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Reverend James R. Adams

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1935
YEAR OF DEATH:	2011
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1963

Employment/Assignment History

5/1963-2/1966	St. Francis Xavier, Pittsburgh, PA
2/1966-8/1966	St. Peter, McKeesport, PA
8/1966-5/1972	St. Raphael, Morningside, PA
5/1972-10/1977	St. Francis of Assisi, Finleyville, PA
10/1977-9/1979	Resurrection, West Mifflin, PA
9/1979-10/1992	St. Isaac Jogues, Elrama, PA
6/17/85-11/19/85	Leave of Absence
10/4/1992-3/31/93	Leave of Absence
3/31/1993-3/1/2003	Leave of Absence
3/1/2003	Withdrew/Dismissed from Ministry

Summary

On July 24, 1992, then-Father David Zubik had a telephone conversation with a young man who accused Father James R. Adams of sexually assaulting him in the 1970's when the victim was between eight and 12 years old and a member of St. Francis of Assisi. The victim said that Adams had touched his genitals while the victim was fully clothed on at least two occasions, both times, while Adams was driving the victim and other boys to outings. The victim and the other boys discussed that Adams was "*strange*" and fought over where to be seated in his vehicle because no one wanted to sit next to him. The victim indicated that Adams had done this to other pre-adolescent boys as well.

In light of the allegation, Adams' ministerial faculties were withdrawn and he was sent to St. Michael's Community in St. Louis, Missouri for evaluation and treatment. Adams left before completing the program.

In January 2003, his faculties were withdrawn and he was permanently removed from ecclesiastical ministry, referencing the publication of *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

Reverend James L. Armstrong

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1950
YEAR OF DEATH:	2012
ORDINATION:	October 1, 1977

Employment/Assignment History

10/13/1977 – 7/07/1982	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pittsburgh, PA
7/08/1982 – 6/02/1985	St. Francis Xavier, Pittsburgh, PA
6/03/1985 – 6/21/1989	Resurrection, West Mifflin, PA
6/21/1989 – 2/20/1990	St. Ursula, Allison Park, PA
7/23/1990 – 6/27/1991	Holy Sepulcher, Butler, PA
6/27/1991 – 12/27/1991	Leave of Absence
10/24/1992 – 8/02/1999	St. Paul, Butler, PA
8/02/1999 – 7/23/2007	Newman Center, Slippery Rock, PA
8/02/1999 – 7/23/2007	St. Peter, Slippery Rock, PA
7/24/2007	Administrative Leave

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According to a “File Synopsis” contained in records subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a file was opened on Father James Armstrong on February 16, 1990. That synopsis and attached documents reflected that there was an allegation that Armstrong gave homeless boys from Pittsburgh drugs, alcohol, and money in exchange for sex.

In May 1991, Armstrong was sent to St. Luke Institute in Maryland for evaluation. Residential treatment was recommended and the Diocese placed Armstrong on administrative leave. Armstrong was granted a leave of absence for health reasons on June 27, 1991. He was admitted to St. Michael Center in St. Louis for residential treatment in July of 1991 and was discharged on December 27, 1991. He completed his aftercare program in December, 1993.

A confidential memorandum authored by Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, indicated that a victim contacted the Diocese on September 30, 2009 and requested counseling. He reported that he had been abused by several priests in the course of his life, including a priest whom he knew as “Father Tom.” The male stated that his father was a heroin addict and his mother was a prostitute. He eventually ran away from home and became a “street kid.” He said he was struggling to put the pieces of his abuse together. Flaherty asked the male to put his allegation in writing to the best of his ability.

The male’s therapist subsequently indicated that he was sure that something happened to the male; that the names, places, and other information was very specific. The therapist

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advised that the incidents involved “sex for pay” and occurred when the male was 14 to 15 years old.

Within the Diocesan records was a letter dated August 3, 2011 informing Armstrong of the sexual abuse allegations against him. The letter that the victim wrote to the Diocese dated January 22, 2010 was attached and referred to Armstrong as “Father Tom.” The victim indicated that he was introduced to him when he was 16 years old in the winter of 1985-86.

According to the victim, Armstrong would drive him [the victim] and a “hustler” far out Route 28 to Route 8, the Red Belt, toward Shaler Township up a winding road, always late night around 11:00 PM to midnight. In his letter, the victim wrote that Father Tom had them do various violent sex acts like calling him degrading things while he gave them oral sex. They beat his body, slapped his face, and spanked him too. This lasted for a couple of years.

In the period following his placement on administrative leave, there was correspondence between Armstrong and the Diocese for approximately four years, until 2011, which reflected he was still receiving treatment in Maryland. Armstrong died in 2012.

Reverend John M. Bauer

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1947
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 5, 1973

Employment/Assignment History

5/22/1973-10/02/1978	Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc, South Hills, PA
10/02/1978-1/17/1988	Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
6/17/1988-6/27/1994	Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
6/27/1994-2/18/1998	Pastor, Good Samaritan, Ambridge, PA
2/18/1998-1/20/1999	Leave of Absence
1/20/1999-6/04/2006	Administrator, Our Lady of Consolation, Carmichaels, PA
1/20/1999-present	Pastor, St. Hugh, Carmichaels, PA
6/04/2006-present	Pastor, Our Lady of Consolation, Carmichaels, PA

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Documents subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh revealed that an allegation of sexual abuse by Father John Bauer first surfaced when it was included in another complaint that was lodged against Father Michael Romero.

A memorandum to the file dated October 13, 2013 from Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, indicated that, during a telephone conversation with the male, he told her that Romero and Bauer would provide him alcohol and encourage him to drink it. He stated that he has suffered with alcoholism for years while he was trying to suppress the memories of sexual abuse as a minor child. He stated that he attributes the majority of his problems with alcohol to his early exposure to alcohol by Romero and Bauer.

This memorandum also stated that Romero and Bauer would engage him and the other young boys in conversation about masturbation a lot. The male stated that he remembers Bauer taking him to a wrestling tournament on Columbus, Ohio along with two other students. They were all drinking alcohol as they drove.

The victim reported that Bauer would “wrestle” with him but maintained that there was no genital contact. He found this to be strange that Bauer would want to wrestle with all the boys since he was not a wrestling coach or was not really involved in the wrestling program.

The victim asked for assistance with counseling to help him deal with his repressed issues of sexual abuse. Flaherty told him that she would contact her counterpart in Florida, where

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the victim was living, and would forward some referral information to him. Flaherty also asked him to make a written statement and told him that she would be obligated to share this information with the Washington County District Attorney's Office.

On October 17, 2013, Flaherty sent a follow up e-mail to the victim, providing him with contact information for a local counselor. She also asked him to make a written statement outlining his allegations because the Diocese wanted to follow up with Bauer and would like to have the written statement to discuss with him.

In a memorandum to the file dated October 17, 2013, Flaherty outlined a meeting that she, Bishop William Waltersheid, Father Mark Eckman had with Bauer to address the allegations. Bauer stated that he recalled the victim and that he remembered him as one of the young boys who would work out in the "wrestling room." Bauer said he remembered wrestling with some of the boys on occasion in the "wrestling room." Bauer stated he would often "*join them*" since he enjoyed doing a good workout.

Bauer was specifically asked about the trip when he took three young boys to Columbus, Ohio and provided them alcohol. Bauer initially denied taking this trip but then recalled this trip did occur. Bauer denied providing the boys alcohol in their car ride and suggested that maybe they had their own alcohol that they were drinking but he was unaware of that happening. Bauer also suggested that the victim may have mistaken him for the deceased Romero who was also assigned to the parish at the same time. Bauer stated that some of the boys would ask him to provide them alcohol but that he never did.

The victim's allegation was forwarded to the Washington County District Attorney's office on August 5, 2014.

Reverend John E. Brueckner

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1915
YEAR OF DEATH:	1960
ORDINATION:	June 16, 1940

Employment/Assignment History

2/20/1940 – 9/6/1944	Immaculate Conception, Pittsburgh, PA
9/7/1944 – 9/11/1947	St. Joseph, New Kensington, PA
9/11/1947 – 4/6/1949	St. Mary and New Castle Hospital, New Castle, PA
4/7/1949 – 11/7/1951	St. Mary, Beaver Falls, PA
11/ 8/1951 – 6/13/1956	St. Lawrence, Pittsburgh, PA
6/14/1956 – 5/27/1959	Annunciation, North Side, PA
5/23/1959 – 10/2/1960	St. Luke, Carnegie, PA

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The Diocesan records contained a memorandum dated May, 4, 2016 that was written by Father William J. Waltersheid. He reported that a woman had contacted the Diocese of Greensburg to report that her husband suffered abuse at the hand of a Catholic priest when he was only a child. Prior to the creation of the Diocese of Greensburg on March 10, 1951, the parishes in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland counties were encompassed by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

According to the memorandum, the woman stated that in 2002 her husband informed her that he had been abused by a priest from St. Joseph sometime between the years of 1947 and 1951. He stated that the abuse occurred in the priest's car after they saw a baseball game together. She could not recall the name of the priest who abused her husband.

A search of Diocesan records revealed that Father Brueckner and Father Stewart were assigned to St. Joseph during this time period.

On May 6, 2016, the Diocese sent a confidential memorandum to the Westmoreland County District Attorney's Office, reporting that sometime between 1947 and 1951, a catholic priest stationed at St. Joseph Church abused a boy "*just going into puberty.*" The memorandum provided a list of priests who were assigned to St. Joseph. Brueckner and Stewart's names were contained on the list. The letter also mentioned a May 3, 2016 e-mail communication that had previously been sent to the District Attorney's Office. However, the Diocesan files do not contain a copy of this e-mail.

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It does not appear that the Diocese of Pittsburgh took any further action in connection with the allegation.

Reverend Leo Burchianti

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1939
YEAR OF DEATH:	2013
ORDINATION:	1964

Employment/Assignment History

5/27/1964-8/21/1966	St. Joseph, Natrona, PA
8/22/1966-6/09/1968	Immaculate Conception, Bloomfield, PA
6/10/1968-5/21/1973	Our Lady of Grace, Scott Township, PA
5/22/1973-1/24/1979	St. James, Sewickley, PA
1/25/1979-11/21/1980	St. Philip Neri, Donora, PA
11/22/1980-2/12/1981	Leave of Absence, health reasons
2/13/1981-12/03/1981	St. Rosalia, Greenfield, PA
12/04/1981-4/12/1993	St. Joseph, West Aliquippa, PA
4/12/1993-1/30/1995	Leave of Absence, health reasons/administrative
1/30/1995	Retired
1/31/2003	Withdrew from ministry

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Records subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including a confidential memorandum dated May 10, 2012, medical records, and victim files, reflected that from approximately 1967 to 1993, Father Leo Burchianti was alleged to have had inappropriate contact with at least eight young boys. These allegations included but were not limited to Burchianti: having anal or oral sex with them; inappropriately touching them; making suggestive comments to them; providing alcohol to them; allowing them to use drugs in the rectory; and inviting some to stay overnight to sleep in his bed with him.

In February/March 1979, a minor boy was asked by Burchianti to go over to the parish house by himself. While there, the boy was given alcohol by Burchianti and told by Burchianti that “he gets very horny after one beer.” Burchianti also stated, “*Love the one you’re with, if you’re not with the one you love, and since you are not with the one you love (your girlfriend), he should love the one he was with.*” Burchianti then dimmed the lights in the room. A fuse then blew and the boy used this opportunity to leave the room very quickly. As he was leaving, he received the impression that Burchianti was going to kiss him, but Burchianti did not.

In the summer of 1979, another minor boy was given alcohol by Burchianti and on two distinct occasions, was told by Burchianti that he “*wanted to rape*” the boy. In September 1979, while the boy was at the rectory doing work for Burchianti, Burchianti attempted to go into the bathroom with the boy. He later placed his hand under the elastic in the boy’s shorts. When he

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told Burchianti not to tickle him, Burchianti responded, *"I'm not trying to tickle you, I'm trying to grab for something."* The boy quickly left.

In January 1980, another minor boy was having personal issues and was persuaded to talk to his parish priest. It was agreed that he would talk to Burchianti and spend the night at the rectory with him. While in Burchianti's room, he saw a picture of a young boy, approximately 17 years old. Burchianti pointed to the picture and said, *"You see that young boy, he is making \$20.00 to \$25.00 a hit and you could be too."* Burchianti then stated that he had pornographic films and he could show them to the boy. As they both got ready for bed and undressed to their underwear, Burchianti sat next to the boy on the bed and grabbed at the boy's genital area. The boy hit Burchianti and Burchianti made the boy promise to not tell his mother. The boy then got into the bed and Burchianti got in beside him. The boy immediately got out of the bed and slept on the couch. The next morning, Burchianti asked the boy if it would help him if Burchianti made love to him. The boy, in response, twisted Burchianti's arm behind his back and told him not to try anything ever again.

On several unknown occasions in 1979/1980, another minor boy was involved in a number of incidents with Burchianti. On one occasion, Burchianti offered to watch *"films"* of guys or girls with him, but Burchianti noted that he preferred to watch guys. On another occasion, Burchianti stated *"you could have just as much fun with a man as with a woman"* and then asked the boy, *"you mean to tell me you wouldn't take a blowjob from a guy?"* Burchianti then told the boy that he would like to kiss him. On another occasion, Burchianti told the boy that he was his *"secret admirer"* and that he *"wanted to rape him."* The boy reported that Burchianti provided him alcohol several times.

In the early 1980s, a 12-year-old boy alleged that he was kissed and groped numerous times by Burchianti, while Burchianti was assigned to St. Joseph.

It should be noted that on October 26, 1980, Burchianti admitted to all of these allegations except the *"ones concerning abuse."*

In 1985, a mother of a minor boy informed Father Nicholas Dattilo that Burchianti had made sexual advances toward her son in 1977. Burchianti reportedly told her son that they should go to bed together. The boy told his mother about this incident in 1982.

In November 28, 1990, a 30-year-old adult male (hereinafter referred to as John Doe 1) confronted Burchianti at his home about being sexually abused by him when the male was 14 years old. John Doe 1 was encouraged by his therapist to meet with Burchianti to obtain closure and so that he could be assured that Burchianti was receiving therapy for his *"problem."* Burchianti assured John Doe 1 that he was receiving therapy. According to John Doe 1, the sexual abuse included Burchianti providing and receiving oral sex from him for a period of a year and a half starting in approximately 1974. During this time, Burchianti was assigned to St. Joseph.

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On November 29, 1990, Father Theodore Rutkowski included a handwritten letter in Burchianti's file. That letter concerned his conversation with Burchianti about Burchianti's meeting with John Doe 1 the night before. Rutkowski stated at the end of his letter that:

Besides the usual assurances of our support, I advised . . . Burchianti that, legally, the statute of limitations had long since expired and that he should direct all contact from [John Doe 1's] family to me [Rutkowski]."

Nothing more was done at the time.

On April 6, 1993, then-Father David Zubik and Father Robert Guay met with another victim (hereinafter referred to as John Doe 2) who stated that from the ages of 13/14 (from approximately 1976 or 1977) to age 21, he had engaged in oral and anal sex with Burchianti. John Doe 2 was initially referred to Burchianti by his father to discuss John Doe 2 having been being sodomized by another young boy. John Doe 2 stated that the abuse with Burchianti occurred approximately 200-300 times while Burchianti was assigned to St. Philip's in Donora and then approximately 20-30 times while Burchianti was at St. Joseph. John Doe 2 stated that he was coming forward now with the allegations because he saw Burchianti recently and it caused these memories to resurface.

On April 12, 1993, Zubik and Guay met with Burchianti to inform Burchianti of the allegations made by John Doe 2. Burchianti admitted to having had a sexual relationship with him over the years, but disputed the number of times it occurred. As a result of the meeting, Burchianti resigned as pastor of St. Joseph, effective immediately and then requested a leave of absence for health reasons. On April 13, 1993, Burchianti was admitted to St. Francis Hospital. On May 6, 1993, Burchianti was admitted to St. Michael's for assessment and treatment

Ultimately, on March 18, 1994, a signed settlement agreement for \$15,000 was reached between the Diocese and John Doe 2.

On April 16, 1994, Burchianti asked the Assessment Board and Clergy Task Force to consider his request for reassignment. On August 29, 1994, the report of the Ministerial Assessment Board unanimously recommended that Burchianti not be given any assignment in the diocese. On September 22, 1994, Burchianti asked Bishop Wuerl to be reassigned somewhere within the diocese. On September 29, 1994, Bishop Wuerl informed Burchianti that given the recommendation of both the Assessment Board and the Clergy Task Force, his request would not be granted and no assignment would be given to him. On October 18, 1994, Burchianti requested early retirement "for reasons of health," which was ultimately approved.

On October 27, 1994, Zubik sent a letter to Bishop Donald Wuerl which referred to "Retirement Request: Reverend Leo R. Burchianti" The letter stated:

Attached you will find a draft letter granting Father Leo Burchianti early retirement from active ministry for reasons of health. I purposely did not indicate any reference to the possible arrangements for his work with the retired priests

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at St. John Vianney Manor nor his residence there. In light of the recommendation made by the Assessment Board, I feared this might appear to be an assignment. Because I indicated a reference in the letter to being in contact with me, I feel it would be better to work out the details of his work and residence at St. John Vianney with both Father Burchianti and Sister Joyce. If you feel the letter needs to be more explicit in this regard, I will make the appropriate changes.

Burchianti began residing at St. John Vianney Manor on February 1, 1995 and remained there until at least 2012.

On January 16, 2003, Father Young wrote to Burchianti, informing him that with the publication of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, and with the approval by the Holy See of the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*, he was being permanently removed from ecclesiastical ministry. Young also told Burchianti, “*Given this significant development, I would ask that you write Bishop Wuerl indicating that you are withdrawing from priestly ministry.*”

On September 21, 2007, John Doe 1 met with Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, regarding the sexual abuse he endured by Burchianti, which was discussed above. He told Flaherty of the sexual abuse that occurred when he was in seventh and eighth grades and that these assaults occurred in the rectory, in Burchianti’s room and car. Joe Doe 1 also recalled being taken to the seminary pool during this time frame, where he would see other boys from his class. These boys came to the pool with Father Bob Castelucci and Father Rudy Smoley, friends of Burchianti. He stated that the “priests would make statements to each other, bragging about the boy that each of them brought.”

On September 25, 2007, Father David Bonnar, Father John Rushofsky and Flaherty, met with Burchianti to discuss the allegations. During this meeting, Burchianti admitted to sexual contact with John Doe 1 and “*wished he could erase his past.*” Burchianti also admitted to being “*sexually involved with [John Doe 1’s] mother for 6-8 months*” and that he along with Castelucci and Smoley, would take young boys to the seminary pool and brag to one another about them.

On June 10, 2008, the Diocese provided John Doe 1 with for \$24,000 for counseling he was receiving as a result of this abuse.

During his tenure as a priest, Burchianti appears to have been evaluated and treated at St. Luke’s and/or St. Michael’s Institute on at least three separate occasions in 1989, 1993 and 2012 for “*inappropriate relationships with male minors.*” Burchianti died in 2013.

Reverend Robert Castelucci

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1938
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 9, 1964

Employment/Assignment History

5/27/1964-3/07/1965	St. Rosalia, Greenfield, PA
5/08/1965-5/21/1973	St. Joseph, Coraopolis, PA
5/08/1965-5/21/1973	St. Martha, Groveton, PA
5/22/1973-5/29/1974	St. Patrick, Canonsburg, PA
5/30/1974-6/29/1981	St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Braddock, PA
6/30/1981-12/09/1994	St. Lawrence, Hillsville, PA
12/09/1994-7/27/1999	Leave of Absence
7/28/1999-3/25/2002	Administrative Leave
3/25/2002	Withdrew from active ministry

Summary

Documents obtained by subpoena from the Diocese of Pittsburgh show that Father Robert Castelucci is alleged to have engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with several minors throughout his active ministry. The Diocese determined the allegations to be credible based on one victim's knowledge of Castelucci's anatomy, and Castelucci's psychological evaluation at St. Luke Institute. Despite having knowledge since 1994 of Castelucci's sexual abuse of children, the Diocese did not remove him from ministry, instead initially allowing him to take a leave of absence for personal reasons. Eventually, they requested Castelucci to voluntarily withdraw from the active priestly ministry in March 2002.

The first victim met with Fathers Robert Guay, David Zubik, Joseph Karabin and Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator on October 27, 1994. The victim stated that Castelucci molested him at the St. Mary rectory and in Castelucci's car. The victim said the abuse occurred from age 13 or 14 until age 17 in the 1970's. The victim alleged that sexual activity with Castelucci included masturbation, oral sex and one attempt at anal sex. He stated that he was a "troubled" youth at the time of the abuse. He reported that Castelucci gave him money and cigarettes.

The victim initially sent a letter to Castelucci on October 22, 1994, and wanted to speak with Castelucci regarding the abuse. In that letter, the victim stated, "I was 13 or 14 when you talked me into masturbation parties only to offer me money later." According to a letter written by Bishop Donald Wuerl to the Vatican on May 6, 2005, after the victim confronted him, Castelucci reportedly called the victim and stated

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not to get diocesan officials involved in the matter, and told [the victim] that he would never have gotten sexually involved with him had he known how much difficulty it would have caused him.

Castelucci also allegedly reminded the victim that he was “*a messed up young man already when he had met him.*”

The Diocese determined the allegation was credible due to the victim having detailed knowledge of Castelucci’s anatomy. Based on the information available, it does not appear that the Diocese notified law enforcement of the allegations. The victim eventually filed a civil lawsuit along with 32 other individuals, which resulted in a \$1.25 million settlement in October 2007. Diocesan records revealed that this victim signed a “Settlement Agreement and Release” document on October 3, 2007. The Diocese later forwarded three checks to the victim’s therapist: One in 2008 for \$1,130; one in 2010 for \$1,820; and one in 2011 for \$1,620.

Information about an additional victim was contained in materials obtained from the Diocese pursuant to subpoena. This additional victim appears to be a brother of the first victim. According to the civil lawsuit documents, this victim “*was a minor child approximately eight (8) years old when he was first sexually abused by Father Robert Castelucci.*” Based on the victim’s date of birth and his approximate age, the abuse would have occurred in approximately 1978. It does not appear that the Diocese provided any further information regarding this victim or his alleged abuse. This victim also signed a “Settlement Agreement and Release” document on October 3, 2007.

In October 1994, Castelucci reluctantly agreed to go to St. Luke Institute for a psychological evaluation. According to a document entitled, “*Reverend Robert Castelucci – Confidential File Chronological Review,*” St. Luke Institute recommended that Castelucci undergo testify to determine, *inter alia*, “*to what degree this includes sexual attraction to adolescents.*” According to a letter in Castelucci’s file from Bishop Wuerl dated February 28, 1996, Castelucci was unwilling to accept the recommendation for inpatient treatment, instead citing that he needed to take care of his ailing mother. Castelucci requested three extensions of his personal leave of absence. In May 1999, Castelucci requested an early retirement, which Wuerl “*did not grant since he did not meet the requirements in place for such a request.*”

Shortly after Castelucci requested an early retirement, the Diocese received information in July 1999 regarding an allegation that Castelucci had given a 17-year-old male a pornographic video, and performed oral sex on him. This third victim lived in Ohio where Castelucci moved after he took an extended leave of absence to care for his sick mother. Castelucci was placed on administrative leave. The Diocese reached out to the victim’s family regarding assistance with counseling. According to the Diocese, they never received a response from the victim’s family. In February 2000, Castelucci notified the Diocese that “*the authorities of Columbiana County, Ohio had decided not to press any charges against him.*”

According to a memorandum dated February 12, 2002, a fourth victim met with Diocesan officials to report a sexual conduct allegation against Castelucci. The victim alleged

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that the abuse occurred while he employed as an organist at St. Mary, beginning in May or June 1974, when he was approximately 17 years old. The victim stated that almost immediately upon his arrival, he began to experience “*touchy feely*” behavior from Castelucci. He said that Castelucci would come up behind him, grab him, and put his hands down his pants. He would also attempt to kiss him.

