, 1993
Gordon Wagoner, credible and substantiated in Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM- released Sept. 12, 2017			
The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana Religious Order Priests, who served in the Diocese, with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors (Includes living current and former priests and deceased priests.) September 28, 2018			
Name	Date of Ordination	Action Taken, Date Effective	Current Status, Date Effective
Cichanowicz, Charles, - O.F.M.	1980	Left Diocese August, 1991	Laicized 1994
Esser, Gilbert - C.P.P.S.	1924		Deceased May 15, 1979
Matichek, Robert C.P.P.S.	September, 1978	Dismissed from Community, 1997	Impeded from Ministry, 1986
Charles Cichanowicz, credible and substantiated in Diocese of Gallup, NM			