The victim recalled that in July 1974, Castelucci offered him alcohol in the rectory living room. Castelucci came over to him and began to caress his legs, shoulders and chest, eventually performed oral sex on him. These incidents occurred off and on while the victim was employed at Mt. Carmel, ending in June 1977. He also recalled an incident where he stayed in the rectory to watch Castelucci’s dogs while he was out. Castelucci returned around two in the morning, and suggested that the victim stay the night. He agreed to stay in the guest room, but Castelucci came into the room several times during the night to “*bother him.*” The memorandum does not detail what “*bother*” involved.

The victim further stated that there were multiple times that he told Castelucci he wanted the sexual activity to stop, but Castelucci made it known that sexual activity was expected as a condition for employment. The victim recalled, “*Father Castelucci saying on more than one occasion that ‘this is why I hired you’ or ‘you can just leave your keys then.’*” The victim mentioned that he was paid by check for playing the organ but was also given cash.

The victim also said that his friend (the first victim mentioned in this report) told him that Castelucci abused him. He also mentioned another young male who lived in the rectory for two months until he eventually grew tired of the sexual arrangement and moved out. According to the victim, this male “*had a suspect background and who implied to (victim’s name) that his living arrangement was in exchange for sexual favors provided to Father Castelucci.*”

The victim recalled nearly walking in on Castelucci and another unknown boy as they were about to engage in some type of sexual activity. The victim did not know the identity of this boy. Finally, the victim said that Burchianti would frequently visit St. Mary along with a “*TOR priest*” named “*John,*” and both were also “*touchy feely with him.*” (See narrative regarding Leonard Burchianti in this report for further information regarding sexual abuse allegations against him.)

Diocesan officials offered counselling which the victim declined. They then advised the victim that if he became aware of other individuals who have been harmed by Castelucci he should direct them to the clergy office so assistance can be offered to them.

In March 2002, after the fourth victim’s allegation, Diocesan officials met with Castelucci and indicated that it was in his best interest to voluntarily withdraw from ministry rather than be subjected to a canonical process. On March 25, 2002, Castelucci submitted a handwritten letter to Bishop Wuerl withdrawing from active ministry. On the same date, Castelucci sent a second letter to Bishop Wuerl which denied all allegations against him.

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A fifth victim sent an allegation to the Diocese in October 2002. The victim claimed that in the 1970's when he was a 12 or 13-year-old altar boy, Castelucci had asked his mother if he could stay overnight at the St. Joseph rectory. According to the victim, his mother readily agreed since his father was no longer around. She wanted him to spend time with a man, particularly a priest for a positive role model. The victim had heard from other altar boys that Castelucci had "dirty movies" that some of the boys watched. During the overnight stay, the victim asked to see Castelucci's "dirty movies." Castelucci allegedly responded, "he [the victim] would have to allow Father Castelucci to put his hand in a 'dirty place' on [victim's name] before he would show him a movie." According to the victim, he declined. However, the victim stated that he awoke to Castelucci masturbating him while the two of them slept in the same bed. The victim also stated that he remembered "seeing Father Castelucci standing by the window in the room and saying, 'What have I done[?]'"

The Diocese offered to assist with the victim's counseling costs, which he initially declined. However, he called in November 2002 to accept the offer. On November 22, 2002, the Diocese issued two checks: One to the victim totaling \$2,550 and the other to the provider of the therapy the victim was receiving (Clover Psychological Assoc.) for \$494. The Diocese noted that the victim's allegation were credible, and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office was allegedly notified. However, it does not appear that there were any documents with the victim's actual name in the file containing the written allegation.

Father David Bonnar and Flaherty, wrote to Castelucci on February 10, 2009 to explain the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* promulgated in 2002. Bonnar and Flaherty reassured Castelucci, "Please understand that all of these allegations are past the current Statute of Limitations and therefore time barred."

Another victim called Flaherty in May 2011 to report sex abuse by Castelucci at St. Mary when he was 15 or 16 in the late-1970s. The victim would not go into much detail, but stated that the alleged incident happened once when he was alone with Castelucci. The victim remembered that Castelucci took him to see an "X" rated movie. On another occasion when the same victim spoke with Flaherty, the victim's friend, who had also been molested, was present. The victim mentioned that he did not believe that his friend was inclined to come forward because he was mentally slow. Flaherty told the victim that the Diocese would be happy to help his friend if he decided to come forward.

In January 2015, Flaherty sent a letter to the victim's former therapist which indicated that the Diocese was moving towards a more time-limited approach to the therapy they would cover. The Diocese would offer a limitation of three years or 90 sessions for alleged victims. In this victim's file there were three photocopied checks made out to the victim's counselor in the amounts of \$190, \$814 and \$1,447 for therapy. An allegation with the victim's name was sent to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office on December 5, 2012.

Reverend Mauro James Cautela

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1948
YEAR OF DEATH:	2005
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

5/1974-5/1979	Our Lady of Joy, Pittsburgh, PA
6/1979-8/1983	St. Vitus, New Castle, PA
8/1983-5/1984	St. James, Sewickley, PA
5/1984-1/1989	Mother of Good Counsel, Pittsburgh, PA
1/1989-10/1992	St. Norbert, Pittsburgh, PA
10/1992-2/2000	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ellwood City, PA
7/1998-2-2000	St. Agatha, Ellwood City, PA
2/2000-8/2005	Holy Redeemer, Ellwood City, PA

Summary

According to records subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Father Mauro Cautela was alleged to have inappropriately touched three young boys during the times that he respectively served as pastor of Our Lady of Joy, St. Norbert, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Holy Redeemer. Additionally, Cautela is alleged to have used church donations and other funds to further some of his relationships with young boys as well as to purchase homosexual pornography on church computers.

In a confidential memorandum dated August 9, 2006, Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, detailed a telephone call she had with an adult male who reported that Cautela had abused him. He stated that between 1975 and 1981, when he was about 14 years of age, Cautela molested him multiple times while on church property and at Bear Lake in Seven Springs. The victim alleged that he was provided alcohol on some occasions as well. The victim reportedly brought these allegations up directly to Cautela in a voice-mail message in November 2003. Cautela claimed that the victim asked for \$20,000 in exchange for not exposing him as a pedophile. Cautela claimed that he deleted the message because he was upset by the allegation but reported the voicemail to Father James Young. Young said that the allegations had been forwarded to the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office. The records revealed that an Ellwood City Police Officer advised that a case number was never assigned to the matter out of respect for Cautela.

On July 7, 2005, Flaherty prepared a confidential memorandum regarding a telephone call she received from an attorney concerning possible sex abuse allegations against Cautela.

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Flaherty indicated that she and other representatives would want to meet with this potential victim.

On August 17, 2005, Diocesan officials met with the victim about whom the attorney had called on July 7, 2005 and his parents. This adult male alleged that Cautela sexually abused him between 1998 and 2005 when he was between 12 and 19 years old. He explained that Cautela had befriended him during a very difficult time in his life. He reported that he was inappropriately touched repeatedly by Cautela. This victim said that Cautela first encouraged him to begin lifting weights at a nearby gym. There Cautela would “massage” the boy to keep him loose, touching around his body including his upper buttocks and upper leg. While lifting weights, Cautela constantly touched the boy’s muscles commenting how much progress he was making. The victim also reported that on two different trips to Hilton Head, Cautela set up lodging to have the victim share a room and a bed with him. On one such occasion, the victim reported that Cautela began rubbing him down as he often did but ran his hands into the waistline of his shorts touching the top of his buttocks. The victim also reported that while on these trips Cautela was very insistent on applying sunscreen to the victim, partially exposing his buttocks in one instance while doing so. The victim further alleged that after he had suffered a staph infection, Cautela insisted on checking the boy for other abscesses on his leg. While pulling up his pant leg the victim incidentally revealed his scrotum to Cautela. After a football injury, the victim reported that Cautela came over his house while his parents were not home. Cautela began rubbing his leg, eventually sliding his hand up his shorts and further rubbing his groin.

The victim alleged that there were other males that Cautela was “helping” lift weights, massaging them in the same way as him. On August 23, 2005, he sent a 10-page letter to the Diocese in which he detailed his abuse.

The victim claimed that Cautela had purchased weight sets, a gym membership, a necklace, and a cellular telephone for him, gave the victim his car and paid for the insurance.

After the allegations were made, Cautela resigned from his position as pastor in August 2005 and was placed on administrative leave by the Diocese shortly thereafter in the same month. The Diocese advised the victim and his family that the allegations were forwarded to the Lawrence County District Attorney’s Office.

On August 23, 2005, Trooper Janice Wilson of the Pennsylvania State Police (“PSP”) took the initial information from the victim, and ultimately wrote a 24-page report of investigation detailing the abuse. The report of investigation included a number of allegations previously detailed above. Wilson noted the following in the narrative of the report:

- *In the fall of 1998 when the victim was approximately 12 years old, Cautela and the victim developed a close, friendly relationship after Cautela suggested that the victim begin lifting*

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weights as a form of discipline while his parents went through a divorce.

- *Prior to working out, Cautela massaged the victim's thighs and buttocks to "loosen" the victim.*
- *Cautela exposed the victim to homosexual pornography.*
- *In the summer of 1999, the victim began to work at the rectory (unspecified) on a volunteer basis.*
- *Cautela requested the victim's help with one of the computers, and had the victim sit on his lap while he worked. Cautela would then massage the victim's legs, arms, shoulders, back, neck and buttocks.*
- *When the victim turned 14 in 2000, Cautela provided the victim alcohol and gave him two fifty dollar bills for his birthday.*
 - *The victim noted that Cautela would never give the victim gifts in front of anyone else.*
- *In August of 2001, Cautela took the victim and two additional minors to Hilton Head, South Carolina.*
 - *Prior to the trip, Cautela promised the victim that he would have his own room, however when they got to the condominium, they had to share a king size bed.*
 - *When the victim went to sleep in the same bed as Cautela, he began to rub the victim's back and proceeded to fondle the victim's genitals and buttocks under the victim's underwear.*
 - *The victim claims to have left, and slept on the couch for the remainder of the trip.*
- *In the fall of 2001, the victim injured his leg, and "Cautela would rub his leg, continuing up under his shorts, and rubbing his groin"*
- *The victim noted that Cautela had an extensive amount of homosexual pornography on his computer in the rectory, and would often have the victim delete Cautela's internet history.*

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- *On August 25, 2005, the New Castle Police Department received a complaint of unauthorized dumping in their dumpster. The trash contained VHS tapes and DVDs of nude wrestling and homosexual pornography, at least 23 envelopes addressed to Cautela and a framed photograph of the victim and his two siblings.*

In addition, Wilson contacted an individual regarding his two sons. According to the father, his two sons did not want to speak with the trooper, stating:

he could see no advantage to his sons to speak with me. He stated that what happened was thirteen or fourteen years ago, and they didn't want to talk about it.

Wilson also interviewed the first victim, mentioned above. According to the first victim, Cautela took him and a friend to a cabin that belonged to a friend of Cautela's at Bear Lake near Seven Springs. All three of them slept in the same bed because the other room was "*mice infested*." The victim stated that Cautela provided them beer. When they went to bed, the victim reported that Cautela "*pulled his shorts aside and was performing oral sex on [the victim]*." The victim then rolled over, pretended to wake up and went to sleep on a lounge in the room.

Wilson also interviewed the cook/housekeeper of the St. Agatha rectory regarding Cautela. The housekeeper stated that Cautela "*often had young men up in his room even though that was against the rules*." According to the housekeeper, Cautela told her that the young men needed to use his computer. The housekeeper also noted that the young man noted above frequently came to the rectory in 1998 and/or 1999.

Based on Wilson's report, PSP noted three potential charges: Endangering the welfare of children; corruption of minors; and indecent assault.

Between October and November 2005, Cautela wrote letters to the Diocese requesting that it postpone both his evaluation at St. Luke Institute and the Diocesan Review Board process. The Diocese accepted the proposal to defer the church-based proceedings.

According to Wilson, on December 9, 2005, the Federal Bureau of Investigation agreed to file federal charges against Cautela for the incidents that occurred outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Cautela suffered a heart attack and died in 2005, however, thus concluding the criminal investigation.

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On June 1, 2006, the second victim's attorney filed a civil lawsuit. The civil complaint stated:

Although aware of Cautela's history of sexually abusing children, including the plaintiff, the Diocesan defendants nevertheless made deliberate decisions:

- a. Not to notify police;*
- b. Not to notify Children and Youth Services or other civil authorities;*
- c. Not to suspend Cautela from his priestly duties and/or contact with children;*
- d. Not to warn parishioners at Holy Redeemer Church that Cautela posed a serious risk to children; and*
- e. Not to conduct an investigation to determine the identity of other children sexually abused."*

Ultimately, the second victim signed a "Full and Final Release" document on November 2, 2006, which released the Diocese of Pittsburgh of responsibility for the abuse. As part of the settlement, the Diocese of Pittsburgh agreed to pay the victim a total amount of \$250,000.

Reverend Charles J. Chatt

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1936
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 9, 1964

Employment/Assignment History

5/27/1964-3/27/1969	St. Alphonsus, Springdale, PA
3/28/1969-5/29/1974	St. Anne, Castle Shannon, PA
5/30/1974-8/23/1981	St. Albert the Great, Baldwin, PA
8/24/1981-7/27/1992	Our Lady of Loreto, Brookline, PA
7/27/1992-1/31/2003	Leave of Absence
1/31/2003	Withdrew from Active Ministry

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Subpoenaed Diocesan files concerning Father Charles J. Chatt, including confidential, personnel and victim files, indicate that on July 27, 1992, the father of a young man reported his son's sexually abuse by Chatt. These incidents occurred in either 1970 or 1971, when the victim was in seventh or eighth grade at St. Anne. According to the Diocesan report, the father reported that he had gone to see Chatt and had told Chatt that he (Chatt) needed to call the Diocese or he (the victim's father) would.

That same day, Chatt met with Diocesan officials and admitted to the sexual contact which began at St. Anne when victim one was 14 years of age. The report recited that: "*Chatt states he never felt 'it' was wrong, felt it was a service—later felt like their whore.*" The sexual contact continued after Chatt's assignment at St. Anne's had ended because "*they came to him.*" Chatt advised that the "*relationship*" lasted during his assignment at St. Anne's and that it (sexual contact) "*tapered off*" after that. He claimed that the victim would ask for money and that the "*relationship*" stopped when the victim was 20 years of age.

The report further disclosed that when Chatt was assigned to St. Albert's, he had sexual contact for a few months with a 15-year-old from that parish. Chatt admitted this conduct during his meeting.

Chatt denied ever having contact with anyone from Our Lady of Loreto, but admitted to having contact with the first victim and his two brothers at Our Lady of Loreto when the boys were over 18. Chatt submitted his letter of resignation from Our Lady of Loreto on July 27, 1992. According to Diocese-provided documents, after submitting his resignation, Chatt sought treatment at St. Michael's Community in St. Louis, Missouri. Documents in the file indicated that he worked at St. Michael's and at "Vianney Renewal Center" until approximately 1999.

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A letter in the file dated August 3, 1992 provided further details of the sexual abuse against the first victim. The letter was addressed to Father William D. Perri of the St. Michael's Community and was written by then-Father David Zubik.

The letter provided the details about the abuse of the first victim. It also furnished additional details about Chatt's subsequent statements to Diocesan representatives. The letter indicated that Chatt confirmed for church representatives that he was "*involved in sexual relationships*" with the first victim as well as "*five other youngsters under the age of eighteen in the 1970's.*" He attributed his behavior to the "*free spirit*" of that time when the "*anything goes*" mentality was in "*vogue,*" in addition to his own sexual weaknesses and what he described as the "*promiscuity of the adolescent boys involved.*"

On February 3, 1994, the first victim and his wife met with Diocesan officials. He advised that in 1970, he was 13 years old and in the seventh grade at St. Anne school. The victim went to Chatt, who was principal of the school, to tell him that the basketball coach, Mr. Giles, had been fondling the genitals of many boys on the basketball team. He further reported that Giles would also spank the boys. The victim advised that Chatt did nothing about the reported incidents.

The victim further recalled going to the rectory to visit Chatt on many occasions after Saturday night mass. The victim said that they would listen to the radio, have Cokes, etc. The abuse began shortly after he reported the incidents involving Giles.

The victim reported that he knew of at least five other victims. He said that Chatt had confessed to him about three of them and that he [the victim] was present when two others were abused at the same time he was. This occurred in the rectory and at a cottage on the Youghioghenny Reservoir that belonged to Father Mihock. The victim stated that there was a lot of alcohol consumption, mostly at the cottage.

The victim described sexual acts to include, oral sex, anal sex and said that Chatt would insert objects into his anus. The victim recalled that he and Chatt would pair up and that Chatt would encourage the other two victims to be partners.

There were also instances of abuse within the victim's home by Chatt, who was a frequent guest. Chatt would go up to the victim's room after he went to bed and abuse him.

The victim stated that Chatt had bought him expensive gifts, including: a dirt bike, a drum set and hockey equipment. When he was 15, the victim told his mother about the abuse. The victim, his mother and Chatt then went to Father Hugh McCormley for confession. The victim's relationship with Chatt "*tapered off around the age of 16.*" Chatt then moved to St. Albert the Great, but the victim continued to occasionally visit Chatt.

The victim said that Chatt kept pornographic magazines in a safe in the rectory. He recalled one magazine in particular, "*Blue Boys,*" which contained images of young men and

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boys together. Chatt then moved on to his assignment at Our Lady of Loreto. The victim further recalled seeing a pornographic video there that Chatt claimed he found in a dumpster.

The victim's wife recalled seeing nude photographs of a six-year-old girl, who lived next door to Chatt's parents. She said that Chatt had told her and the victim that he took showers with the girl.

The Diocese's file indicated that on February 16, 1994, officials met with Chatt to discuss the meeting they had had with the victim and his wife. According to the file, Chatt was "*disheartened*" that the victim and his wife were "*still focusing so much anger and hatred towards him.*"

Documentation, including correspondence, receipts and treatment plans, indicated that the Diocese paid for counseling for the first victim and members of his family for several years after the allegations were reported.

In July 2001, another allegation involving Chatt was brought to the attention of the Diocese. This victim (the third victim) reported that Chatt had fondled him on many occasions while the victim worked in the rectory answering phones in the evening. This occurred in the early 1980's at Our Lady of Loreto when the victim was approximately 15 to 16 years of age. The abuse occurred one to two times per week, about every week or two, and lasted for several years. The fondling then abruptly stopped.

The victim explained that he was part of a small group of boys that worked within the rectory and parish. The boys were seen as "*Father Chatt's favorites.*"

The victim recalled an incident when Chatt asked him to retrieve something from his (Chatt's) room. The victim found a nude photograph of one of the boys who worked at the rectory. The victim said that, based on the photograph, he assumed that at least one of the other boys was sexually involved with Chatt. The file indicated that the Diocese offered assistance with counseling to to this victim.

In August of 2001, Diocesan representatives spoke with Chatt, via telephone, regarding the incident reported in July 2001. The details of the conversation were documented in a memorandum and contained the following information. Chatt admitted that there were occasions that he "*playfully groped*" the victim, but advised that they were infrequent and denied that the fondling occurred several times per week, off and on, for a year.

Chatt stated that he was not sexually involved with the victim. He was confronted with, but did not respond to, questions about the nude photograph of a boy that the victim found in the rectory. In notes of the conversation, Chatt was described as "*remorseful*" and concerned that he may have hurt the victim. The report further indicated that, "*Charles minimized his behavior as being 'much less than' his behavior that ultimately led to his treatment at St. Michael's.*" Chatt further expressed concern about possible legal action, but was advised that the victim's allegation was "*time barred*" so no legal action could take place.

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The Diocese's file further documents a series of e-mail conversations with Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, and a fourth victim in July and August of 2003. He alleged "*sexual, moral, and mental manipulation*" that occurred at St. Anne, St. Alphonsus in Springdale and at also a cottage outside of Pittsburgh. The abuse initially occurred when the victim was 15 years old. In speaking of Chatt, the victim stated, "*Due to his [modus] operandi of taking nude photos as part of his grooming process, it is safe to say that [dozens] of individuals are affected.*" "*I am in contact with a family where all of the brothers were sexually abused in Castle Shannon.*" Flaherty advised him in the e-mails to file a formal complaint, however nothing appears in the file.

Following the first documented report of sexual abuse of children reported in July 1992 that occurred in 1970 or 1971 at St. Anne's Parish, Chatt resigned as pastor of Our Lady of Loreto Parish. The parishioners were told that he had resigned for health reasons and to allow him time to better care for his aging parents. Chatt was sent to St. Michael's Community for an evaluation and thereafter returned to the facility for treatment where he remained for approximately five months. At the completion of treatment, St. Michael's staff recommended he be returned to ministry. Bishop Donald Wuerl did not honor Chatt's request for ministerial assignment and instead encouraged him to consider offers for assignment at St. Michael's. Chatt began an assignment at St. Michael's where it appears he remained on staff until approximately 1999. Thereafter, it appears that he began to do "*telephone work*" assisting the elderly and later became a social worker. In January 2003, at the request of the Bishop, Chatt withdrew from ministry and the Bishop withdrew his faculties and permissions.

Reverend Anthony J. Cipolla

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1943
YEAR OF DEATH:	2016
ORDINATION:	October 28, 1972

Employment/Assignment History

12/06/1972-11/14/1974	Parochial Vicar, St. Bernard Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA
11/15/1974-5/20/1975	Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
5/21/1975-9/22/1975	Parochial Vicar, St. Philomena, Beaver Falls, PA
9/23/1976-7/04/1978	Parochial Vicar, St. Agatha, Bridgeville, PA
7/05/1976-10/08/1978	Parochial Vicar, St. Francis Xavier, Pittsburgh, PA
10/09/1978-6/28/1983	Parochial Vicar, St. Canice, Knoxville, PA
6/28/1983-7/05/1983	Parochial Vicar, St. Philip, Crafton, PA (7 days)
12/01/1983-11/01/1988	Chaplin, McGuire Memorial Home for Exceptional Children, New Brighton, PA
11/01/1988-9/19/2002	Leave of Absence
9/19/2002	Laicized

Summary

Pursuant to a Grand Jury subpoena, records concerning Father Anthony Cipolla were provided by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including a confidential Diocesan file, personnel and legal document files, victim files and files containing numerous copies of documents related to civil litigation. As detailed further below, the Grand Jury heard testimony from two of Cipolla's victims, their mother and by members of the Pittsburgh Police Department who investigated the victims' allegations.

These files and testimony reflected that during the time Cipolla served as a priest, three different Bishops headed the Diocese. Cipolla was moved by his superiors from parish to parish, throughout the Diocese, several times during his tenure, for a total of eight moves in a sixteen year period.

Cipolla was first accused of sexually abusing children, specifically, two brothers who were ages 9 (first victim) and 12 (second victim) in 1978 while Cipolla was assigned to St. Francis Xavier. The abuses occurred in Cipolla's bedroom in the rectory and also in a hotel room in Dearborn, Michigan. On July 25, 1978, the victims' mother called the Pittsburgh Police Department and criminal charges were filed. Ultimately, the criminal charges were not pursued to a conclusion because, according to the mother, she was harassed and threatened by church officials to drop the charges and to "*let the church handle it.*"

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Members of the Pittsburgh Police Department who investigated the abuse of the brothers testified before the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury learned that on July 25, 1978, police responded to a residence in Upper Brighton Heights where they met the first victim and his mother. The first victim was taken to the hospital for an examination and detectives thereafter took over the investigation.

The Grand Jury was informed that the detectives subsequently interviewed the first victim, with his mother and father present. During the interview, the first victim related that on July 25, 1978 at approximately 1515 hours, he had gone to St. Francis Xavier church/rectory for the purpose of communion instructions as communion was scheduled to take place on July 29, 1978. The victim reported that he was taken to the bedroom of Cipolla after he had answered some questions pertaining to his catechism instructions. In the bedroom, the victim was told, "*I (Cipolla) did this to you before. I'll do this again.*" According to the victim, Cipolla shut all of the curtains and told the victim to take off his clothes. Cipolla took all of his clothes off and Cipolla placed a thermometer in the boy's mouth and stethoscope to his chest and told him he was going to examine him again. The boy reported that Cipolla sat in a chair by the bed and he sat on his lap while Cipolla reached around and touched the boy's penis in a squeezing motion; first, 20 times and then 50 times. The victim stated that he knew this because Cipolla counted every time he squeezed the victim's penis. The victim also reported that Cipolla placed his finger inside the victim's anus at one time. The child stated that he got up when Cipolla was done and sat on the bed. Cipolla told him that this was their secret and it would be a sin if he told anyone. He was made to sign a paper saying he would not tell anyone. The victim reported that he believed there was a list of names under a table in the room but he did not know what it meant. Detectives were told by parents that when the victim came home, he seemed scared. When they questioned him about it, he told them what had happened.

The first victim told investigators that Cipolla had done the same thing to him approximately three weeks earlier. Cipolla had also stated, "*I went through this same thing with your brother, and the doctor would charge \$60 for this.*"

The second victim was interviewed by the detectives and reported that he was a victim of the same type of conduct as his brother. He believed that these incidents occurred "*during the early vacation period of the summer of 1977.*" He explained that after school let out for the summer and before a trip to Dearborn, Michigan, he was told to get a physical examination. Cipolla informed his mother that if her son came to the rectory, he would check her son's heart and blood pressure and they would not have to spend any money. When the second victim arrived at the rectory he was told to take off all of his clothing. Cipolla then took his blood pressure and checked his heart with a stethoscope. Cipolla then checked him for a hernia and the second victim was made to bend over. Cipolla checked his rectum by placing his finger into it. When the child asked what that was for, Cipolla stated that he was checking to see if there was anything in there. When asked why he never told his parents, he stated that he just thought he was getting a physical examination. He further stated that the priest asked him to come to the rectory and that he would pay him to clean up his room, but that the victim never went. The victim noted that the price of \$3.00 was mentioned.

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On July 25, 1978, a search warrant was executed at the St. Francis Xavier rectory. Investigators recovered the following: 1) One stethoscope; 2) One blood pressure gauge; 3) One thermometer; and, 4) Three 3x5" index cards containing the names of the [victims]. Although Cipolla admitted that he "examined" the two children, he said he did it "because they had related that they were a bit ill and he felt he was being of service for the family." When detectives asked him why he told the youths to take off all of their clothing, Cipolla stated that he had not given them such an instruction; instead, he claimed that when he had entered the room, "that is the way they were." Cipolla denied placing his finger in the victim's anus and denied placing his hand on the victim's penis.

After speaking with the mother of the boys and hearing her request to prosecute, the detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Cipolla. However, when investigators arrived for the preliminary hearing on August 28, the charges were dismissed. As one of the investigators told the Grand Jury:

[I] didn't recall seeing Father Cipolla, but I do recall there was - - approximately - - there was five men and it has been a while back. I don't know if they were all attorneys or who they belonged to. But one of them approached me and told me that the mother doesn't want to press charges and they - - to the effect they didn't want to get the priest in any trouble or hurt the priest. Something to that effect. And I said, 'Well, what about the boy?' And I didn't get an answer. So I kind of asked again. I said, 'What do we want to do with the boy? He is the one who is the victim here.' And I was kind of ignored, to be honest about it. And the case was dropped, thrown out, whatever you want to call it, and it was nothing that the police - - that we could do because the Magistrate went along with it and dumped the case. So here we are today.

On August 18, 2017, the mother of the victims testified before the Grand Jury. She recounted how her family was friendly with Cipolla, trusted him and thought that he was "a nice man." With respect to her younger son (first victim), she described the following events when he came home following his catechism class with Cipolla:

When he came back, his two eyes were all puffy . . . Everybody was upset because I couldn't -- I'm asking them, 'What's wrong with you? Why are your eyes all red? What's going on?' [The first victim] said, 'I can't tell you, mom.' I said, well, 'You better tell me or I'm going to whoop you if you don't tell.' [The first victim] said, 'Well, I can't because I swore on a Bible that I wouldn't.' I'm like, 'What do you mean? There's isn't anything you can't tell your mother. You know, your mother would understand anything. So what's going on?' [The first victim] says, 'Well, Father Cipolla gave me a physical.' I said, 'A physical?' [The first victim] said, 'Yeah, he made me take my clothes off and gave me a physical.' And I'm thinking, boy, they really changed things since I was going to school. They never made us get a physical for First Holy Communion. I said, 'Why are you crying like that?' He says, 'Because I can't tell you.'

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It took me a while to get it out of him because Father Cipolla made him sign a paper in the Bible saying that he would not tell anyone what had happened to him or that he even had a physical. Anyway, [the first victim] told me that Cipolla put his finger up his behind and started playing with him. [The first victim] called it his dingdong. He said Cipolla played with his dingdong and that sort of thing. And then [the first victim] was like, 'I got to get out of here. My mom's making dinner.' But Cipolla wouldn't let him leave until he signed that paper saying I promise, I swear to God -- or how did it -- it had something to do with God, you know, that he had to swear on the Bible that he would not tell. So that's how I found out.

The Grand Jury learned that records from the first victim's hospital examination revealed the presence of a lubricant on his underwear.

The mother testified that when she arrived at the preliminary hearing, she believed that both of her boys were going to testify. She stated that even though charges had yet to be filed for the abuse of the second victim, it was known that Cipolla had offended on both of them. However, upon arrival, an attorney from the District Attorney's office and an attorney for the Diocese took her into a room. The attorney for the Diocese then began "firing questions at [the first victim and the second victim] really fast." The second victim "had tears in his eyes" and the first victim "was just shaking like a leaf." She stated that the prosecutor permitted the attorney for the Diocese to interrogate both of her sons. The mother stated:

[T]he Diocese attorney was writing all this stuff down and I thought they were going to do something with it. But the next thing I know, the big tall attorney (Diocese Attorney) just started - - he became a bully. He was telling my kids, 'Well, look, you go into court.' He said, 'You're going to be talking - - if you don't want to talk about it now, there could be 100 people in there that you're going to have to talk about it in front of and we're going to tear your testimony apart.' My kids are like, you know, and I was just as scared as they were because how do I know what they can do? They're pushing the District Attorney around or this guy is ignoring the District Attorney. And the District Attorney is not sticking up for us. He isn't telling them, you know, 'Hey, don't talk to them kids like that' or 'Don't talk to that woman like that.' He just let him say whatever he wanted to do and he did. And he intimidated us really bad.

The mother further recounted that the Diocesan attorney was relentless regarding how this would negatively affect her children. According to the mother:

The Diocese Attorney said, 'Don't you understand how embarrassed -- you see them kids. You see how embarrassed they are. They're not going to want to go in in front of a hundred people.' And they kept talking like that. They were scaring my kids half to death and it scared me too.

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The mother testified that the Diocesan attorney also brought up the impact that the case would have on the church. He asked her why they wanted to “hurt the church?” She told the Grand Jury, however, “*We weren't there to hurt the church. We were there to stop Cipolla before he did it again with some other kids.*” According to the mother, the prosecutor told her that if she signed to expunge the charges against Cipolla and he “does it again” within 10 years, “we can bring those charges back up.” She was told that “it would be kept quiet unless he committed the crime again.”

The mother also reported that one day prior to the preliminary hearing, Bishop Vincent Leonard phoned her. Leonard told her that Cipolla “was going to go through this intensive therapy or something like that to get his mind right and all that.” Leonard told her that Cipolla “got that way from hearing confessions and the devil, you know, influenced him.” Leonard further told her to “let the church handle it. We've got good psychiatrists. We got good doctors.” Leonard called her a total of three times stating, “Just let the church handle it . . .”

In addition to Leonard calling her immediately following the abuse and prior to the preliminary hearing, Cipolla also attempted to get in touch with the first victim. According to the mother, Cipolla came to their house a few times and tried to call on the telephone. Cipolla wanted to talk to the first victim “really bad” but she wouldn't let him. The mother explained that Cipolla was trying to convince them to drop the charges against him.

The mother further explained that her family was harassed by numerous people in the community who believed that Cipolla was innocent and that her sons were making up the accusations. Some of the harassment included having their car windows shot out, a tire being slashed, an apartment window broken, the first victim being slapped, including in the face “for telling lies on a poor blessed priest,” and receiving numerous threatening telephone calls and letters. Due to this harassment, she and her family moved out of the state.

On October 20, 2017, the first victim testified before the Grand Jury and recounted the details of how, on two separate occasions, he was sexually abused by Cipolla. When describing when Cipolla placed a finger in his anus, he stated, “*I felt like that there was—you know, smart to know that - - you know, just something wasn't right about it. And then for him to make me swear like that (not to tell anyone).*” He explained that if he told anyone, “it would be an unforgiveable sin.”

With respect to the charges being dropped against Cipolla, his recollection/interpretation as a nine-year-old child was:

I remember my mom being in tears, bawling in tears and, you know, them just trying to make liars out of us. And I remember some compassion from some police officers, though, you know, and them just being like, you know, they - - they felt like their hands were tied. I know there was a jail in that building, too; but I don't remember exactly what building it was. And I just remember asking them questions as a kid would, and I was just - - I was kind of - - you know, how kids have a tendency to block stuff out. I wasn't really bumming except for

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watching my mother bawling her eyes out. But I remember - - yeah, I remember them. Just from what I understand and remember, they (the attorneys) tried to just say, you know, they would make me look like a liar and there was nothing we could do.

The first victim explained to the Grand Jury how the abuse affected his life. He noted his suffering (losing his father to suicide and losing his brother who was struck and killed by a car) and stated that he would have been able to handle it better “*without [the sexual abuse] happening to me, you know. I feel like I would've had a way more sound mind.*” He ended his testimony with the statement, “*God's word never returns void.*”

The Grand Jury also heard testimony by the second victim about his abuse by Cipolla. He stated that Cipolla gave him an anal exam once at the St. Francis Xavier rectory and a second time at a hotel room in Dearborn. He ended his testimony by stating:

Basically, when a child is fooled with in any way, shape, or form, it is a lasting injury. It is a lifelong injury. And I'm assuming some recover from fully others never recover from. I consider myself one of the lucky ones that - - having a stronger mind and ability to deal with adversity, but it is ongoing. I still have, you know, my issues with authority at points; and I still have my anger issues, but making great strides. And if there is anything that you as a grand jury can do to ensure that you - - if you can save just one child, I have done my job. You have done yours. Please, please protect the children. Please.

After these sexual abuses occurred and the charges were dropped, the Diocese reassigned Cipolla immediately to St. Canice where he reoffended on another young male.

In 1988, a third victim reported that he was sexually abused by Cipolla for approximately a four year period when he was 13 to 17 years old. Notes by Father Theodore Rutkowski dated June 22, 1988 which were contained in subpoenaed Diocesan files, stated that the boy moved to the Pittsburgh area when he was 12 years of age and Cipolla asked him to become an altar boy at St. Canice. Cipolla became a father figure to him.

The third victim reported that he saw nude pictures of young boys in some files in Cipolla's room and that some of the boys were masturbating in these pictures; Cipolla would give him “*physicals*” telling the victim that he (Cipolla) was a “*missionary doctor*;” that after he showered Cipolla would insist on putting talcum powder all over his body including his genitals; and that he would go on vacations with Cipolla, who would hug and him while they shared a bed.

The third victim advised that in September 1987 he entered St. Paul Seminary to become a priest but left in November 1987 because of his confused, four year relationship with Cipolla.

Documents dated July 1, 1988 contained within the subpoenaed files, indicated that the Diocese conducted an “*internal review*” and concluded that the third victim's allegations “*were*

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without foundation and the matter be dropped.” The police were not informed of these allegations against Cipolla.

In December of 1988, the third victim reported the sexual abuse to the Beaver County District Attorney’s Office.

Because of the allegations lodged against him again, Cipolla was sent by Bishop Wuerl to St. Luke Institute for a psychiatric examination and evaluation. The staff at St. Luke’s recommended that Cipolla “*not have any ministry which involves children.*” It was further recommended that Cipolla report immediately to St. John Vianney Hospital in Downingtown. Cipolla adamantly refused to go there. Wuerl informed Cipolla that he did not have to go for treatment to St. John Vianney specifically, but that he did have to go to a “*bona fide*” church-approved facility that they both agreed on and that he needed to do this sooner rather than later.

Cipolla refused to cooperate and insisted on going to a facility of his choosing, St. Michael’s Institute in New York City, which is an outpatient counseling center. Wuerl tried to discourage him from going there because St. Michael’s was not a church-approved facility.

Cipolla nonetheless went to St. Michael’s and from it received a “*glowing*” evaluation that basically disagreed with everything in the report from St. Luke’s. Cipolla hired an attorney who wrote to Wuerl requesting that he reassign Cipolla to a parish based on the report from St. Michael’s, which found no bar to such an assignment.

In a letter to Wuerl dated March 16, 1989, Cipolla indicated that he had changed his mind and was going to cooperate. The letter said Cipolla would go to St. John’s.

However, three weeks later, in a letter from Cipolla to Wuerl dated April 6, 1989, Cipolla asked to be released from the Diocese so that he might seek another diocese in which to serve. In reply correspondence, Wuerl indicated that Cipolla had to secure a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese in which he wished to serve. Wuerl also told Cipolla that he (Wuerl) would have to write to that Bishop and tell him of the sexual abuse allegations that had been lodged against Cipolla, as well as the findings and recommendations of St. Luke’s.

In a May 15, 1989 letter, Wuerl informed Cipolla that he (Wuerl) would be meeting with his advisors to discuss Cipolla’s situation including his refusal to report to St. John’s and his request to leave the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Wuerl warned Cipolla that he would not be able to exercise his priestly ministry unless he went for the recommended evaluation. In a letter dated June 6, 1989, Wuerl told Cipolla that he is still unassignable to pastoral ministry. In a subsequent letter dated June 30, 1989, Wuerl notified Cipolla that he could not be reinstated until he underwent the evaluation (at St. John’s) recommended by St. Luke’s. Cipolla repeatedly wrote to Wuerl requesting to be reinstated. His requests were all denied because he continued to refuse to go for the recommended evaluation and counseling.

While these communications were occurring, Cipolla continued to present himself as a priest in good standing despite being repeatedly warned by Wuerl to stop doing so. On

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September 17, 1990, Wuerl wrote to Cipolla, and notified him that his canonical faculties had been removed because he failed to take the actions directed. He therefore could not act as a priest in good standing; could not conduct any public celebrations as a priest; and could not wear priestly attire. He could not resume doing any of these things until he obtained a church-approved evaluation.

In October 1992, the third victim filed a civil suit against Cipolla, the Pittsburgh Diocese and several officials of the Diocese. The lawsuit maintained that as a result of the above-detailed 1978 sexual allegations involving the two brothers, the defendants should have known that Cipolla was using his position as a Catholic priest to gain access to and to acquire the confidence of others and otherwise seduce minor male children for his sexual gratification. It also alleged that Cipolla's superiors in the Diocese covered that up.

On March 9, 1993 an order from the Vatican called a "Signatura" ruled that Wuerl violated Canon Law and ordered that Cipolla should be reinstated as a priest in good standing.

On March 27, 1993 Wuerl asked the Supreme Tribunal to re-open the case involving Cipolla because there were factual errors.

On September 30, 1993 this civil lawsuit was settled out of court with an undisclosed financial settlement.

In April 1993, Wuerl traveled to Rome in connection with the appeal to the Supreme Tribunal. When he returned, he issued a precept reminding Cipolla that he was not to celebrate the sacraments publicly or to identify himself as a priest in good standing. Wuerl again instructed Cipolla to go get the recommended psychological evaluation at a church-approved hospital or it would be considered an act of disobedience.

In September 1995, the Vatican reversed the "Signatura" and declared that Wuerl acted properly when he banned Cipolla from ministry. Even after the "official" ruling from the Vatican that he was no longer a priest in good standing, Cipolla continued to perform masses and to present himself as a priest in good standing, even though he was advised in person, several times, that he was barred from doing these things. Cipolla's appeal to the Vatican was denied in November 1996.

Following the Vatican's September 1995 ruling, Cipolla was assigned to St. John Vianney Manor and was told he must report for this assignment by February 29, 1996. They reminded him again that he was not to present himself as a priest in good standing and that in order for him to be reinstated he would have to undergo the recommended psychological evaluation. Cipolla told Diocese officials that they could not force him to do this and not even the pope could make him.

Wuerl repeatedly insisted that Cipolla meet with him and the other church officials, but Cipolla kept declining to meet, offering excuses as to why he could not meet.

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In March 1996, Cipolla wrote to Wuerl requesting additional money. He complained that he had not received his priestly salary since December 1995. In April 1996, Father John Kozar wrote to Cipolla, telling him that, since he was put on leave in 1988, the Diocese had provided him with a monthly check along with his medical insurance benefits which, to date, then totaled \$135,000. Kozar added that in return for this the church had received nothing in the way of priestly ministry, service or cooperation and an increase scandal in the eyes of the community. Kozar wrote:

At the present you are being provided a residence by the diocese at St. John Vianney Manor, a residence for priest of this diocese. The cost of providing this residence for you is \$782 per month in addition to the \$638 afforded you monthly by way of the medical coverage offered for active priest[s]; namely Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage in the amount of \$190 per monthly; Major Medical coverage at the expense of \$90 per month; dental insurance in the amount of \$25 per month; and a monthly payment in the amount of \$333 to the Priest Benefit Plan in anticipation of your retirement. With all these provisions, the Church of Pittsburgh is more than meeting your need to substances and social assistance.

In May 1996, Cipolla caught again acting as a priest in good standing, Wuerl issued another degree forbidding him to do so and asked to meet with Cipolla. Cipolla refused claiming medical stress.

In July 1996, Cipolla wrote Wuerl again asking for his priestly salary. By this time the Diocese had received his tax statements (although not all of the documents requested in March of 1996) which showed he had significant money elsewhere (because of the interest he reported) and determined Cipolla was not “*a priest in need.*” The Diocese therefore refused to provide him any more money.

In September 1996, the Diocese received a letter from an individual in Warren, Ohio which claimed that Cipolla’s parents were helping him financially and that he was performing masses regularly in their home where he was staying part time. In November of 1996 the Diocese also received information from several people who said that they were on a recent pilgrimage and that Cipolla was there celebrating masses and telling everyone he was a priest in good standing. Over the next six years numerous reports were received that Cipolla was continuing to conduct himself in the same manner.

In July 2002 Wuerl wrote to the Pope asking for Cipolla’s dismissal from priesthood. Official approval for Cipolla’s dismissal as a priest was issued on September 19, 2002. Despite this, in December of 2003 the Diocese received information that Cipolla was still saying masses and acting as a priest.

In August 2015 Cipolla wrote to Bishop Zubik asking him for retirement and a monthly stipend and pension for the time he served as a priest. Cipolla was informed in a January 2016 letter that that he did not qualify for a pension because he was dismissed as a priest.

Reverend John P. Connor

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1934
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	April 4, 1962

Employment/Assignment History

4/28/1962	Assistant, St. Francis of Assisi, Vineland, NJ
1/08/1966	Assistant, St. Mary, Gloucester, NJ
6/18/1966	Assistant in Residence, St. Rose of Lima, Haddon Heights, NJ
6/18/1966	Faculty, Paul VI High School, Haddon Township, NJ
1969-1970	Assistant CYO Director of Diocese, Diocese Center
1970-1985	Chairperson, Bishop Eustace Preparatory, Pennsauken Township, NJ
2/2002	Removed from active ministry/retirement

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Records obtained by subpoena from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, show that in October of 1984, Father John P. Connor was arrested in New Jersey for sexually molesting a 14-year-old child. The sexual abuse for which Connor was apprehended took place in Connor's home in the Diocese of Camden during the time he was a theology teacher and golf coach at Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in Pennsauken. According to the 2005 Philadelphia Grand Jury Report, Connor never went to trial on the charges because lawyers for the Diocese of Camden negotiated a pretrial intervention with the Cape May Prosecutor's Office. The terms of the agreement were that if Connor would admit to sexually molesting the 14-year-old child, he would have the record of his arrest erased, as long as he were not re-arrested within one year. In Connor's Diocesan file, a letter dated March 29, 1985 from the Office of the Prosecutor, County of Cape May to Connor's attorney stated:

[W]e have placed explicit reliance on the internal discipline of the institutional church in assuring that Father Connor takes all the steps reasonably necessary to live up to the letter and the spirit of the Participations Agreement—even after the period of court supervision expires.

The subpoenaed Diocesan files contained several memoranda and letters from the Southdown Institute outside of Toronto, Canada where Connor spent approximately eight months in treatment after his arrest. The documents from Southdown indicated an assessment that because of Connor's problem with alcohol: "*he acts out sexually with some preference to late adolescent males.*" They specifically warned against giving Connor responsibility for adolescents. In a September 3, 1985 memorandum to Bishop George Guilfoyle of Camden from the Executive Director of Southdown specifically cautioned that "*because of the incident for*

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which he was apprehended, we would not recommend any ministry that would directly put him in a positions of responsibility for adolescents such as a teaching situation.”

In a letter dated September 11, 1985, Guilfoyle, wrote to Bishop Anthony Bevilacqua, the Bishop of Pittsburgh asking if Bevilacqua would consider accepting Connor. Guilfoyle later acknowledged in a letter dated September 12, 1985 that he could not keep Connor in Camden stating; *“If it were not for the matter of scandal, I would be willing to keep him here.”*

In a memorandum dated September 11, 1985 to Bevilacqua, Father Nicholas Dattilo expressed several concerns about the request from Guilfoyle. Dattilo specifically pointed out that: *“If the problem is homosexuality or pedophilia we could be accepting a difficulty with which we have had no post-therapeutic experience.”* He also stated in this memorandum:

If, after you have talked with Bishop Guilfoyle you believe there is no serious risk in accepting Father Connor, we will do everything we can to keep the tradition of bishops helping bishops intact.

It should be noted that there is a hand-written note at the bottom of the memo which reads: *“I cannot guarantee that there is no serious risk.”* It is initialed “AJB” (Anthony Joseph Bevilacqua) and dated September 17, 1985. Despite this acknowledgement, and after receiving reports from Southdown. Bevilacqua agreed to give Connor an assignment in the Diocese.

According to the 2005 Philadelphia Grand Jury Report, an additional memorandum dated September 11, 1985 from Dattilo documented his concern about bringing Connor to the Diocese which stressed the *“serious consequences of recurrence”* given *“the nature of the incident for which he was apprehended.”* Bevilacqua initialed this memorandum and added a note stating; *“He must also be told that his pastor/supervisor will be informed confidentially of his situation.”* There is no documentation regarding this September 1985 memorandum in the file that was provided by the Diocese.

In a letter to Connor dated October 9, 1985, Bevilacqua appointed him as Chaplain to the Catholic patients at Sewickley Valley Hospital and assigned him to reside at St. James.

However, less than a year later, in a letter dated September 5, 1986, Bevilacqua informed Connor that he had appointed another priest as Chaplain at Sewickley Valley Hospital, and reassigned Connor to St. Alphonsus in Wexford. Connor’s new assignment gave him an unrestricted ministry. There was no warning to the parishioners of the church that he was an admitted child molester.

According to Philadelphia Grand Jury Report, after Bevilacqua left Pittsburgh to become the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Dattilo revoked Connor’s assignment citing *“legal complications”* and suggested Connor apply to the Philadelphia Diocese since Bevilacqua had been willing to accept Connor before. In a memorandum to Connor dated September 7, 1988, Bevilacqua appointed him as assistant pastor of St. Matthew in Conshohocken, a parish with a grade school. Bevilacqua encouraged Connor, among other things, to *“educate youth.”* Once

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again Connor was given an unrestricted ministry and there was no warning to the parishioners of the church that Connor was an admitted child molester.

According to the Philadelphia Grand Jury Report, Bevilacqua told the Grand Jury that he recalled Connor calling him directly to request the new assignment in Conshohocken. He stated that while he asked Monsignor Samuel Shoemaker to handle the appointment, he did not recall whether he had told Shoemaker about Connor's history. An excerpt from the 2005 Grand Jury Report reads as follows:

Bevilacqua and the Philadelphia Archdiocese accepted this dangerous priest readily but did nothing to ensure the propriety of his future conduct. Father James W. Donlon, the pastor of St. Matthew Church since March 1989, testified to the Grand Jury that Cardinal Bevilacqua never told him about Father Connor's arrest or that he had been treated at Southdown for abusing alcohol and a 14-year old boy. The Archbishop met with Father Donlon for a half hour in February 1989 to familiarize Father Donlon with his new parish. Rather than share information that might have aided the pastor in protecting the children of St. Matthew, Archbishop Bevilacqua chose to say that Father Connor was brought from Pittsburgh to be closer to his family. Moreover, Father Donlon was given no guidance as to what activities Father Connor should or should not participate in, even though the Southdown report that Cardinal Bevilacqua had received explicitly recommended that Father Connor not be put in a position of responsibility for adolescents. Since Father Donlon received no warning from the Archbishop, he allowed Father Connor full access to the youth of the parish. The pastor did not know to be concerned about an especially close relationship that was developing between Father Connor and a young boy from the parish grade school, named "Timothy."

The Grand Jury further heard that Archbishop Bevilacqua also neglected to tell that pastor that Father Connor had a history of alcohol abuse and that Southdown had warned that excessive use of alcohol could increase the risk that the priest would act out sexually with adolescents. Thus, when Father Connor continued to drink, Father Donlon did not know to be especially concerned.

Donlon also told the Grand Jury that it was not until a newspaper reporter called him in 2002 that he became aware of Connor's arrest for the sexual abuse of a minor. Donlon explained to the Grand Jury that he "would have been more careful about everything" meaning Connor's activities and his association with the school.

The Grand Jury report went on to say that "Timothy," the child from St. Matthew in Conshohocken to whom Connor was paying a great deal of attention, had been located and was now 24 years old. Although Timothy did not openly admit to the sexual abuse, he claimed that from third grade until the beginning of high school Connor took him, once a week, to the movies, dinner, bowling and golfing and that Connor bought him golf clubs and a bike.

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In 1993, Connor was suddenly moved back to Camden because his 1984 victim of sexual abuse had sued and received a settlement from the Diocese of Camden.

In 1994, it was reported that Connor (who was assigned to a church in New Jersey) was still continuing to visit “Timothy” in Conshohocken weekly to take him on trips and give him gifts. Monsignor Lynn called Camden Chancellor and the Archdiocese attorney to notify them of Connor’s “*imprudent*” behavior, but according to the Grand Jury Report, there was still no attempt to notify Timothy’s mother that Connor was an admitted child molester.

In 1995, Father John Kelly, the parochial vicar at St. Matthew reported that Connor was back in the parish and still in “Timothy’s” life. The 2005 Grand Jury report quoted Lynn as saying: “*I told Father Kelly that all I could do was inform the Camden Diocese, as I did before, that Connor was back in the picture with this young boy here in Conshohocken.*”

Included in the file for Connor that was provided by the Diocese, is a letter to Father Ronald P. Lengwin, from Father Peter Murphy, pastor of St. Alphonsus. Murphy’s letter stated that on October 27, 2008 a man called the rectory. The caller apparently wanted the current priest to apologize to the whole church during the homily for assigning Connor to the church and about the terrible things Connor did. When the man was asked if he had been abused by Connor, he said he had. Murphy told the man to call the Diocese of Pittsburgh to make the accusation.

In a memorandum dated November 5, 2008 to Diocesan Assistance Coordinator Rita Flaherty, Lengwin stated that he spoke to the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office on October 27, 2008 about an allegation of sexual abuse made against Connor. There was concern that a threat was being made against the church and was asking for help on how to deal with it.

More recently, in the files obtained from the Diocese, there is a letter to Bishop David Zubik dated December 18, 2014 from an attorney who represented a victim who claimed that he was repeatedly sexually molested by Connor from approximately 1986 to 1988 when he was a 12 to 14 years of age. During that time, Connor was assigned to St. Alphonsus. The male, then 40 years old, claimed that Connor ruined his life and that Connor stole his innocence. The letter stated that the victim suffered from trust issues, low self-esteem, suicidal ideation, alcohol abuse, estrangement from the Catholic Church, guilt, shame, embarrassment, etc. As a result of his suffering, the victim demanded a settlement for \$1 million. .

In a “*Confidential Memorandum*” to the Diocese file dated January 21, 2015, Flaherty stated that she and Father Mark Eckman phoned Father Terry Odien, the current Vicar for Clergy in the Diocese of Camden, to alert him of the allegations they had received. Odien advised that Connor was out of active ministry and living in a retirement facility for priests. They also called the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and spoke to Monsignor Daniel Sullivan to inform him of the recent allegations. Flaherty stated, “*we had little information about him [the victim] and that we have had no contact with the alleged victim.*”

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The subpoenaed Diocesan files contain little to no information on the victim's status or whether he was offered counseling. The Grand Jury investigation found little to no documentation that the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia or Camden notified local law enforcement or the District Attorney's office about Connor's sexual abuse.

Reverend John David Crowley

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1929
YEAR OF DEATH:	2006
ORDINATION:	May 29, 1954

Employment/Assignment History

6/10/1954-6/9/1968	St. Elizabeth, Pleasant Hills, PA
6/10/1968-3/27/1969	St. Margaret, Green Tree, PA
3/28/1969-1/17/2003	Holy Angels, Hay, PA
1/10/2003	Resigned

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Subpoenaed Diocesan records indicate that, at the time of his release from seminary in 1954, there were reports that Father John David Crowley would need “*constant supervision*” because he was “*inclined to look for ‘loop-holes,’ special privileges, etc.*”

In 1992, a complaint was made by a mother and her twin adult daughters, one of whom was 16 years old at the time of victimization. Crowley was presented with the allegations in June 1992 and a referral for a mental health evaluation at St. Michael’s Community was made in September 1992. In the interim, Crowley remained in his assigned parish. Evaluators at St. Michael’s opined that Crowley was being truthful in his denials regarding the sexual abuse of the mother and her twin daughters and recommended outpatient therapeutic support to address insecurities, low self-esteem and obsessive-compulsive tendencies. Upon his discharge from St. Michael’s following the one week evaluation period, Crowley was returned to his parish.

In late-2001, the mother and twin daughters renewed their complaint with the Diocese. The 2002 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* triggered a report of this allegation on August 30, 2002, to the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office. Additionally, the allegation was presented to the Diocesan Review Board. The Board found the victims’ allegations to be credible and rejected Crowley’s testimony. On December 9, 2002, the Board recommended that Crowley be asked to resign his position as pastor and should he refuse, that he be removed according to the norms of Canon Law. They further recommended that Crowley be requested to retire from active ministry, that his faculties be withdrawn and that he be asked to begin intensive counseling.

Following the recommendations, Bishop Donald Wuerl gave Crowley an option to voluntarily resign and withdraw from active ministry, or undergo a judicial canonical process. Crowley chose resignation and submitted the same on January 7, 2003. Wuerl permitted him to announce to his parish that he was “*voluntarily accepting an earlier retirement since he was only two years away from submitting a mandatory letter of retirement at age 75.*” This was

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permitted, according to Wuerl, to “*protect his [Crowley’s] reputation in the widespread community.*” Wuerl faced great scrutiny regarding Crowley’s departure by members of the parish and the media who loved Crowley and thought there was more to the story (they believed that Wuerl had forced Crowley out). Wuerl maintained that “*Father Crowley, for reasons of his own, asked to retire.*”

Crowley was notified by Wuerl on May 30, 2003, that his ministerial faculties had been withdrawn. On June 9, 2004, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith confirmed Wuerl’s decision that Crowley remain in retirement and that he not exercise any public ministry

Crowley died in 2006.

On July 24, 2008, Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, prepared a memorandum to Crowley’s file that documented a meeting with an adult male who stated that he was sexually abused by Crowley in the 1970s when he was 11 to 12 years old. The Diocese reported this complaint to the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office on August 13, 2009.

Reverend Richard Deakin

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1955
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	April 13, 1985

Employment/Assignment History

3/1984-6/1987	Deacon until ordained; Assistant Pastor after ordination, St. Martin, Baltimore, MD
6/1987-8/1988	Parochial Vicar, St. Cecilia Church and Friary, Rochester, PA
1988	St. Francis Friary, Brookline, PA (in residence only)
8/15/1989	Leave of Absence
12/29/1992	Dismissed from clerical state

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Documents subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh reflected that in May 1990, Father Richard Deakin was contacted by the Baltimore City Police Department about allegations that he had sexually abused a 13-year-old girl for more than a two year-period while his was the assistant pastor of St. Martin in Baltimore, Maryland. At the time police contacted him, Deakin was on a leave of absence from his Order and the priesthood.

Deakin was arrested on June 25, 1990. He was charged with and, in October 1990, pled guilty to charges of second degree rape and sexual abuse of a child, who was identified in court filings as "*Jane Doe*." He was sentenced to a 15-year suspended prison sentence and five years of probation.

Correspondence from the victim's attorneys which was included in subpoenaed Diocesan files reflected that when the victim was 13 years old, she underwent serious surgery to remove a tumor from her chest. During this vulnerable period, Deakin assumed a prominent role in her life, being both her friend and confidant. He would visit her in the hospital regularly and they became very close. "*In the winter of 1985-86,*" Deakin began sexually abusing her. "*The sexual relationship intensified and sex occurred in St. Martin's Church, the rectory, Father Rich's car, (redacted) home, and various other locations.*"

In an undated letter by Deakin which was addressed to "*Most Holy Father,*" he described in his own words, details of his inappropriate relationship with this young girl. He stated:

During my last year to sixteen months at St. Martins' I became progressively more sexually involved with a teenage girl in the parish. I had become friends with her and her family. Our relationship started by this girl and her brother accompanying me when I went out shopping or to the movies or to the park. Our

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physical contact progressed from occasional playful contact to kissing and petting to sexual intercourse.

Deakin wrote that he “[*had*] never forced [*redacted*] to have any sexual contact without her consent” and that she “[*had*] initiated the sexual behavior between us as often as I did.” “We both knew that this behavior was inappropriate and wrong.” He went on to say that he believed that he and the victim “were both so emotionally needy that we overlooked what was right and wrong” and that he “was using this teenage girl to gain a sense of power, as well as, to feel needed by someone not as a priest but as a man.”

Deakin admitted that “[i]t was a very sick relationship,” and added that “[n]o one was aware of the sexual behavior between myself and this teenage girl.” Deakin also admitted that he never told his psychiatrist about his relationship with the victim because he “knew there were legal consequences.” Deakin’s abuse of this girl which lasted over a year and a half, continued after he was transferred to St. Cecelia in Rochester, PA. Deakin returned to Baltimore on several occasions, however, and would meet the victim at a motel. The relationship was finally terminated when Deakin told the victim that he was in love with another woman whom he intended to marry.

Shortly after Deakin ended the relationship, she became a troubled child, acting out in school and eventually failing tenth grade. In December, 1989, she began to have nightmares about the sexual abuse she endured. She entered counseling and revealed her relationship with Deakin to her mother and to her psychiatrist. She became despondent and suicidal and she had to be hospitalized.

In October 1990, she was hospitalized again and was not released until January, 1991. She reentered the hospital again in March of 1991 for a short stay. She underwent psychotherapy on an outpatient basis. She was eventually diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and major depression, all the result of the sexual abuse.

This victim and her mother subsequently filed a civil lawsuit.

On November 17, 1992, Father Robert F. Guay of the Diocese of Pittsburgh testified in a deposition taken in connection with the litigation. Guay had served as the Director of the Department of Clergy Personnel for the Diocese during the time that Deakin was transferred to St. Cecilia. During his testimony, he stated that after the Diocese found out about the ongoing sexual abuse of this victim, it did not investigate or inquire of anyone at St. Cecilia to learn if Deakin had engaged in sexual misconduct with any of the children in that parish. Guay also testified that he only learned that Deakin had been formally charged for sexual abuse of a minor through a newspaper article. Guay said that he was not aware if anyone from the Diocese of Pittsburgh had contacted the Archdiocese of Baltimore to find out more information regarding the charges.

The lawsuit was settled on October 11, 1993 for \$2,705,000.

Reverend Ferdinand B. Demsher

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1914
YEAR OF DEATH:	1983
ORDINATION:	May 25, 1946

Employment/Assignment History

8/22/1946 – 7/16/1947	St. Peter, New Kensington, PA
7/17/1947 – 6/29/1949	Christ the King, Ambridge, PA
6/30/1949 – 5/20/1951	St. James, West End, PA
5/20/1951 – 6/29/1963	United States Army
7/02/1963 – 6/06/1966	Resurrection, Brookline, PA
6/07/1966 – 6/24/1983	St. Mary of the Assumption, Pittsburgh, PA

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Documents subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh revealed that on March 18, 2002, a victim contacted the Diocese via e-mail to report sexual abuse by Father Ferdinand Demsher. The victim stated that the abuse occurred from 1975 to 1976 at St. Mary of the Assumption church. The victim was approximately 13 to 14 years old at that time.

Demsher died in 1983.

According to the victim, his grandparents arranged for him to be employed at St. Mary doing odd jobs for Demsher. One summer day, he complained of a heat rash on his inner thigh. Demsher offered to look at the rash, and the victim remembered being in Demsher's office in the rectory with his pants down. He stated that Demsher had "*manipulated his penis until it was hard*" and when he could no longer "*stand it he ejaculated.*" The victim stated that he knew it was wrong, but "*he [Demsher] could cause problems for me.*" Demsher continued this pattern of abuse while the victim had the heat rash.

The victim further claimed that Demsher attempted to manipulate him into sexually touching him [Demsher] by using a ruse related to a prostate check. He explained:

[Demsher] would stick a finger into his anus and massage the prostate until he [Demsher] would ejaculate and this would "help open his urinary tract." He [Demsher] said I [the victim] had large hands and my long fingers could reach the prostate muscle.

Demsher also asked the victim to massage his back thighs and buttocks to ease Demsher's sciatic nerve pain.

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One of the victim's job duties was to straighten up clutter on the second floor of the rectory. He related:

[A]t some point I don't remember exactly how it happened but he had managed to get me naked in his bed and was manipulating me with a hand held electrical vibrator and after as long as I could try to hold out I ejaculated. He took off his cloths (sic) and I ended up doing the same thing to him. This was the first time I had ever manipulated his penis to orgasm.

The abuse finally ended when the boy started Lawrenceville Catholic High School as a freshman. He got a different job at a country club and made excuses as to why he could no longer visit the rectory.

The victim requested counseling from the Diocese. An internal Dioesan memorandum dated April 4, 2002 ended with "*we found [the victim's] allegation to be credible.*"

In May 2005, the victim contacted the Diocese again seeking assistance in the form of counseling because of the sexual abuse he suffered. There were several documents in the file which reflected that the victim participated in therapy. The Diocese also agreed to cover the cost of tuition for his daughters to attend Catholic school in the Florida area.

On March 12, 2012, an individual called the Diocese to report that a male friend had been molested by Demsher as a child in the late-1970's to early-1980's. Rita Flaherty, the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, gave the individual contact information to forward to her friend. The individual provided the potential victim's first name. Diocesan documents do not reveal that this potential victim contacted the Diocese.

In February 2015, a confidential memorandum was prepared regarding a complaint of sexual abuse by Demsher. On February 4, 2015, a second victim met with Bishop William J. Waltersheid and Flaherty to discuss allegations of abuse. In that complaint, he advised that Demsher engaged in sexual activity with him while he was approximately 14 years old. He stated that the abuse occurred when he was a freshman at Central Catholic High School. The victim explained that the first time that he went to pick up his report card from Demsher, the victim had a cold. According to the memorandum, "*Demsher told [the victim] he had been a chaplain in the Army. (Somehow he must have implied or given the impression from that comment that he knew how the victim] should take care of his cold.)*" The victim was instructed by Demsher to drop his pants and Demsher then began to fondle his genitals.

The second victim reported that Demsher also fondled his genitals the second time that he had to pick up his report card. By the time he had to pick up his third report card, the victim asked a friend to go with him. Demsher again "*made the suggestion about 'examining him']*." In response, the victim explained that his friend was waiting outside, and Demsher did not attempt to fondle his genitals that day. As a result of the abuse, the victim's grades began to

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drop, and he lost faith in the Catholic Church. He was offered counseling, which he ultimately accepted.

In a “*Confidential Memorandum*” to Demsher’s file dated February 1, 2016, it was noted that a third victim claimed to have been fondled by Demsher when he was approximately 10 to 11 years old. This victim had attended Resurrection grade school and had been an altar server for the parish. The notes regarding the allegation did not provide any further information or details of the abuse. On February 11, 2016, Flaherty contacted the victim again to offer him counseling.

In February 2015, the Diocese notified the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office that a complaint of sexual abuse by Demsher had been made to the Diocese. The Diocese stated that the activities occurred in 1964-1965 at a church in Allegheny County.

In a “*Confidential Memorandum*” dated April 27, 2016, it was noted that a fourth victim called to report sexual abuse by Demsher. In the complaint, this victim reported that Demsher abused him in the mid-late 1960’s. The memorandum did not provide a detailed account of the abuse. The victim further advised that Demsher took him and several other boys to Wildwood, New Jersey and provided alcohol to them on two occasions. On one occasion, another boy started to choke on his own vomit as a result of drinking too much alcohol. Flaherty attempted to set up a meeting with the victim to further discuss the abuse allegation, however the victim cancelled several times. The victim indicated that although he knew it was the right thing to do, “*I am fighting with myself about doing it. I guess it is my ‘Catholic guilt.’*” On May 20, 2016, the Diocese notified the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office that a complaint of sexual abuse by Demsher had been made to the Diocese. The Diocese provided the fourth victim with financial help on September 9, 2016.

Reverend Myles Eric Diskin

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1948
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	March 1, 1975

Employment/Assignment History

3/12/1975 – 7/17/1979	St. Paul, Butler, PA
7/18/1975 – 11/26/1981	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ellwood City, PA
11/27/1981 – 7/05/1987	Sacred Heart, Pittsburgh, PA
7/06/1987 – 1/01/1991	Diocese of Pittsburgh
1/31/1991 – 5/24/2002	Diocese of Pittsburgh
3/19/2003	Resigned

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Documents subpoenaed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh indicated that in April 2002, a complaint of sexual abuse by Father Myles Eric Diskin was made to the Butler County District Attorney's Office. In that complaint, an adult male reported that Diskin had engaged in sexual activity with him when he was a minor child. The abuse occurred in the mid-1970's at a church in Butler.

In October 2002, another complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Butler County District Attorney's Office. In that complaint, a woman reported that Diskin had inappropriately touched her while she was a minor child. She stated that the activities occurred in the mid-1970's at a church located in Butler.

In June 2004, another complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Butler County District Attorney's Office. In that complaint, "John Doe" advised that Diskin sexually abused him in the school, in the rectory, in Diskin's automobile, in the sanctuary of the church (St. Paul), and in the male's home. The abuse included fondling of the genitals and performing oral sex. The abuse took place in 1976 to 1977 when the victim was 12 to 13 years old.

In November 2004, a complaint was made to the Diocese of sexual abuse by Diskin. A "Confidential Memorandum" from the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator indicated that the complaint filed by an adult male asserted that Diskin sexually abused him at St. Paul when he was a minor.

In February 2009, a complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. In the complaint, two victims reported that Diskin sexually abused them in the mid-1970's. Internal Diocesan records indicated that the victims would have been approximately 11 and 14 years old, respectively, at the time of the abuse.

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In January 2015, a complaint of sexual abuse by Diskin was made to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. In the complaint, "John Doe" advised that Diskin sexually abused him by inappropriately touching him. The abuse took place in Butler County in 1976 to 1977 when the victim was 15 to 16 years old.

In January, 2015, a complaint was made to the Diocese of sexual abuse by Diskin. In that particular complaint, a woman advised that Diskin sexually abused her by inappropriately touching her. The abuse took place in the mid-1970's in Butler County when she was a minor.

In a letter dated July 7, 2003, Father Lawrence Dinardo wrote to Diskin following a meeting during which Diskin admitted to having had a sexual relationship with a young man for a few years while Diskin was assigned as a priest in Butler. The young man was a minor at the time of the sexual activity. Their interaction ended in 1979 or 1980.

Diocesan records also contained a letter dated June 23, 2004 to Butler County District Attorney's Office which acknowledges a series of civil lawsuits relating to Diskin's conduct.

Father Richard J. Dorsch

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1944
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May, 1970

Employment/Assignment History

6/15/1970-5/20/1975	Parochial Vicar, St. Basil, Carrick, PA
5/21/1975-10/12/1977	Parochial Vicar, St. Philip, Crafton, PA
10/13/1977-3/07/1983	Parochial Vicar, All Saints, Etna, PA
3/08/1983-5/25/1985	Parochial Vicar, St. Michael, Butler, PA
6/26/1985-9/23/1991	Pastor, St. Francis De Sale, McKees Rocks, PA,
9/23/1991-2/07/1994	Administrator, St. Coleman, Turtle Creek, PA
2/07/1994-8/26/1994	Team Ministry, Risen Lord, Pittsburgh, PA
8/26/1994	Leave of Absence
5/28/1996	Withdrawn from Ministry

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In early August 1994, a 13-year-old boy was taken by his parents for a routine physical examination. During the examination, the boy disclosed to his doctor that he was sexually assaulted by Father Richard Dorsch. The doctor informed the victim's mother of the assault and reported it to Children & Youth Services in Allegheny County. The Allegheny County Police Department thereafter initiated an investigation into the complaint.

At the time of the victim's complaint, Dorsch was serving as pastor at the Risen Lord on the North Side of Pittsburgh. It was determined that the sexual assault of the victim took place at "North Park" in Allegheny County on August 2, 1994. An investigation by law enforcement resulted in Dorsch's arrest on August 26, 1994.

Dorsch's arrest prompted the Diocese of Pittsburgh to place him on administrative leave. Arrangements were then made to send Dorsch to St. Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland for an evaluation. The evaluation was scheduled for the week of October 9, 1994.

On August 26, 1994 - - the day of Dorsch's arrest - - a meeting was held with Dorsch and officials with the Diocese regarding the victim's allegations. Handwritten notes from the Diocesan file detailed what occurred during this meeting. Dorsch admitted to "inappropriately" touching the victim, holding him longer than necessary, and sitting the victim on his (Dorsch's) lap while stroking the victim's stomach and touching his nipples. When asked if he touched the victim's genitals, Dorsch replied, "*I didn't touch his genitals . . . I don't think I did?*" Dorsch also admitted during the meeting that he had always been attracted to young boys, but that he had been able to control this attraction by making sure he was never alone with them.

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In April 1995, a jury convicted Dorsch of two counts of indecent assault and one count of corrupting the morals of a minor. On June 23, 1995, Dorsch was sentenced to 11 ½ to 23 months incarceration. However, only a week later (June 30, 1995), Dorsch was released on parole and admitted back to St. Luke Institute in Maryland.

In a letter dated June 29, 1995 from Rita Flaherty of the Diocese to a physician at St. Luke Institute, Flaherty wrote, *inter alia*:

I look forward to working with you and maintaining the excellent working relationship that the Diocese of Pittsburgh currently has with St. Luke Institute. I also want to thank you for "going the extra mile" on behalf of Father Richard Dorsch.

Flaherty continued the letter by stating, "Again, I thank you and all of the staff at St. Luke Institute for all that you do for the priests of our diocese."

On December 9, 1994, a handwritten letter was sent to Father Guay by another victim. In his letter, a second victim indicated he was sexually assaulted by Dorsch at the All Saints church in Etna when he was 10 years old. The victim indicated the assaults first occurred in the spring of 1981 and that on the first such occasion, Dorsch had the victim touch his (Dorsch's) bare chest, while Dorsch kissed the victim on the head.

Dorsch thereafter began taking the second victim to a racquetball club in Shaler. After playing racquetball, Dorsch and the victim would sit naked in a hot tub together and Dorsch would put his hand on the victim's leg under the water. In the fall of 1991, Dorsch reportedly sat in the hot tub and fondled the victim's genitals by sitting the victim on his lap and placing his hands on the victim's penis and testicles. During the following weeks, Dorsch assaulted the second victim at the church by placing his hand down his pants and, again, fondling his genital area.

On another occasion, the second victim went to Moraine State Park with Dorsch and three or four other youths. While swimming in a lake, one of the other boys, who the victim told Diocesan officials he could identify, complained that Dorsch had tried to fondle his testicles.

The second victim indicated that Dorsch's sexual abuse stopped only when Dorsch was transferred from All Saints when the victim was in eighth grade. He estimated that, in total, Dorsch assaulted him on 50 to 70 separate occasions. The second victim later filed a lawsuit against the Diocese alleging a decades-long conspiracy to protect priests who molested minors. A review of Dorsch's Diocesan file did not reveal how this lawsuit was ultimately resolved.

Between July and November 1996, the Diocese made various payments and reimbursements to Dorsch, including \$140 for a computer course, \$1,732 for classes and \$622 for student fees at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and \$2,493 for "courses and books."

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On January 23, 1997, a letter was sent from the Diocese to St. Luke Institute. The letter read, in part:

Dear Bill, As I am sure you are aware, Father Richard Dorsch will be returning to St. Luke's for his second Aftercare workshop the week of February 16 . . . Since Richard's last Aftercare workshop, several new developments have occurred. On a positive note, Richard recently received word that civil charges have been dropped as a result of a mediation process and out of court settlement. This resolution has alleviated a lot of anxiety for Richard regarding his future.

On May 22, 1997, Dorsch wrote a letter to Bishop Donald Wuerl. A portion of the letter read:

Dear Bishop Wuerl, I was speaking with Rita Flaherty today and she informed me that the time period for my receiving an increase in my monthly stipend (\$1,000) has expired. She suggested that I write you if I need an extension on this benefit.

There was a handwritten notation on this letter which read, "5/30 called Richard to give O.K. by Bishop W."

On May 30, 1997, a letter was sent to Dorsch confirming that he would continue to receive a monthly sustenance check of \$1,000 from the Diocese. Dorsch continued to receive monthly sustenance checks from the Diocese from the year of his conviction through 2009. In total, Dorsch received \$159,700.00 in "sustenance" payments.

On July 6, 2000, a letter regarding Dorsch was sent from Father James Ruggiero, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Religious, to Father Douglas Nowicki of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. In the letter, Ruggiero acknowledged that Dorsch had been arrested and convicted of molesting a 13-year-old boy. In the letter, Ruggiero asked for Nowicki's assistance in getting Dorsch a job in an infirmary setting within a "religious community." Ruggiero further added that Dorsch was trying to stay out of the Pittsburgh area to avoid causing any additional scandal for the Diocese. In asking for Nowicki's assistance, Ruggiero stated, "It would be greatly appreciated by Bishop Wuerl, myself and all those in the Clergy Office . . . His salary would not need to be large. It could be subsidized by the diocese."

On May 20, 2002, Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinatr, sent a letter to Dorsch. A portion of the letter read,

I am embarrassed that only now am I responding to your February 25 letter. At about the time your letter arrived, I was knee deep in work related to fallout from the Boston situation. Lent and Easter have passed me by. On day runs into the next and now it is May. These past few months have been very difficult.

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So many people are in pain with lives being turned upside down. By far, this is the most difficult time I have ever spent in the clergy office since I started there over eight years ago. Your support and prayers are deeply appreciated. Should a circumstance arise where a priest feels the need to speak to someone who has travelled the same journey as you, I will not hesitate to pass along your name. I'm sure that all the media attention related to clergy misconduct has also been difficult for you. . . I'm sure your example and courage in facing your own situation would be a tremendous witness to the many priests who are new to facing an uncertain future.

On February 25, 2004, a Pittsburgh law firm sent a letter to Wuerl informing him of yet another reported victim of Dorsch. The victim who was an adult in 2004, reported through the law firm that when he was in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, he was repeatedly sexually assaulted by Dorsch. This third victim, who served as an altar boy and attended a school associated with All Saints, described how after Dorsch taught him to play racquetball at the gym, he would make him sit on his lap in the hot tub. After masses at church, Dorsch would take the victim to play board games and put his hands down the victim's pants. On other occasions, Dorsch would take him for car rides and make the victim touch him sexually while he drove.

On February 27, 2004, Counsel for the Diocese sent a letter responding to the law firm. The letter read, in part, “

I have been asked to respond initially to your letter on behalf of Bishop Wuerl. The matter that you presented in your letter is tragic and very sad. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is concerned utmost about the safety and well-being of children, victims and their families.

On July 20, 2008, the third victim wrote a letter to the Diocese outlining the sexual assaults committed against him by Dorsch. In his letter, he explained how he was sexually, physically, and emotionally abused by Dorsch from 1982 to 1985 while he was a student at All Saints and an altar boy at All Saints church. The abuse occurred a year after his father had passed away. The letter describes one particularly damaging assault by Dorsch.

One occasion stands out due to the violent intensity of the abuse, sexual, physical and emotional. Dorsch led me down to a trail, then known as the “Braille Trail” (located in North Park/Allegheny County), saying he wanted to teach me how blind people read. This incident replayed itself and resulted in my attempt to take my own life the night of Friday, 20 June 2008. That day on the trail back in 1983, Dorsch had me close my eyes. He guided my hand across a Braille sign. Then, his hand squeezed tight on mine. He forcibly restrained me. I said,

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“Father, that hurts!” He said, “It’s going to be okay” as he gripped my hand around his penis. I cried out through tears, “No, Father!” His grip got even tighter and he kept his hand clasped around mine as he forced me to masturbate him to ejaculate. I was sobbing, I felt disgusting. He said this is what made our love special, and that only he and I were to know. He always said that, as if to threaten me.

The victim further informed Diocesan officials that he also sexually abused by Dorsch in the sacristy, the rectory, the Shaler Racquetball Court, and in the parking lot of a local shopping center. These sexual assaults reportedly included oral and anal sex.

On July 22, 2008, Dorsch was confronted with the allegations. In a “*Confidential Memorandum*,” Flaherty documented that she asked Dorsch if the allegations were true. Dorsch responded that he did know the victim and admitted he was “*inappropriate with him*.”

In the years following his abuse, the third victim attempted suicide on numerous occasions, including in 2008 and 2009. The Diocese thereafter began paying for his mental health treatment in July 2008, a month after his attempted suicide.

On December 11, 2008, the victim sent an e-mail communication to Flaherty, the contents of which Flaherty forwarded to Bishop Zubik. A portion of the e-mail message read:

Early in the summer this year – in fact, it was the day of the summer solstice itself- I attempted to take my own life. It happened in the wee hours of the morning following a night of heavy drink, which my doctors have explained may have induced an inescapable episodic flashback of sexual abuse, which has haunted me over the years. This time, however, the pain of that flashback I couldn’t stand any longer, and decided that enough was enough. No more pain I thought as I swallowed dozens of pills.

In March 2010, the Diocese announced it would stop paying for the victim’s mental health treatment. On May 4, 2010, the victim committed suicide.

On January 13, 2012, Flaherty and Bishop William John Waltersheid met with yet another victim of Dorsch. The fourth victim, who was 45 years old at the time of the meeting, indicated his abuse by Dorsch occurred when he attended All Saints school. This meeting was memorialized in a “*Confidential Memorandum*” to Bishop Zubik.

The fourth victim reported that when he was in sixth grade, he became an altar server and was considering becoming a priest. He stated that when he was in the seventh and eighth grade, Dorsch began sexually abusing him and that for all his young life, carrying the dark secret of Dorsch's abuse placed a heavy burden on him. As a result of this abuse, by the end of his

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eight grade school year, he was drinking heavily. At his worst, he was drinking a half gallon of vodka per day in the hopes that his drinking would kill him.

The memorandum stated that the fourth victim's "*purpose in coming to meet with us (Flaherty and Waltersheid) was to be able to tell his story and to be heard as a person who mattered.*" He also hoped that the church could help him rebuild his life, as he was homeless. The Diocese ultimately decided to help the victim and paid for a bed and bus pass for him.

On July 2, 2012, Flaherty, at the direction of Waltersheid, contacted a woman whose son was reportedly molested by Dorsch when he served as an altar boy at St. Coleman. The molestation took place when the victim, who was 32 years old at the time of reporting, was 12 to 14 years of age.

The mother of this fifth victim stated that she learned of the molestation when "*Father Dorsch was arrested back in 1994 or 1995.*" She stated that once she became aware of what happened to her son, she approached Father Markell, the parochial vicar assigned at the time with Dorsch at the parish. She stated that Markell discouraged her from pursuing the matter any further and asked her son - "*what did you do?*" - as if to imply he was responsible for or encouraged Dorsch's sexual misconduct. Markell asked them whether they were going to sue the church and instructed her not to take her complaint to the Diocese, as there was nothing they could do or offer.

The fifth victim's mother also told Flaherty, "*she took [her son] to a child psychologist in Monroeville for 2 ½ years. She said she, her husband and daughter also entered family counseling.*" The mother stated that she paid privately for her son's therapy. Flaherty told the mother that as part of the Diocese policy, they have to turn over all allegations of abuse to the District Attorney's Office in the location where the abuse occurred. The mother stated that she would talk to her son.

On July 18, 2012, Flaherty spoke with the mother, who said she had not yet spoken to her son about the matter. She asked Flaherty not to do anything with this information until she spoke with her son.

On July 19, 2012, an Allegation Report listed "*Alleged Victim: John Doe, Age 32, Address Unknown and Accused Priest: (Rev.) Richard Dorsch*" was sent to counsel for the Diocese. Because of the concerns expressed by the victim's mother, the initial report did not identify him by name but only as a "John Doe."

On June 29, 2016, Diocesan officials met with an adult male who reported that when he was 10 to 12 years of age, he was sexually abused by Dorsch. The abuse took place when the victim was a member of St. Coleman. The victim, who was an altar boy and enjoyed basketball, explained how he and Dorsch became friendly after Dorsch would come to his games. He recalled Dorsch giving him gifts and taking pictures of the two of them together. Dorsch soon began fondling the victim in his (Dorsch's) bedroom at the rectory and at the gym.

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The victim also reported he and Dorsch would get into a hot tub together while they were both naked.

Reverend David F. Dzermejko

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1948
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

5/30/1974-6/10/1979	Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Natrona Heights, PA
6/11/1979-6/03/1984	St. Teresa of Avila, Pittsburgh, PA
6/04/1984-6/10/1991	St. Susanna, Penn Hills, PA
6/10/1991-10/26/1992	St. Jerome, Charleroi, PA
10/26/1992-6/15/2009	Mary, Mother of the Church, Charleroi, PA
6/15/2009	Leave of Absence
6/15/2009-1/18/2013	Resides at St. John Vianney Manor, Pittsburgh, PA
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Summary

Files obtained by subpoena from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including a confidential report from the Diocesan Review Board, as well as personnel, confidential and victim files, reflected that Father David Dzermejko was reported to have had inappropriate contact with several young boys, conduct which included anal and oral sexual assaults of young minors.

In June 2009, the Diocese first received a report that Dzermejko had sexually abused a minor child. A woman called to report that prior to her husband's suicide in April, 2009, he told her that he had been sexually abused by Dzermejko. It occurred sometime between 1979 and 1984. The first incident took place in Dzermejko's car where the victim "*had been pushed back in the seat of the car and Dzermejko touched his chest and did other things to him that he would not detail.*" The second incident occurred when the victim was on a ferris wheel ride with Dzermejko during a church festival. During this incident, Dzermejko "*fondled*" the victim and the victim wrote in a journal he was keeping at the time that, "*I wasn't raped or sodomized just fondled.*" The victim went on to add that Dzermejko had warned him, "*You can't tell anyone. I'll tell your mother.*" The victim also stated in the journal that he could not get off of the ride because Dzermejko told the operator to keep the ride going three times longer than it should have. The victim wrote, "*I was trapped and couldn't get off.*" After meeting with representatives from the Diocese, it was decided that this victim's family would be provided with funds for counseling.

On June 19, 2009, counsel for the Diocese received a telephone call from a second victim. The victim had previously contacted the Allegheny County District Attorney's office and was encouraged to make an "official report" to the Diocese. The victim stated that he was an altar boy at St. Teresa of Avila while he was a student at the school. This was during the

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time period of 1979-1982, while he was in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. He said that “Father Dave” (Dzermejko) was very friendly with his family and they “*went on picnics and spent time at each other’s homes.*” This victim also said that:

Numerous times he stayed overnight at the rectory and his parents never had a problem with him doing so. Dave had attractive things to young people such as a video console and a CB radio among other things.

This victim reported that he was “*raped, had anal and oral sex and performed oral sex with Dave over a course of three years.*” He feared Dave because his parents were friendly with him and they drank and shared meals together. The victim stated that the last abuse occurred in the summertime when his father was working the night shift. His mother and Dave were on the porch drinking and the victim was with them. Dave became intoxicated and the victim’s mom encouraged Dzermejko to stay the night. After his mother went to bed, he and Dave performed oral sex on each other and then the victim got scared and ran away and hid in the basement.

On January 31, 2012, a third victim contacted the Diocese. This adult male reported that he was sexually abused by Dzermejko in the late 1980’s when he was 15 to 16 years of age. In correspondence to the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Ohio County, West Virginia, it was noted by Diocesan counsel that the victim had called the Diocese several times in the past but did not leave his name. Only after speaking with the prosecutor’s office did the victim decide to give more complete information.

The third victim reported that he was initially introduced to Dzermejko by one of his friends. At the time, he was living in Cambridge, Ohio. He had stated that Dzermejko would take him to bars in Wheeling, West Virginia and in Pittsburgh. The victim advised that he had been on Dzermejko’s boat “*The Seaman,*” and had been to the rectory in Charleroi. He was also in Dzermejko’s various cars.

The victim advised that when he initially met Dzermejko, he did not know that Dzermejko was a priest. Dzermejko had told this victim that he was a “*hospital administrator*” and had a “*teddy bear strapped in the backseat of his car that wore a doctor outfit.*” This victim had said that “*when he first met Dzermejko, he did not do anything sexually to him.*” He said there “*were other boys ages to 14-16.*”

The victim reported that “*eventually Dzermejko had oral sex with him but he never performed oral sex on Dzermejko and never had intercourse with him.*” The victim gave the following locations as the places where he had “*sexual encounters*” with Dzermejko: 1) Outside the “*True Colors*” bar in Elm Grove, West Virginia (the victim stated he was 15 to 16 years old at the time); 2) Outside the Lamont restaurant (the victim stated he was about 15 to 16 years old at the time); 3) On Dzermejko’s boat somewhere between Charleroi and Pittsburgh (the victim stated that he was 15 to 16 years old); 4) In Dzermejko’s rectory in Charleroi (though the victim said that he was 15 to 16, based on the date when Dzermejko first arrived in Charleroi, he would have been 18. The victim further reported that he went to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus with Dzermejko but he could not recall if oral sex occurred there.

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By letter dated June 15, 2009, Dzermejko was notified that he was being placed on administrative leave “[i]n light of an allegation made against [him] involving the sexual abuse of a minor” That correspondence also directed Dzermejko “to take up residence at St. John Vianney Manor . . . , effective immediately.”

On January 11, 2013, law enforcement officers executed a warrant to search Dzermejko’s rooms at St. John Vianney Manor. They seized child pornography, located on his computer and also found firearms and illegal drugs. He was arrested in April 2013 for possession of child pornography. When Dzermejko spoke with law enforcement, he admitted: That he had been viewing child pornography for in excess of 10 years; that he had historically travelled to Thailand to have sexual encounters with teen boys; and, that he had gone there as recently as the same calendar year.

In November 2013, Dzermejko pled guilty to possession of child pornography in federal court. He was sentenced to three years in prison. He began serving that sentence in June, 2014.

On September 11, 2015, Zubik wrote to Vatican authorities requesting that Dzermejko “be dismissed from the clerical state in the most expedient manner possible.” The official decree dismissing Dzermejko from the clerical state was issued on October 31, 2015 and the Diocese received it on November 16, 2015.

Records subpoenaed from the Diocese reflected that financial assistance to Dzermejko was not suspended upon his incarceration, but appear to have continued for approximately one year after he went to prison. On March 1, 2016, Dzermejko wrote to Zubik indicating that the \$350 a month he had been receiving for prison commissary expenses and to pay home bills had stopped and requested financial assistance. In response to Dzermejko’s letter, on March 11, 2016, Zubik wrote:

Having just received your heartfelt-letter, please know that I am quickly following up on your request for financial assistance. I have asked Bishop William J. Waltersheid to make this a top priority. Please know that you will be hearing from him very shortly.

The records received from the Diocese do not reflect what, if any, action was taken to provide Dzermejko with financial assistance.

Reverend John P. Fitzgerald

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1948
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

5/30/1974 – 2/7/1977	St. Thomas, Braddock, PA
5/30/1974 – 2/7/1977	St. Michael, Braddock, PA
2/8/1977 – 7/7/1982	St. Michael the Archangel, Butler, PA
7/8/1982 – 3/7/1983	St. Alexis, Wexford, PA
3/8/1983 – 6/12/1988	All Saint's, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1988 – 6/21/1989	St. Anselm, Pittsburgh, PA
6/21/1989 – 8/2/1991	St. Teresa of Avila, Pittsburgh, PA
8/2/1991 – 7/17/1995	St. Anthony, Bessemer, PA
11/28/1994 – 6/17/1996	Pittsburgh International Airport
1/3/1995 – 7/17/1995	St. Lawrence, Hillsville, PA
7/17/1995 – 6/17/1996	St. John Neumann, Pittsburgh, PA
6/17/1996 – 7/1/2009	Pittsburgh International Airport
7/1/2009 – 7/31/2014	Our Lady of Peace, Conway, PA

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On March 10, 2014, a priest contacted the Diocese of Pittsburgh to advise that a male family member had been molested as a boy by Father John P. Fitzgerald in 1996 while Fitzgerald resided at Holy Trinity Church and was the Chaplain at the Pittsburgh International Airport. It was reported that on one occasion, Fitzgerald drove the boy to a hanger in New Castle where Fitzgerald's airplane was kept. During the ride, Fitzgerald moved his arms to the beat of the music playing on the radio and then touched the boy's genital area. On another occasion, while they were in Fitzgerald's airplane, Fitzgerald touched the boy's genital area and attempted to put his hand down the boy's pants. The boy further reported that Fitzgerald exposed himself in the Pittsburgh International Airport chapel and also had the boy perform oral sex on him "maybe half a dozen times." Fitzgerald instructed the boy not to tell anyone, warning that he would do the same thing to his mother and sister. Fitzgerald told him, "*I know when your father isn't at home.*"

Fitzgerald denied the allegations. A memorandum of a telephone conversation with Fitzgerald from August 1, 2014 indicated the following:

Today I received a phone call from Father Jack Fitzgerald. Father Fitzgerald stated that this would be the only time that I heard from him directly, that all other conversations would be done through his canonical advocate. Father

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Fitzgerald told me that he wanted me to communicate to [the male's] family that they had one opportunity to recant their statement or else all hell would break loose, it will be like World War III. Then Father Fitzgerald hung up.

On December 12, 2014, the Diocese held a Diocesan Review Board hearing relative to the allegations made against Fitzgerald. Their findings included the following:

- 1. The Review Board did not completely accept the testimony of the family of (the victim). However, some of the board members believe the testimony at certain points was consistent with abuse and those members tend to believe that abuse had occurred.*
- 2. There was a great deal of discrepancy in the facts between the family's testimony and Father Fitzgerald's.*
- 3. This abuse could have occurred but there is some disagreement regarding how to interpret all of the testimony given."*

The following were the recommendations of the Diocesan Review Board:

- 1. That the allegations brought forward by (the victim) demonstrate that a semblance of truth exists.*
- 2. That Reverend John P. Fitzgerald not be returned to his assignment and that a further hearing of the case take place according to the norms of the document from the Holy See Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela."*

The current status of proceedings against Fitzgerald is unknown.

The Diocese paid for some of the counseling and drug treatment for the male in addition to providing the family with a \$40,000 reimbursement for drug treatment expenses that were incurred prior to the report being made.

Reverend Joseph M. Ganter

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1892
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 25, 1922

Employment/Assignment History

7/1922-9/1923	Saint's Peter & Paul, Pittsburgh, PA
9/1923-7/1932	St. Martin Church, West End, Pittsburgh, PA
7/1932-3/1942	St. Athanasius Church, West View, PA
3/1942-6/1964	St. Boniface Church, Penn, PA
6/3/1964	Retired

Summary

In 2008, an 80-year-old male contacted the Diocese of Pittsburgh to report that Father Joseph M. Ganter had abused him in the 1930's when he was approximately 10 years of age and an altar server at St. Anthanasius. He advised that he stopped serving mass after the abuse occurred. He further advised of five boys who had slept with Ganter as well as an unknown boy from West View who spent his vacation with Ganter. When a Bishop's delegate reviewed Ganter's personal file, an allegation from 1944 was discovered wherein an adult male had complained of immoral and corrupt relationships between Ganter and at least three teenage boys, ages 13 to 15.

The first teenage boy was 14-years-old when Ganter approached him in January, 1943 in his office. Ganter asked the boy to engage in a sex act. The boy became frightened, started to cry and then asked to go home. Ganter gave the boy \$3.00 and instructed him to never tell anyone.

The second teenage boy was 15-years-old when Ganter asked him to commit a sex act in his office. This occurred on a Sunday evening in April, 1943. The boy refused. Ganter gave him \$12.00 and one ticket for bingo, instructing him not to tell anyone. A witness informed the boy that he should do whatever Ganter requested because it was not sinful. The witness further advised the boy not to be afraid because Ganter told him that everybody does it.

The third teen entered the parish house on the evening of September 30, 1943 with another boy. The other boy then went to the school hall. When the other boy returned to the house with two others, they witnessed the teen and Ganter engaged in a sex act. This occurred in the office opposite the dining room.

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In 1945, at the request of Ganter, a Justice of the Peace conducted an investigation into the accusations. The individuals were interviewed, having given different stories and denied any supposed immoral relations with Ganter.

Reverend John A. Genizer

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1941
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	December 23, 1967

Employment/Assignment History

7/31/1968-5/21/1973	Parochial Vicar, St. Paul, Butler, PA
5/22/1973-2/17/1975	Special Assignment, Office of Religious Education, Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
5/22/1973-2/17/1975	Duquesne University—Graduate Studies
2/17/1975-8/21/1980	Assistant Director, Adult Religious Education Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
8/25/1980-4/29/1990	Associate Spiritual Director, Mount St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD
6/11/1990-6/10/1991	Parochial Vicar, Holy Innocents, Pittsburgh, PA
6/01/1991-2/07/1994	Assistant Chaplain Nursing Home, McGuire Memorial Home, New Brighton, PA
6/10/1991-2/07/1994	Administrator, St. Cyril & Methodius, New Brighton, PA
2/07/1994-1/17/2000	Pastor, St. Colman, Turtle Creek, PA
1/17/2000-3/12/2007	Chaplain Military-US Navy, Archdiocese for Military Services, Washington, DC
3/12/2007-7/07/2008	Administrator, St. Barbara, Bridgeville, PA
7/07/2008-6/06/2011	Parochial Vicar, St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, PA
6/06/2011-present	Chaplain, Little Sisters of the Poor

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In a document dated July 7, 1995 and initialed “R.F.G.” (Father Robert F. Guay), it was noted that a telephone call had been received from Father William Lynn, Secretary for the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It was reported that the son of a member of the Archdiocese had revealed that was fondled by Father John A. Genizer in 1980 when he was 13-years-old. Lynn advised that the son’s parents were very involved in the church and were reputable. He further stated that the parents did not want to make the information public.

Guay sent a letter to the family dated August 7, 1995 wherein he explained that in order for the Diocese of Pittsburgh to conduct an investigation, a statement or written allegation was necessary so that they had something documented to review with the priest involved.

In February, 2009, Geinzer wrote a letter to Bishop Zubik, asking for his endorsement to serve under the supervision of the Apostleship of the Holy See USA as a chaplain aboard a passenger cruise ship. In a confidential memorandum to the file dated March 24, 2009, the

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Diocese reported that Father Bonner met with Geinzer to discuss his recent request. It was noted that Geinzer needed the endorsement of the Bishop and that the Bishop would have to sign a document stating that Geinzer; *“Enjoys a good reputation and has no problems of a moral nature.”* They then discussed the 1995 report of abuse. Geinzer denied the allegation.

It was subsequently determined that because of the sexual allegation listed in his confidential file, Geinzer would not be endorsed by the Bishop to serve as chaplain. Geinzer was assured, however, that the allegation would not affect his current standing in the Diocese because the Diocese deemed it to be an *“inconclusive allegation.”*

In a confidential memorandum dated May 28, 2014, a telephone call from a woman was documented wherein she complained about Geinzer’s conduct around her son. She stated that three years ealier, she and her family went to the Little Sisters of the Poor to visit her parents. Her son was eight-years-old at that time. While they were there, Geinzer took her children to get candy. When they returned, she noticed that Geinzer was showing a little too much interest in her son’s clothes and how her son looked. This made her son feel very uneasy. During their next visit, Geinzer approached her son. He stated that *“he looked so handsome”* and touched the boy as he made this comment. She stated that her son broke into tears and told her that he did not want to talk to Geinzer. The boy further stated, *“I don’t want him touching me.”* Finally, the woman revealed that on a more recent vistit to Little Sisters of the Poor, they attended mass. As they were leaving, Geinzer approached another young boy who was approximately 13 years of age. She stated that Geinzer began touching the boy and made comments about how he was dressed. The woman advised that she had just attended a “safe environment training” and thought that Geinzer’s behavior towards young boys needed attention.

Another memorandum in the file dated May 30, 2014 revealed that a discussion of the allegations with Geinzer occurred. Father Eckman told Geinzer that he had received a complaint through Father Rushofsky that Geinzer was making the boy uncomfortable by patting him on the back for prolonged periods of time, making comments about his clothes and focusing on the child in unusual ways. He also explained that Geinzer had been observed exhibiting this same type of behavior with other young boys, but never with any of the girls. Geinzer responded that he was unaware of his behavior and how it made others feel. He advised that he would make extra effort not to touch any minors.

After these specific allegations of unnatural interest in young boys were made and documented in his file, Diocesan officials continued to write and sign letters advising that Geinzer was a priest in *“good standing.”* Specifically in a May 19, 2016 document entitled; *“Testimonial of the Diocese of Pittsburgh of Suitability for Priestly Ministry”* that was signed and initialed by Eckman, it was stated that not only was Geinzer a priest in good standing, *“[n]o accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him, nor has he ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal.”* The letter further stated; *“To the best of my knowledge, he has never engaged in sexual behavior inconsistent with priestly celibacy, nor had he ever acted in an inappropriate manner with minors.”*

Reverend Charles R. Ginder

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1914
YEAR OF DEATH:	1984
ORDINATION:	June 11, 1940

Employment/Assignment History

8/1940-9/1942	St. Gregory, Zelenople, PA and St. Mathias, Evans City, PA
9/1972-2/1946	Society of St. Suplice (NFI)
2/1946-6/1950	Saint's Simon & Jude, Blairsville, PA
6/1950-12/1953	St. George, Pittsburgh, PA (South Side)
12/1953-6/1959	St. Joseph, Pittsburgh, PA (North Side)
12/1954-7/1962	Censor Librorum
6/1959-2/1961	St. Mary, New Castle, PA
2/1961-8/1962	School Sisters of St. Francis, Bellevue, PA
7/1962-7/1963	Health related leave of absence
8/1963-5/1964	Our Lady of Mercy Academy (NFI)
5/1964-6/1964	St. Januarius, Pittsburgh, PA
5/1964-6/1964	St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, PA
6/1964-1/1967	Sick Leave
1/1967-?	St. John the Baptist, Baden, PA
1970-6/1984	Sick Leave

Summary

Over the course of the years, an adult male residing in Seattle, WA contacted the Diocese of Pittsburgh on multiple occasions. He never provided details of his abuse, but he threatened to sue the Diocese and recorded telephone calls that he made. The male was advised in 1999 that the records pertaining to Father Charles R. Ginder were destroyed as Ginder had died in 1984. The male subsequently sent a letter wherein he stated that he was taken to New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia by Ginder. He estimated that the trips occurred between 1958 and 1961. He did not provide details of any abuse, but advised that the details would be contained in a book that he planned to write. The male also advised that he was abused by another priest in Pittsburgh who now lived in Florida. He refused to name the other priest, however, in order to maintain "the element of surprise."

In September, 2005, the male called the Diocese to say that he would be in Pittsburgh in the near future and wanted to make the abuse publicly known. He advised that he had requested that CNN and 60 Minutes accompany him. In 2006, he called the Diocese to advise that he was expecting reimbursement for the cost of many years of counseling and medication that he has incurred due to abuse by Ginder.

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On November 28, 2007, a letter was sent to the male from the Ministerial Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese which included a check in the amount of \$4,092.00 for monthly insurance premiums. A copy of a Receipt and Release was also enclosed which stated:

I hereby forever remise, release and discharge the Diocese of Pittsburgh . . . from any and all continuing obligations, liabilities or claims that I may have in the future for counseling and counseling benefits.

Additionally, there was a June 20, 2008 letter in the file that was sent to the male. This letter stated that the Diocese had entered into a mediation process in connection with a lawsuit and that sums of money were apportioned to the plaintiffs. The male was advised that, as a plaintiff, he was to receive \$16,000.00 as his portion of the resolution.

In 2002, a 50-year-old male living in New Jersey reported that he had been abused by Ginder when he was between the ages of 15 and 17. He stated that he and a boy from Denmark would gather at the residence of the Bishop on many occasions. He stated that they would drink alcohol and “*sexual activity would occur there.*” According to the male, the sexual activity occurred with Ginder and the Bishop was aware of it. The male further stated that he lived with Ginder on Murray Avenue for a short time. He stated that the relationship with Ginder and others was “*out of control.*” He described Ginder as “*a physically abusive monster.*”

In 2007, a 69-year old male living in Florida called the Diocese to report that he had been molested by Ginder. He stated that he attended St. Mary’s on the North Side as a child in the late 1940s. Ginder, who was assigned to a neighboring parish, would wait outside of St. Mary’s early in the morning to offer him rides. He did not provide specific details. However, he explained that after a few occasions, he no longer accepted rides from Ginder. He stated that the abuse he suffered caused his marriage to fail; that he had feelings of guilt; and, that he had attempted suicide. He further related that he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder; had been in and out of hospitals; and experienced terrible nightmares.

In 2011, an adult male reported sexual abuse through the Diocese of Manchester in New Hampshire. He stated that in 1980, when he was approximately 15 or 16-years-old, he attended an overnight retreat at Hundred Acres in New Boston. Another man, possibly a priest, attempted to assault him in his bed. When he screamed loudly, Ginder came into the room. Ginder then offered to drive him home. During the car ride, Ginder pulled over by a river. He then fondled the young man on the top of his clothes. The young man got out of the vehicle before it went any further and took a bus home.

In 2013, an adult male reported that he was befriended by Ginder following the death of his brother in 1960. He stated that they often made trips from New Castle to Pittsburgh and had dinner together. The male recalled that on one occasion, he fell asleep in the front seat of the car following dinner with Ginder. He awoke to Ginder putting his hand up his pant leg, touching his thigh. When asked what he was doing, Ginder explained that he was checking to see if the boy was cold. After this incident, he did not accompany Ginder anywhere else.

Reverend James G. Graham

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1940
YEAR OF DEATH:	2015
ORDINATION:	May 14, 1966

Employment/Assignment History

6/07/1966 – 1/23/1972	St. Lawrence O’Toole, Pittsburgh, PA
1/24/1972 – 5/29/1974	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pittsburgh, PA
5/30/1974 – 9/18/1978	St. Bernadette, Monroeville, PA
9/19/1978 – 4/13/2012	St. Lawrence O’Toole, Garfield, PA
4/13/2012 – 3/06/2015	Leave of Absence

Summary

On July 24, 2012 the Diocesan Review Board heard and reviewed testimony pertaining to the following allegations of abuse by Father James G. Graham:

1. A long-time female partner of a male victim verified a letter that he wrote prior to his drug overdose death wherein he detailed his abuse at the hands of Graham which started when he was 9 years old. The abuse lasted two or three years. The female partner became aware of the abuse after the birth of her daughter when the victim refused to allow Graham to baptize her. The victim died in 2012.
2. The sister of a victim testified that when her brother was placed on a liver transplant list, she had several conversations with him about Graham. He told her about the intimacy and sex he had with Graham when he was 15-years-old. The victim died in 2002.
3. This victim did not appear before the Review Board as assigned; instead, his interview by the Clergy Office was accepted as his testimony. He stated that Graham once wrote him a love letter. On April 30, 2012, the victim had a telephone conversation with the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. He advised that on two occasions while he was playing pool, Graham came up behind him, lowered his pants and inserted his penis into the victim’s anus. The victim was 16-years-old at the time. He advised that shortly thereafter he began using drugs and alcohol.

All three allegations were deemed to be credible. Graham’s testimony before the Review Board was deemed not to be credible. The Review Board believed that Graham’s mental capacity was diminished due to his alcoholism. It was recommended to Bishop Zubik that

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Graham was no longer suitable for public ministry. This recommendation was accepted and Zubik permanently removed Graham as a priest.

The Diocese forwarded information regarding all three allegations to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

Brother William Hildebrand

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	1979
ORDINATION:	N/A

Employment/Assignment History

Unknown

Summary

In May 2014, four adult males reported that they were abused by Brother William Hildebrand, who was a member of the Marianist Order. The first male stated that he was a student at North Catholic High School during the 1952-1956 school year. During a time period when the young man was utilizing crutches, Hildebrand rubbed his behind. The young man told Hildebrand to get away from him.

The second male reported that he was a student at North Catholic High School during the 1960's school year. He stated that Hildebrand managed the school bookstore and would get the students to go behind the counter so that he could have sex education talks with them and touch them. He accused Hildebrand of inappropriately touching him.

The third male advised that he was a student at North Catholic High School from 1959-1961. He explained that Hildebrand was his Latin teacher and would make him stay after school. He reported that Hildebrand made him pull down his pants and then groped him. He stated that this occurred on three to four occasions before he dropped out of school.

The fourth male was a student at North Catholic High School from 1956-1960. He accused Hildebrand of inappropriately touching him.

In June, 2014, a 69-year-old male reported that he was abused by Hildebrand when he was a student at North Catholic High School during the 1959 school year. He stated that during his freshman year, he went to the school bookstore in order to purchase a new notebook. While there, he stated that Hildebrand grabbed his genitals.

The records indicated that the Diocese attempted to reach out to the victims regarding counseling.

Reverend John S. Hoehl

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1938
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 9, 1963

Employment/Assignment History

1964	St. Mary Magdalene, Homestead, PA
1966	St. Francis Xavier, Pittsburgh, PA
1971	Quigley Catholic High School, Baden, PA
1985	Bishop Boyle High School, Homestead, PA
1985	St. John Joachim, Greenfield, PA
1986	Secretariat for Education, Pittsburgh, PA
1987	Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

On May 2, 1986, a 28-year-old male made a report to the Diocese of Pittsburgh that he had been sexually abused by Father John S. Hoehl. He stated that from 1972, when he was a 14-year-old freshman at Quigley High School, until 1979, when he was a senior at Duquesne University, Hoehl fondled his genitals and they performed mutual masturbation and oral sex on each other on a regular basis. At the time when this disclosure was made to Diocesan officials, a young man was living with Hoehl at the rectory at St. Joachim. Found within the rectory were various drug paraphernalia, condoms and other pornographic materials, including videos and literature.

In 1993, a 29-year-old adult male reported that he had been sexually involved with Hoehl beginning in 1978 when he was 15-years-old. He stated that it continued from his sophomore year at Quigley until 1980 when he was a senior. He stated that he was sodomized on at least two occasions. He further stated that oral sex and mutual masturbation occurred on many occasions during that time period. He advised that he had sought the assistance of Hoehl in connection with sexual abuse that he had suffered prior to attending Quigley.

In 1997, a 29-year-old male reported that in 1976, when he was nine years of age, Hoehl touched and rubbed his genitals, and, performed oral sex on him. He stated that the sexual activity lasted until he was 18-years-old. It then occurred again when he was a sophomore in college. He indicated that there were many boys who stayed at Hoehl's residence at Quigley and that some of them had similar experiences with Hoehl. On September 22, 2000, the male and his wife filed a lawsuit against Hoehl and the Diocese in connection with the sexual abuse. On December 14, 2007, Bishop Zubick provided the male's parents with a check in the amount of \$10,000.00. The accompanying letter stated that the money was for emotional and financial hardship suffered.

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On April 26, 2002, a 33-year-old male reported sexual abuse by Hoehl. He stated that the sexual contact occurred at Hoehl's private residence at Quigley in 1979 when he was 16 years of age. The male reported that Hoehl sexually abused him and provided him with drugs and alcohol until 1982.

In 2004, an adult male informed the Diocese that he was sexually abused by Hoehl when he was 16 years old and in his sophomore year at Quigley. He stated that in April, 1978, he was outside of the school building when a friend came out to tell him that a girl (hereinafter referred to "Jane Doe") was in trouble in Hoehl's office. The two boys ran into the office where they saw her. She was naked from the waist down. She was being held down by an older student and Hoehl was about to rape her. The boys helped Jane Doe retrieve her clothes and wanted to get her out of the office as quickly as possible. Hoehl told them that he would release Jane Doe if they stayed behind to take her place. They agreed and Jane Doe was released. Hoehl locked the office on both sides. He then sodomized both boys. The adult male reported that he and Jane Doe told a female teacher what had occurred but the teacher did not take any action. The male further stated that he came forward after receiving the letter wherein Bishop Wuerl invited people to contact the Diocese if they had been abused.

Another additional victim came forward in 2004 to report that Hoehl had touched him inappropriately between 1980 and 1984. The incidents occurred in Beaver County. The male attended therapy and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. The Diocese assumed responsibility for the costs of the therapy sessions and his prescriptions. On April 21, 2008, the Diocese issued a check to the male in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a pastoral gesture for the financial difficulties he had experienced.

The Diocese received additional reports regarding abuse at the hands of Hoehl. Specifically:

- Hoehl entered the shower with a 14-year-old boy in 1975. He also engaged in manual masturbation with the boy and oral sex. The abuse occurred in the school locker room, Hoehl's residence at Quigley and at a cabin near Youghioghenny Lake;
- Hoehl sexually touched a boy from 1972 to 1973 when he was 15 to 16 years of age. The incidents occurred in Beaver County;
- Hoehl inappropriately touched a boy from 1979 to 1980 when the boy was 12 to 13 years of age. The incidents occurred in Beaver County;
- Hoehl fondled the genitals of a 16-year-old boy in 1976. The incidents occurred at Quigley and at the Youghioghenny Reservoir.

The Diocese was also notified that Hoehl fondled the genitals of a 13-year-old boy in 1979. He also approached the boy in the shower. These incidents occurred at Quigley and in a "cabin at a lake." The victim received \$40,000.00 from the Diocese to settle his part of a 32 victim lawsuit against the Diocese. He later received a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help with his additional expenses.

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The following is a summary of further allegations of sexual abuse committed by Hoehl:

- Hoehl fondled the genitals of a boy and washed his back. This occurred between 1974 (when the boy was 10-years-old) and 1981. The conduct occurred at Quigley and at a cabin at Youghioghenny Lake. He is the brother of the immediate victim listed above;
- In 1973, Hoehl wrestled and showered with a 15-year-old boy. He removed the boy's underwear and rubbed his genitals. The incidents occurred at Hoehl's private home at Quigley. He is the brother of the immediate victim listed above;
- A male reported that Hoehl would make the boys go to bed wearing long shirts with no underwear so that he could fondle their genitals in the middle of the night; and
- From 1975 to 1976, Hoehl kissed a boy, provided him with alcohol, performed oral sex on him, fondled his genitals and took nude photographs of him. The incidents occurred from 1975 to 1976 when the boy was 17 to 18 years of age.

On May 18, 2015, Father David DeWitt, Pastor of Risen Lord, telephoned Father Mark Eckman. DeWitt explained that he was scheduled to preside over a funeral and was contacted by the son of the deceased who stated that he was having a difficult time dealing with his father's death. The son further advised that he felt uncomfortable coming back to Pittsburgh because he was sexually abused by Hoehl when he was a student at St. Francis Xavier from 1966 to 1967.

An adult male met with Diocesan officials on May 11, 2005. The male explained that he was a student at Quigley and, when he was approximately 15-16 years of age, Hoehl took him and several other boys to his cabin. While at the cabin, everyone was divided up to sleep in various places. He was assigned to sleep with Hoehl and Hoehl insisted that the boy sleep in a long t-shirt with no underwear. During the night, Hoehl fondled him. The male also reported that Hoehl had him work around his property during the summer. Afterwards, Hoehl instructed him to take a shower. When he got out of the shower, Hoehl was there waiting with a towel to dry him off. After three days in a row of this behavior by Hoehl, the male did not return. Finally, the male reported that on graduation day, his diploma case was empty. Hoehl informed him that if he wanted his diploma, he needed to come to see him. He cried all the way home and never returned to get his diploma because he did not want to deal with Hoehl.

The file contained a confidential memorandum that revealed that on May 20, 2009, Bishop Zubik met with a man whose brother was abused by Hoehl. The family had heard second-hand information that the brother was also abused by another priest who served at St. Teresa of Avila in Perrysville. Zubik stated in his report that he reached out to the widow of the brother several times, but she never returned any of his messages. Attached to the confidential memorandum were what appeared to be journal writings authored by the brother wherein he described certain incidents at Quigley.

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In an e-mail communication on November 2, 2004, a 1979 Quigley graduate wrote to Father Ronald Lengwin about Hoehl. He stated that when he was a student, he was approached by Hoehl. However, he was able to avoid being molested by him. Others in his class were not so lucky. The male advised that his cousin was molested by Hoehl "*that creature*" and that another good friend of his committed suicide because of what Hoehl did to him. He expressed a strong concern because other priests and adults affiliated with the school were aware that Hoehl was giving the boys drugs and alcohol and having them spend the night at his house. He stated that as an adult, he now he realizes how the adults at the school buried their heads in the sand. He wrote: "*Not one adult did anything to stop it*" and "*To say that there was no knowledge or conspiracy is ludicrous and a flat-out lie.*"

In 2010, a woman telephoned the Diocese Hotline to report that her son was abused by Hoehl in the late 1980's or early 1990's. She stated that Hoehl "*grabbed*" her son and asked to sleep naked with him while at his cabin on the Youghiogheny River. Her son, now 33 years of age, did not want to see or speak with Hoehl.

Following the first report of sexual abuse on May 2, 1986, Hoehl was removed as pastor of St. Joachim and as Headmaster of Bishop Boyle High School on May 4, 1986. He was admitted to Southdown treatment facility in Aurora, Canada on May 6, 1986. While at Southdown, he underwent therapy for approximately six months and was discharged on November 21, 1986. During his treatment at Southdown, the Director informed the Diocese that Hoehl had admitted that he had been sexually involved with several high school students when he was Headmaster at Quigley. At the conclusion of his treatment, Southdown provided the Diocese with an assessment that Hoehl, in fact, was/is a pedophile. On December 3, 1986, Hoehl was assigned as an educational consultant to Father Douglas Nowicki, then Secretary of Education for the Diocese.

On July 1, 1987, Hoehl was appointed as a chaplain at Shadyside Hospital. However, on November 29, 1988, he was informed by the Diocese that he could no longer continue in ministry. Hoehl resigned. After the Diocese withdrew his priestly faculties, he was provided with subsistence and medical benefits for three and one half years. The Diocesan records indicated that each report of sexual abuse was brought to the attention of the District Attorney's Office and that counseling for the victims and their families was provided.

The expiration of the statute of limitations prevented Hoehl from being arrested and charged criminally for sexual abuse of minors.

On April 26, 2002, several victims reported to WTAE Channel 4 that they were sexually abused by Hoehl when they attended Quigley.

In October, 2007, following an initiation of a lawsuit, 32 victims settled with the Diocese.

In 2009, Hoehl was reported to be living in Addison, Pennsylvania. In a letter to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Diocese of Pittsburgh reported the allegations against Hoehl and where he was living.

Reverend James Hopkins

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	1968

Employment/Assignment History

Unknown

Summary

In November 2012, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received an e-mail communication from an adult male about Father James Hopkins. He stated that several decades earlier, Hopkins performed a “medical exam” on him when he was freshman at St. Fidelis Seminary High School. The exam involved the young man bending over naked in front of Hopkins and listening to Hopkins make creepy comments about his behind. There was no indication in the records that the Diocese conducted an investigation or attempted to contact the male about counseling.

That same month, the Diocese sent a letter to the Butler County District Attorney’s Office, advising of the allegation. The letter stated that Hopkins was transferred to the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey in 1973. In 1995, he pled guilty to sexually molesting an altar boy in Camden County. He received a ten year prison sentence and was ordered to register as a sex offender.

Reverend John J. Huber

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1942
YEAR OF DEATH:	1998
ORDINATION:	05/18/1968

Employment/Assignment History

6/1968-5/1973	St. Canice Church, Knoxville, PA
5/1973-5/1979	St. Joseph Church, Duquesne, PA
5/1979-6-1983	St. James Church, Sewickley, PA
6/1983-7/1984	St. Joseph Home for Aged, Pittsburgh, PA
7/1984-8/1985	St. Bernard, Mt. Lebanon, PA
8/1985-8/1991	St. Thomas Aquinas, California, PA
8/1991-12/1998	St. Catherine of Siena, Wireton, PA

Summary

In March 2009, a report was made to the Diocese of Pittsburgh of sexual abuse committed by Father John J. Huber when he served as the pastor at St. Canice. An adult male reported that when he was in fourth or fifth grade, another priest by the name of Father Adams had touched him in his genital area. Sometime later, the boy went to confession and told Huber that he may be attracted to men. Huber responded that he should attend one-on-one counseling sessions. During one of those sessions, Huber performed oral sex on him and then gave him \$20.00 afterwards. The male stated that this occurred on more than one occasion.

On March 30, 2009, counsel for the Diocese sent a letter to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, advising of the allegations.

Reverend Edward G. Huff

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1947
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 5, 1973

Employment/Assignment History

5/22/1973 – 2/27/1978	Holy Innocents, Pittsburgh, PA
2/27/1978 – 6/29/1983	North American Martyrs, Monroeville, PA
6/29/1983 – 1/10/1987	St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, Whitehall, PA
1/10/1987 – 6/17/1991	St. Anthony, Bessemer, PA
6/17/1991 – 2/27/1992	St. Anselm, Swissvale, PA
2/27/1992 – 11/2/1992	Leave of Absence
11/2/1992 – 1/7/1993	Office for Chaplaincies and Campus Ministry
1/7/1993 – 2/16/1993	Leave of Absence
2/16/1993	Resigned

Summary

Beginning in 1992, several victims reported to the Diocese of Pittsburgh that while Father Edward G. Huff was a priest at St. Anthony, he inappropriately touched them. It was reported that he would invite teenage male students to the rectory, provide them with alcohol, and wrestle with them, at times. Huff would also attempt to take students with him to go bowling, to see Pittsburgh Pirates games, and to go to Cedar Point.

One victim stated that Huff would repeatedly ask him to go places with him. Eventually, the victim agreed to attend a Pittsburgh Pirates game alone with Huff. While Huff was driving them home, he asked the victim to move closer to him in the front seat of the car. Huff then allowed the victim to drive the car by taking control of the steering wheel while the car was travelling at 55 mph on the interstate. Huff then pulled up the victim's pant legs and began feeling his legs. Huff then moved his hand up to the victim's thigh, untucked his shirt and rubbed his stomach. Huff then unbuttoned the victim's pants and attempted to place his hand down the front of the victim's pants. At that point, the victim told Huff he no longer wanted to drive and moved back to the passenger seat. Once again, Huff began rubbing the victim's stomach and attempted to move his hand down into the victim's pants. This continued off and on until Huff took the victim home. The records revealed that other victims provided similar accounts of Huff allowing them to drive his car while touching them inappropriately.

Prior to the victim's Confirmation, Huff met with him privately in the rectory. While sitting, Huff pulled the victim's chair closer to his and began touching the victim's knees and rubbing his thighs. The victim grabbed Huff's wrist and pushed him away. The victim reported these incidents to the Diocese in the form of a letter dated December 31, 1992.

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On February 27, 1992, while a priest at St. Anselm, Huff was removed from his assignment. Subsequently on March 5, 1992, Huff was evaluated by St. Michael's Community Program in St. Louis, Missouri and began treatment there on April 16, 1992. In October, 1992, Huff returned to Pittsburgh and was assigned to the Office for Chaplains and Campus Ministry where he was responsible for supervising chaplains at hospitals and nursing home facilities.

On January 7, 1993, Huff was placed on administrative leave and then returned to St. Michael's the following day for further treatment. On February 16, 1993, Huff resigned from active ministry.

On June 22, 1994, Huff was arrested and charged with several crimes in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania for conduct that occurred when he was a priest at St. Anthony's. On August 21, 1996, Huff pled guilty and was sentenced to serve 18 months to 5 years in prison. He was paroled on August 5, 1999.

There was a May 5, 2000 handwritten note (author unknown) in Huff's file. The note stated that Huff, "*admitted to touching 500 kids and targeting at least 1200 . . .*"

On May 5, 2008, another victim disclosed that in the early 1980s, while he was an altar server at St. Gabriel, he was inappropriately touched by Huff. Huff often took the victim to Pittsburgh Pirates games and provided him with alcohol. While the victim was in Huff's car, Huff would stroke the victim's leg and gradually move up to his genital area. The victim could not remember everything that occurred due to being intoxicated. He stated that he passed out from alcohol provided by Huff.

A narrative contained in Diocesan files indicated that on June 14, 2015, altar server training was conducted at St. Joseph the Worker in New Castle. Huff came into the church and was overheard asking a teenage male if he would like to go to a Pittsburgh Pirates game with him in the future. The teen declined the offer and his mother contacted church officials about the incident.

Monsignor Edward Joyce

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1915
YEAR OF DEATH:	1969
ORDINATION:	June 16, 1940

Employment/Assignment History

3/15/1941 – 12/04/1946	Parochial Vicar, St. James, Wilkinsburg, PA
12/05/1946 – 6/15/1955	Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew, North Side, PA
6/16/1955 – 7/29/1959	Parochial Vicar, St. Titus, Aliquippa, PA
7/29/1959 – 10/05/1959	Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph, Sharpsburg, PA
10/06/1959 – 9/21/1959	Vic Enc, St. Joseph, Sharpsburg, PA
9/22/1959 – 7/22/1963	Pastor, St. Joseph, Sharpsburg, PA
7/23/1963 – 8/27/1968	Pastor, St. Joseph, North Side, PA
8/28/1968 – 1/11/1969	Chaplain, Sisters of St. Francis, Mt. Assisi, PA

Summary

In December 2002, an allegation of sexual abuse by Monsignor Edward Joyce was made to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. A male had reported to the Diocese of Pittsburgh that Joyce had inappropriately touched him from 1966 to 1968 at a church in Allegheny County. He stated that he and Joyce gave each other massages which eventually led to naked massages and heavy touching. On one occasion, he and Joyce were caught in a compromising position by Father Patrick Jones. After the incident, Joyce was quickly reassigned to an all-girls school.

In April, 2010 a female requested her school records from St. Joseph. She provided "*troubling information*" about Joyce in connection with the request. The "*troubling information*" was never described, however, and there was no other documentation in the file to detail the incident and/or how it was resolved.

Reverend Marvin Justi

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1933
YEAR OF DEATH:	2009
ORDINATION:	June 7, 1958

Employment/Assignment History

1958-1969	St. Fidelis Seminary
1969-1972	Quigley High School, Ambridge, PA
1972-	Good Shepard Catholic Church, Shawnee, KS
1980	St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ambridge, PA
2002	St. Joseph Church, Cabot, PA

Summary

In August 2016, an adult female reported that in June, 1969, she was a 17-year-old nursing student at Sewickley Valley Hospital. During that time, Father Marvin Justi was a patient at the hospital and she gave him a sponge bath. During the bath, he became sexually aroused and insisted that she continue to wash his genitals. After that, Justi began sending her suggestive letters and notes. Her mother found the notes and reported Justi to his superior.

In 1982, the female was working at a physical therapy facility in Ambridge when Justi arrived as a patient. He proceeded to undress and refused to get dressed when she attempted to start the session. He was asked to leave and seek therapy elsewhere.

In 1985, Justi appeared at the female's house unannounced. She allowed him to enter. While there, he used the restroom. He then re-appeared in the living room naked with a freshly shaven genital area. He left after she picked up the telephone to call the police.

Diocesan records contained little to no documentation on any investigation conducted by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Reverend Bernard J. Kaczmarczyk

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1929
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 25, 1957

Employment/Assignment History

6/13/1957-10/19/1959	Assistant, St. Robert Bellarmine, E. McKeesport PA
10/20/1959-5/30/1961	Assistant, St. Ladislaus, Natrona, PA
5/31/1961-9/21/1967	Assistant, St. Adalbert, South Side, PA
9/22/1967-9/19/1968	Assistant, St. Stanislaus, Ambridge, PA
9/20/1968-3/01/1970	Assistant, Holy Family, Lawrenceville, PA
3/01/1970-10/26/1992	Pastor, Holy Name of Mary, Donora, PA
10/30/1992	Leave of Absence
2/28/1994	Faculties withdrawn
11/1997-1/1998	Halfway house
6/1998	Suspended as a priest

Summary

On February 8, 1994, the Diocese of Pittsburgh was informed that allegations had been lodged against Father Bernard J. Kaczmarczyk concerning sexual abuse of at least three minors. These allegations were investigated by the Diocese and deemed to be credible.

On February 8, 1994, the Coordinator of Clergy Support Services received a telephone call from a female who alleged that Kaczmarczyk had sexually abused her three nephews, ages 11, 14 and 15. She explained that she and her entire family had been life-long friends with Kaczmarczyk and had total access to the rectory because of their relationship with him. She stated that her nephews were sexually abused by Kaczmarczyk at the rectory in Donora and also at his home in Florida.

The caller reported that when her oldest nephew was approximately 12 years old, Kaczmarczyk would meet with him every day in Kaczmarczyk's bedroom. Kaczmarczyk would also go into the bathroom when her nephew was showering to make sure he was "*showering properly.*" She also reported that her nephew would frequently sleep with Kaczmarczyk, who wore his sister's dresses as pajamas.

One morning her oldest nephew awoke to find Kaczmarczyk performing oral sex on him. Kaczmarczyk was very controlling of the boy and would slap him if he said anything about it. Kaczmarczyk often bought things for the child and had the child's name on some bank accounts.

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At one point all three boys and their mother moved to Florida with Kaczmarczyk. When the mother moved back to Donora, Kaczmarczyk insisted that the two oldest boys stay in Florida with him. The caller reported that a detective went to the house and later called the boy's mother to inform her that Kaczmarczyk was "*using all three boys.*"

The woman went on to state in June, 1992, Kaczmarczyk had her nephew make a "*Consecration to the Mystical Rose*" and had him wear a rosary ring on his left hand. (There were notes in the file that suggested that this was some sort of marriage ceremony, similar to vows, between the boy and Kaczmarczyk).

The woman reported that she spoke with the mother of her nephews on February 11, 1994. According to the mother, her children became involved with Kaczmarczyk when her oldest son was approximately seven-years-old. Kaczmarczyk then trained him as an altar boy when he was around 10 years of age and he began staying overnight at the rectory with Kaczmarczyk. When her son was between the ages of 10 and 12, he recalled waking up in the morning with his underwear removed and found Kaczmarczyk kneeling next to his bed.

From October 1992 through February 1993, the mother stated that she and her boys lived in Florida to help Kaczmarczyk. Thereafter, Kaczmarczyk insisted that her two oldest boys stay in Florida with him (approximately two more weeks.) Her oldest son later told her that there was an occasion when he woke up and Kaczmarczyk was performing oral sex on him. He also told her that once he woke up and Kaczmarczyk was trying to "*put his penis in his butt.*" Kaczmarczyk also gave him wine to help him sleep. He told his mother that Kaczmarczyk did not want him looking at girls and that he and Kaczmarczyk had taken vows which he wanted the boy to renew every year.

Reverend Joseph D. Karabin

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1947
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

1974 - 1979	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Midland, PA
1979 – 1980	St. Joan of Arc, Library, PA
1980	St. Joseph the Worker, New Castle, PA
1980 – 1981	Holy Name, Duquesne, PA
1981 – 1986	St. Albert the Great, Baldwin, PA
1986 – 2002	Braddock Hospital, Braddock , PA

Summary

In March 1980, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report from a victim who was sexually abused by Father Joseph D. Karabin while Karabin was assigned to St. Joan of Arc. Bishop Vincent Leonard then sent a letter to the House of Affirmation, a treatment center, notifying them that Karabin would arrive on March 25, 1980 for an evaluation with respect to the “incident” which Leonard advised he did not want to describe in the letter. Karabin was returned to active ministry after he completed treatment.

In March, 1985, Father Raymond Froelich, Pastor of St. Albert the Great where Karabin was assigned as Parochial Vicar, notified Bishop Bevilacqua of another child whom Father Karabin had sexually abused.

On March 7, 1985, two memorandums by Bishop Bosco documented a meeting held between himself and Karabin in with respect to the new report. Bosco advised Karabin that he would have to be reassigned due to the complaint. Karabin agreed, but “*did not seem happy*” with the possibility that his reassignment may not be immediate due to this being a “*recurrence of a previous problem.*” According to Karabin, this “*latest incident*” was caused by stress he was under from not having his own pastorate. He related that if he was assigned as a pastor of a parish, it would prevent him from “*acting out.*” Handwritten notes by Bishop Bevilacqua on one of the memorandums stated, among other things, “*I do not feel Father Karabin should be given another immediate assignment after leaving his present one. There should be some sign to him that what he did was very grave.*”

Diocesan records contained undated handwritten notes that appeared to have been written by Father Dattilo in 1985 after the second report of sexual abuse by Karabin had been received by the Diocese. Among other things, Dattilo made the following notations:

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- “How is the Diocese liable for his actions?”
- “It is best he hear this in therapy and that we be honest about his status and not protect him.”
- “What is his standing in the Diocese after 2 incidents?”
- “Is not like an alcoholic mistake. Can mean jail & scandal & lawsuit.”
- “Joe [Karabin] wants to know if the incident was reported. Does he have a record? Can legal action be taken___for how long?”

On March 13, 1985, Karabin was sent to St. Luke Institute for evaluation and treatment.

From April 1985 through September 1985, the Diocese documented that St. Luke Institute advised that Karabin was not a pedophile but had a “*homosexual interest in boys 15 – 18*” and that the “*two incidents*” of “*acting out*” were partially due to alcohol. However, because the initial treatment center in 1980 advised Karabin that he was not an alcoholic, this “*confused him and gave him permission to drink.*” Furthermore, it was noted that because the treatment center informed him that he was not a homosexual, this “*gave him permission to act out sexually.*”

The records also contained handwritten notes from August 27, 1985 which appeared to have been written by Dattilo with respect to Karabin. Among other things, the notes documented that approximately two weeks prior to Easter in 1985, an eighth grade boy reported to Father Froelich that Karabin had “*touched him in private parts*” and that he was afraid of Karabin.

On April 24, 1989, a letter was sent from the Western Regional Office of Children, Youth, and Families (“WROCYP”) to Bishop Wuerl documenting a meeting held on November 16, 1988 between WROCYP, Diocesan representatives and counsel for the Diocese. Among other things, the WROCYP advised Wuerl that the Diocese was considered to be a mandated reporter of child sexual abuse and was therefore required to report any suspected abuse immediately. Further, the WROCYP advised that the Diocese was not permitted to conduct its own internal investigation to determine whether or not to report such abuse, but was required to report it immediately on becoming aware of it.

On June 30, 1989, a letter was sent by Wuerl to the Vatican with respect to other priests recently accused of child sexual abuse. Wuerl advised the Vatican of actions taken against the priests, details of the Diocesan policies for dealing with the sexual abuse of children by priests, and his own judgements in regards to the serious nature of child sexual abuse. Further, Wuerl advised that due to the scandal caused by these priests, he initiated a review of any previous cases of Diocesan priests who had been accused of “*pedophilic activities*” with minors. He stated that Bishops and Dioceses could become liable once they were made aware of sexual abuse complaints; that priests who denied the “*crime*” of pedophilic activity with minors was “*common in pedophiles;*” that pedophilia was “*incurable;*” and that the “*unassignability*” of a priest must rest solely with the Bishop. This was due to “*parents who have a moral right to expect chaste conduct from the priest,*” and the parishioners who “*would be gravely unsettled and scandalized in the knowledge that a priest pedophile has been assigned in their midst.*”

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On October 30, 1991, Father Robert Guay, Secretary for Clergy and Religious and Vicar for Clergy, met with a third victim who advised that he had been sexually abused by Karabin. The victim advised that when he was approximately 13 to 14-years-old and an altar boy, Karabin undressed him, fondled him, and attempted anal sex with him.

On November 1, 1991, Guay and then-Bishop David Zubik met with Karabin with respect to the latest report. Karabin advised that he made a sexual pass at the victim and although he did not remember touching him, this *“isn't to say he didn't”* and that he was in an *“alcoholic stupor”* at the time. Karabin then admitted to sexually abusing two additional boys as well. From the handwritten notes in the file, it appears that Karabin may have been referring to the two previous cases set forth above.

On April 23, 1993, Guay sent a letter to Karabin with respect to recent work that Karabin had been performing. Guay advised that Wuerl was *“very much concerned”* that

such activities, while helpful in conveying the message of priests in recovery and ministry, might eventually compromise your ministry as well as the diocese should the anonymity ever be broken.

Guay advised that he believed that Wuerl was *“very nervous about this.”*

On June 21, 1993, Karabin sent a handwritten letter to Wuerl requesting an assignment to a parish. Included on the letter were separate handwritten notes that appear to state that the *“circle of secrecy has to be broken- if you want another assignment- if not work in our confines,”* *“Can't make us responsible for his viewpoint,”* *“Recognition from himself or others,”* *“Dignity,”* *“Policy- this is what he has to do.”*

On July 1, 1997, Karabin sent a handwritten letter to Wuerl requesting an assignment as pastor of the Risen Lord. Separate handwritten notes on the letter stated, *“I met w Joe on July 3 and shared with him that Bishop Wuerl feels that it is best that he remain at Braddock Hospital and that Joe keep a 'low profile'.”*

Diocesan records contained a September 5, 1997 a memorandum that was sent to Zubik from Father Ruggiero. Ruggiero advised that, *“There is nothing in our file relating to the more recent allegation you spoke of made by a college youth who met Father Karabin at Braddock Hospital.”*

On January 6, 2002, an article detailing the Catholic Church practice of reassigning priests accused of sexual abuse of children was published in the Boston Globe. Several weeks later on February 22, 2002, Father John Rushofsky, Director of Clergy Personnel, sent a letter to Father Thomas Wagner at Good Shepherd advising him that Wuerl had appointed Karabin as Chaplain to the residents and staff at the Vincentian Home and Vincentian Regency, effective February 25, 2002. However, on February 28, 2002, letters were sent from Rushofsky advising that Wuerl had withdrawn this appointment. That same day, Father James Young, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Religious, sent a letter to Karabin advising him that Wuerl had withdrawn

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his faculties and that he was no longer a priest in good standing.

Wuerl sent Karabin a letter dated July 16, 2002 wherein he advised that Karabin's resignation had been accepted. However, Wuerl further advised that *"I assure you that your sustenance needs and benefits will continue according to the norms of law."*

On November 2, 2004, a Votum to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was submitted to the Vatican by Wuerl documenting Karabin's history. Wuerl requested that Karabin's withdrawal from active ministry be accepted by the Congregation. Wuerl noted that Karabin continued to receive his sustenance and health benefits. The request was accepted. In a letter to Wuerl dated April 4, 2005, the Congregation noted that it had decided that Wuerl's methods to *"deal with the issue at hand are canonically and pastorally sound."* The letter further noted that the *"incident"* of abuse, *"while serious in nature, occurred over twenty-five years ago and at a time when the priest was in an alcoholic stupor."*

On November 3, 2004, Father Young sent a letter to Karabin wherein Karabin was advised that his current sustenance payments would be reduced to the normal amount of \$750 per month, plus his other benefits of health insurance, room, board, and residence. His monthly sustenance had been equal to his full salary from the time he was placed on administrative leave on February 28, 2002 until this date.

On July 20, 2006, Diocesan personnel sent a confidential memorandum to Bishop Bradley advising him that Karabin had requested to move out of the Cardinal Dearden Center and into his sister's home. Karabin requested that the \$475 per month cost to house him at the Center be added to his continued sustenance payments and paid directly to him once he moved. The Clergy Task Force approved this request.

On October 1, 2007 Father David Bonnar, Secretary for Parish Life and Ministerial Leadership, sent a letter to Karabin. In the letter, he stated that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette had recently published an article that named a number of priests allegedly involved in cases of sexual abuse that prompted lawsuits against the Diocese. Bonnar advised, *"Please know that the Diocese of Pittsburgh did not furnish the names for this article."*

Brother John Keegan

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1925
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	Unknown

Employment/Assignment History

Unknown

Summary

In April 2014, an adult male contacted the Diocese of Pittsburgh to report that from 1957 through 1961, while he was a student at North Catholic High School, Keegan fondled his genitals and masturbated him. He stated that Keegan asked to meet with him monthly and that is when the abuse occurred. The allegation was shared with the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

In May 2014 an adult male reported to the Diocese that Keegan fondled his genitals in 1958 or 1959 while he was a student at North Catholic High School. This report was shared with the the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

A second report was made to the Diocese in May 2014 about Keegan. A male alleged that in 1958 or 1959, while he was a student at North Catholic High School, Keegan fondled his genitals. Keegan also provided him with an "*obscene, vile sexual script*" in order for him to become erect. When he could not become erect, he left Keegan. The allegation was shared with the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

A third allegation against Keegan was made to the Diocese that same month (May 2014). A male alleged that in 1958 or 1959, Keegan fondled his genitals when he was a minor attending North Catholic High School. This report was shared with the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

In May, 2014, a fourth adult male reported incidents to the Diocese involving Keegan and Brother Hildebrand. The male stated that from 1956 through 1960, Keegan fondled his genitals when he was a minor attending North Catholic High School. Keegan also offered to "*examine*" the male's penis because of the male's masturbation habits. The male further reported that Hildebrand asked him whether he ever saw his sister naked. Hildebrand then attempted to fondle him sexually. These allegations were shared with the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

A fifth allegation was reported to the Diocese in May 2014 by an adult male. He stated that when he was a student at North Catholic High School from 1958 through 1959, Keegan

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spoke with him in a very sexual manner. Keegan also asked him what he thought about men having sex together. He further reported that Brother Meder, who ran the cafeteria, would provide minor children with pop and candy and then require them to sit on his lap while he was seated in his rocking chair. The male stated that he could feel Meder's erection through his pants. These reports were shared with the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

In May 2014, the Diocese received a sixth complaint about Keegan. An adult male reported that when he was a student in 1958 or 1959 at North Catholic High School, Keegan fondled his genitals. He also stated that Keegan asked to examine his genitals while they were together in the band pit area at the school. The allegation was shared with the Marianist Provincial and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

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Biographical Information

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Employment/Assignment History

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In a St. Bernadine Clinic report dated May 28, 1987, [REDACTED] admitted to enagaging in relationships with parishioners, but did not specify whether they were sexual or non-sexual in nature. He stated that he became aware of his constant struggle to meet his affectionate needs without violating the norm of celibacy. He admitted to affectionate interest in a teenager whom he met when she was 15 years of age. He stated that they did not become romantically involved until she was “close to her 18th birthday.” [REDACTED] acknowledged that the age disparity and his priestly role made the relationship somewhat inappropriate.

Reverend Henry Krawczyk

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1952
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	September 30, 1978

Employment/Assignment History

10/09/1978 – 6/28/1983	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary, McKeesport, PA
6/29/1983 – 6/12/1988	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Joy, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1988 – 10/26/1992	Parochial Vicar, St. Therese, Munhall, PA
10/26/1992 – 10/31/1994	Team Ministry, St. Maximillian, Homestead, PA
10/31/1994 – 6/23/2003	Pastor, St. Maximillian, Homestead, PA
6/23/2003 - Present	Administrative Leave

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A review of Diocesan records revealed an internal document entitled “*File Review*” that contained the following three allegations against Father Henry Krawczyk:

1. On October 19, 1986, a mother filed a complaint against Krawczyk for providing alcohol and marijuana to minors and for making sexual advances towards those minors (including her son). Krawczyk only admitted to providing alcohol to minors.
2. On August 24, 1988, a complaint was filed against Krawczyk for providing alcohol to minors at a graduation party where no other adults were present.
3. On November 2, 1992, a mother filed a complaint against Krawczyk for drinking alcohol with her underage son.

In February 2005, Krawczyk pled guilty to one count of involuntary manslaughter. The charge stemmed from a cookout that Krawczyk hosted on June 17, 2003 wherein he supplied alcohol to several underage University of Pittsburgh football players. One of the players fell from the roof of St. Anne to his death.

In November 2006, the Diocese of Pittsburgh drafted a confidential memorandum pertaining to an allegation of sexual abuse against Krawczyk. Two brothers reported that Krawczyk engaged in sexual activity with their younger brother. Their younger brother told them that he and Krawczyk would frequently get high and drunk together. On one occasion, he passed out and awoke to Krawczyk performing oral sex on him. He committed suicide in

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August, 2006. The brothers requested that the Diocese pay and/or reimburse them for their brother's drug treatment as well as funeral expenses. These requests were granted.

Reverend Edward L. Kryston

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1946
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

5/30/1974-6/17/1979	Assistant, St. Luke, Carnegie, PA
6/18/1979-10/05/1980	Assistant, St. John, Unity, PA
10/06/1980-7/15/1984	Assistant, St Pius X, Pittsburgh, PA
7/16/1984-6/12/1988	Parochial Vicar, St. Martin, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1988-6/21/1989	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Joy, Holiday Park, PA
6/22/1989-1/11/1996	Parochial Vicar, Holy Trinity, Moon Run, PA
1/17/1996-9/23/1996	Leave of Absence
9/23/1996-8/27/1999	Parochial Vicar, St. Albert the Great, Baldwin, PA
8/27/1999-	Pastor, St. Albert the Great, Baldwin, PA

Summary

On May 1, 1984, a letter was sent to Bishop Bevilacqua from Father Thomas Marpes of St. Pius X regarding his associate, Father Edward L. Kryston. In part, the letter stated:

His major problem is his inordinate interest and association for and with grade school girls. Many unsavory remarks have been made to me relevant to this situation. He has even had these "little" girls in his room, behind closed doors. At times the girls have been of high school age. Climaxing all of this a few months ago was the incident involving a High School Junior girl, whom he took to his room. Evidently, advances were made which terrified her. The next day she reported this incident to her CCD teacher, who is a very fine person with shock, surprise, etc. The CCD teacher and the Religious Education Coordinator came to me with troubled minds. I suggested she write to Bishop Bosco. In the meantime, I spoke to Bishop Bosco about the problem, and he requested to speak to the teacher personally about the same matter. At this point it has been referred to Father Campbell. It is my understanding that Father Kryston has had this problem for some time.

On May 3, 1984, a letter was sent to the Diocese of Pittsburgh from the president of the St. Pius Parish Council. A portion of the letter stated:

Your Excellency, Over the past 2 ½ years, I have received several complaints, as President of St. Pius X Parish Council, about one associate pastor, Father

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Edward Kryston. The complaints deal with his negative attitude, his lack of concern for the Parish, and his seemingly strong interest in young women.

On May 17, 1984, Father Philip Campbell questioned Kryston “regarding complaints that had been received by Bishop Bosco regarding his conduct with young women.” Kryston denied any inappropriate conduct or behavior. There was a notation in the memorandum that Kryston admitted that he took girls into his room to watch television. However, Kryston stated that the girls were always in “groups.” At the conclusion of the meeting, Campbell sent a letter to Bevilacqua, recommending that Kryston be transferred. Kryston was then transferred to St. Martin.

On November 1, 1984, a letter was sent to Bevilacqua from Judith Kanya, a CCD teacher associated with St. Pius. The letter stated:

Last December one of my CCD students talked to me about how to handle a priest who was making passes at her. After talking to our Pastor Father Marpes and at his request writing to Bishop Bosco and then talking to him around February 1, 1984, I was assured that something would be done. In July, Kryston, the priest in question, was transferred to another parish. I was very prayerful that he was getting help with this problem. But I have been very concerned that he was just moved to shut me up. He has returned to St. Pius on many occasions and last Saturday he came to our home football game with four teenage girls (I did not know the girls so they were not from St. Pius) and sat at the game with a group of our young teenage girls. I keep worrying about these girls. . . I really feel disappointed in the hierarchy of the church that this problem is being glossed over . . . why is this being covered up?”

On December 17, 1985, Father Dattilo wrote notes pertaining to a meeting he had with Mona Rush, a CCD teacher. Rush reported that she was concerned about Kryston’s attention to eighth and ninth grade girls, while ignoring boys. Rush advised that Kryston invited girls to the rectory to talk at 11:15 p.m. He also circled the block of a young girl and then invited her to accompany him alone on a shopping trip. By January 7, 1986, Dattilo documented additional concerns regarding Kryston, including “drinking and fooling around with girls,” arranging a dinner for two in the rectory with an eighth grade girl, and asking a CCD class how they would feel if they were naked answering the telephone.

On November 8, 1995, a meeting was held with Father Guay, Father Zubik, Rita Flaherty and the mother of an eighth grade school girl. The mother reported that her daughter recently attended a school dance. Kryston was at the dance and encouraged the boys and girls to dance together. During the dance, Kryston reportedly lifted up two different school girls by grabbing them by the buttocks.

By November 15, 1995, additional information was obtained by Diocesan officials regarding Kryston’s actions at this same school dance. The additional information came from the mother of a 13-year-old girl. The girl reported that she felt uncomfortable with the way

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Kryston was holding her during a dance. Later, Kryston grabbed her buttocks as she walked by the DJ booth. The girl went home and cried over the incident. It was learned that Kryston committed a similar indecent assault on another seventh grade girl. Additionally, it was learned that Kryston had invited an 11-year-old girl to his room. It was reported that there were pornographic magazines under Kryston's bed and that he had pictures of a young girl from the school on his wall. The young girl in the photographs was situated in various poses, such as sitting under a tree, in a bikini. The identity of this girl was known and it was reported to the Diocese that Kryston had invited the girl on an overnight trip to an amusement park. They were to share the same motel room. The young girl's parents refused to give Kryston permission to take their daughter on the trip, however.

On November 27, 1995, Flaherty placed a telephone call to Sister Mary Ann Lostoski, Principal of the Holy Trinity school. Sister Mary Ann reported that Kryston was always around seventh and eighth grade girls and often smelled of alcohol. She added that a family had left the school because of Kryston's interest in school girls. Sister Mary Ann stated that she did not "*want her* [Sister Mary Ann] *name used*" regarding this information.

On December 4, 1995, Guay, Zubik and Flaherty held a meeting with Kryston. Kryston was asked about his actions at the school dance. He "*did not deny*" dancing with the two girls. He acknowledged physical contact, but "*denied any sexual intent.*" It was then explained to Kryston that he would be placed on administrative leave until he was evaluated at St. Luke Institute.

On December 28, 1995, the Diocese received an evaluation report from St. Luke's. The report indicated that there was a disparity between Kryston's self-report and the observations of others. The report stated that there was reason for "*extreme caution*" and that Kryston was at risk and in need of much support. It was recommended that he enter residential treatment as soon as possible and it was "*very important that he have NO contact with adolescents.*"

On July 26, 1996, Flaherty sent a letter to St. Luke's regarding the release of Kryston from treatment. There was a question as to whether or not the issue of "ephebophilia" had been decided, because this issue would contribute to the decision about Kryston's "*assignability.*" By August 14, 1996, Kryston was released from St. Luke's and living with his mother in the Pittsburgh area. On August 26, 1996, Flaherty received a letter from St. Luke's that advised that "*treatment did not identify ephebophilia;*" however, it would be wise to err on the side of caution and avoid ministry focused specifically with junior or high school students, and to avoid situations of being alone with vulnerable women. Flaherty forwarded this information to Bishop Wuerl.

On August 31, 1996, Wuerl met with Kryston regarding Kryston's return to active ministry. Thereafter, on September 17, 1996, Wuerl appointed Kryston as parochial vicar at St. Albert the Great. The effective date of this appointment was September 23, 1996.

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On February 28, 2002, Wuerl placed Kryston on administrative leave and assigned him to a residence at St. John Vianney Manor, a retirement home for priests. Situated on the same property and in close proximity to the retirement home is Bishop Canevin High School.

On August 4, 2002, Kryston wrote to Wuerl and asked for permission to withdraw from active ministry. On August 9, 2002, Wuerl granted Kryston permission to withdraw, while at the same time assuring him that the Diocese would continue to pay for his sustenance and benefits.

On May 17, 2016, Father Mark Eckman sent a letter to Kryston advising Kryston that he could continue to live at St. John Vianney.

Reverend Anujit Kumar

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1954
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	04/13/2002

Employment/Assignment History

4/13 2002	Parochial Vicar, India
9/2008	Missionary, St. Joan of Arc, South Park, PA

Summary

In September 2008 an allegation of sexual abuse was made against Father Anujit Kumar to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. A minor female reported that Kumar had kissed her on her lips several times using his "tongue" and was "sucking her lips." He then asked for her telephone number and gave her his business card along with a gift. Several other altar servers witnessed the incident.

Kumar was interviewed by the Clergy Office concerning the incident and admitted to the conduct. He stated that his reason for kissing her inappropriately was that he was trying to "recruit her for the convent."

The incident was reported to the South Park Police Department but the victim and her parents declined to go forward with prosecution.

Reverend George Kurutz

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1917
YEAR OF DEATH:	1977
ORDINATION:	June 11, 1944

Employment/Assignment History

9/21/1944 – 11/08/1944	St. Stephen, Pittsburgh, PA
11/09/1944 – 6/25/1952	St. Joseph, West Aliquippa/St. Catherine Parish, Wireton, PA
6/26/1952 – 6/15/1955	St. George, South Side, PA
6/16/1955 – 10/05/1955	Holy Trinity, McKeesport, PA
10/06/1955 – 4/10/1960	Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
4/11/1960 – 5/30/1961	Our Lady of Consolation, Nemaocolin/St. Mary Parish, Crucible/Sacred Heart, Rices Landing, PA
5/31/1961 – 5/07/1965	St Lawrence O'Toole, Pittsburgh, PA
5/08/1965 – 6/06/1967	St. Michael, New Castle PA
6/07/1967 – 8/31/1976	St. Helen, East Pittsburgh, PA
9/01/1976	Resigned

Summary

Diocesan records contained a handwritten letter dated June 15, 1996 indicating that the Diocese of Pittsburgh had received a telephone call from a 47-year-old female who stated that she and her sister were molested by Father George Kurutz in the late 1950's and early 1960's. The caller stated that Kurutz came into a room and laid with her. He put his hands under her shirt and squeezed her close to him. She stated that their mother sent them with Kurutz to his new parish in New Castle when she was in sixth grade. She believed that is when he laid with her and fondled her. She reported that more serious incidents occurred with her sister. She also advised that her sister walked in on their mother performing oral sex on Kurutz. Her sister stated, "*Mother knew what was going on and she did nothing to stop it, no one helped me.*"

Reverend Fidelis Lazar

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1936
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	August 15, 1963

Employment/Assignment History

1966 – 1969	St. Vincent / Latrobe, Instructor
1970 – 1975	St. Bede / Bovard, Instructor
1975 – 1976	Sacred Heart / St. Mary, Instructor
08/16/1976 – 03/22/1981	St. Clare / Clairton, Parochial Vicar
03/23/1981 – 07/07/1982	St. Joan of Arc / Library, Parochial Vicar
07/08/1982 – 05/31/1984	St. Mary / New Castle, Parochial Vicar
06/01/1984 – 06/13/1986	St. Joseph / Bloomfield, Parochial Vicar
06/14/1984 – 04/23/1987	St. Teresa / Koppel, Parochial Vicar
04/23/1987 – 09/25/1989	Leave of Absence
09/25/1989	Withdrew from active priestly ministry

Summary

In October 1986, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report from an adolescent male that he had been sexually abused by Father Fidelis Lazar in June, 1986. Lazar took this victim on overnight trips. They slept in the same bed. The victim stated Lazar kissed him and began touching the child's genitals. While in bed, Lazar pulled the victim close to him, close enough the victim felt the erect penis of Lazar.

In the same confidential summary, it was noted by Diocesan officials that Father Nicholas Dattilo, then Secretary for Clergy, confronted Lazar about the sexual abuse allegation. Lazar initially denied the allegation, stating the family was "troubled" and was singling him out. Dattilo sent Lazar to a Diocesan treatment facility for evaluation in November 1987. While in treatment, the Diocese documented the summaries provided by the treating doctors. It was noted that Lazar admitted being sexually active with children after his ordination.

Lazar took a personal leave of absence from ministry citing health reasons. In September 1989, he withdrew from active ministry. The Bishop determined Lazar could not continue in ministry due to the allegation and his diagnosis of Ephebophilia. Ephebophilia is the primary sexual interest in mid-to-late adolescents.

In September 1994, another male contacted the Diocese and gave an in-person account of his abuse by Lazar. He reported that he was only 15 or 16 years of age when Lazar sexually molested him. He explained that Lazar had befriended his family. There were many incidents

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where Lazar would kiss him, remove his pants and fondle his penis. This occurred when Lazar was assigned at St. Joan of Arc.

In March 2002, the Diocese received an e-mail communication from a male asking for the status of Lazar. This male reported that when Lazar was a Benedictine monk in the 1960's, Lazar abused him while he was at St. Vincent's Preparatory School in Latrobe. The male was provided with the contact information for the Archabbot of the Benedictine Monks.

Reverend Richard Lelonis

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1945
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 1, 1971

Employment/Assignment History

6/02/1971-5/30/1974	Parochial Vicar at St. Luke, Carnegie, PA
5/30/1974-5/21/1975	Graduate Studies, USA, Catholic University, Washington, DC
5/21/1975-8/01/1978	Canonical Services Consultant, Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center, Pittsburgh, PA
8/09/1976-9/01/1977	Spiritual Director, St. Paul Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
11/15/1977-8/31/1978	Chaplain Motherhouse, Sancta Sophia, Pittsburgh, PA
8/31/1978-5/15/1979	Graduate Studies, USA, Catholic University, Washington, DC
5/15/1979-5/02/1983	Tribunal Judge, Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center, Pittsburgh, PA
11/20/1981-5/02/1983	Administrator, St. Mathias, Natrona, PA
5/02/1983-10/26/1992	Pastor, St. Mathias, Natrona, PA
2/08/1998-10/26/1992	Administrator, St. Clement, Tarentum, PA
10/26/1992-8/01/1994	Team Minister-Modcrator, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carnegie, PA
8/01/1994-3/07/1995	Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carnegie, PA
9/05/1995-3/06/2000	Canonical Services Consultant/Tribunal Judge, Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center, Pittsburgh, PA
3/06/2000-2/01/2002	Chaplain Motherhouse, School Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

In December 1994 and January 1995, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received letters from an adult male who reported that he had been sexually abused by Father Richard Lelonis for several years beginning when he was 11 to 12 years of age. It continued until he was 15 to 16 years of age.

The victim first met Lelonis after the victim's 15-year-old sister died and Lelonis became involved with his family. After awhile, they went on overnight trips together and Lelonis provided him with alcohol and "dirty" magazines. They also began sleeping together and showering together. Lelonis then began performing oral sex on him. This abuse occurred approximately once a month for a period of years. Once the victim turned 15 or 16 years old, he told Lelonis he wanted the sexual activities to stop and threatened "to tell on" him. In response, Lelonis grabbed him by the throat and threatened to kill him if he told anyone. Lelonis

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also threatened to tell the victim's parents that he was gay and that he [the victim] was the one who initiated and pursued the sexual contact with Lelonis.

According to the file, the victim "*asked nothing of the Diocese*" and that

He made no threats to sue [n]or make his allegations public. His only motivation appeared to be to make someone in the diocese aware of what had occurred. [The victim's] concern for his own children brought home the awareness that Lelonis might be abusing others.

Based upon the meeting with the victim and a separate telephone call with him, the Diocese found that his "*allegations were consistent in detail.*"

The Diocese advised Lelonis of the complaint in January, 1995 and he was thereafter sent to St. Luke Institute for evaluation and treatment. The Diocese provided St. Luke's with a summary of the meeting with Lelonis which included the following:

- According to Lelonis, "*he always feared that something like this would happen.*"
- Lelonis "*may have given*" the victim alcohol, but "*did not specifically recall.*"
- Lelonis advised that he found adolescents attractive, that his earlier behavior as a priest would probably be viewed as "*imprudent by today's standards,*" and that he was "*naïve, wide-eyed and open in his expression of affection.*"
- When asked to provide further details, Lelonis responded that there were times when young people spent the night, but it was always in groups. He then advised that although he "*wanted to be honest,*" he was not sure "*how much of his dirty laundry he was obliged to share.*"
- Lelonis advised that "*I am not attracted to young children. I do find adolescents attractive but it's not like I can't control it or it's a problem.*"

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St. Luke's then recommended that Lelonis be returned to active ministry. Bishop Donald Wuerl and Father David Zubik referred to Lelonis' time at St. Luke's as being due to "*health reasons*" or "*personal reasons.*"

Wuerl thereafter sent a letter to Lelonis on August 10, 1995 wherein he welcomed him back "*following your leave of absence for personal reasons.*" Wuerl further advised, "*I share with you my joy at your return to full-time ministry.*"

File documents revealed that from July, 1996 to September, 1996, the Diocese paid for counseling sessions for the victim.

On January 6, 2002 an article detailing the Catholic Church's practice of reassigning priests accused of sexual abuse of children was published in the Boston Globe. Wuerl sent Lelonis a letter dated February 22, 2002 advising him that his ministerial faculties were restricted to St. Francis Motherhouse and that he was no longer permitted to function as a priest without permission. A memorandum in the file dated February 25, 2002 documented a conversation between Wuerl and Father Kudrick wherein Wuerl "*in confidence*" explained to Kudrick that it had become necessary for him to restrict Lelonis' faculties. The memorandum revealed that Kudrick advised Wuerl that "*he would keep it confidential.*"

On April 22, 2002, the victim notified the Diocese again about his abuse and advised that he was seeking compensation. In a letter to the victim dated July 16, 2002, the Diocese advised him that his allegation was never fully substantiated and it had been denied by Lelonis. The Diocese further advised that because there was no clear resolution, "*the priest in question is asking to appear before the Ministerial Assessment Board for a review of this allegation.*" The victim was invited to appear before the Board to tell his story.

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On July 31, 2002, Lelonis sent a letter to Father James Young, Vicar for Clergy, advising him that the “*enclosed confidential information comes by way of a friend in law enforcement.*” Among other things, Lelonis provided the victim’s current address and date of birth and requested that the Diocese re-send the letter to him (as it had been returned as undeliverable). That way, it could be demonstrated that he had been given an opportunity to appear before the Board. Lelonis then provided details of the victim’s criminal history in order to show that he was not a “*credible accuser.*”

Following a meeting of the Diocesan Review Board, the Board concluded that it could not determine “*with certainty*” the credibility of the victim’s claim. The Board recommended that Lelonis be allowed to continue in “*non-parochial ministry*” without access to children, in spite of his admission to the Board of his “*attraction to minors.*” Included with the supporting documents for the Board’s recommendation was a four-page letter by Lelonis denying any sexual abuse and requesting a return to ministry.

On August 14, 2002, the Diocese notified the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office of “*inappropriate sexual contact that occurred sometime between 1972-75 when [the victim] was a minor of age 12-15.*”

In a letter dated November 4, 2002, the Diocese advised the victim that Wuerl had accepted the Board’s recommendation that Lelonis be given a “*limited non-parish assignment.*” It should be noted that in a November, 2002 Clergy Personnel Allegation Summary Report that was completed by Diocesan personnel, it was documented that the complaint against Lelonis was both internally consistent and consistent with known facts.

On July 14, 2014, Father Lawrence DiNardo, Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Services, sent a letter to Lelonis granting him 17 faculties in his role as Canonical Consultant to the Office of the Tribunal. These faculties included the authorization of marriages and the judging of the appropriateness of Christian burial in doubtful cases.

On July 29, 2014, Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance was granted to Lelonis certifying that no record existed in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare’s statewide central registry listing Lelonis as a perpetrator of an indicated or founded report of child abuse.

As of 2017, Lelonis was listed on the Diocese’s website as an active priest, holding the title of Director of Matrimonial Concerns/Tribunal Judge.

Reverend Albert Leonard

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1954
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	Unknown

Employment/Assignment History

1987	Parochial Vicar, Saint Ursula, Allison Park, PA
November 1993	Leave of Absence

Summary

In 1989 and 1993, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received complaints about Father Leonard's behavior with children. In one case, parents expressed their concern about Leonard's relationship with their 14-year-old son. In another case, parents expressed concern about Leonard's relationship with their minor son and reported that he swam nude with boys.

Shortly after the 1993 complaint, Leonard requested a six month leave of absence in November, 1993.

In September 1994, Leonard attempted to obtain employment with Holy Family Institute. The Holy Family Institute is a residential treatment facility for children. The Diocese disclosed information regarding Leonard's sexual history with minors to the institute. Leonard complained to the Diocese that the disclosure of that information had hindered his employment.

The Diocese did not notify law enforcement of Leonard's conduct.

Reverend Casimir F. Lewandowski

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1918
YEAR OF DEATH:	1978
ORDINATION:	November 4, 1945

Employment/Assignment History

12/6/1945 – 10/23/1946	St. Matthew, Pittsburgh, PA (Southside)
10/24/1946 – 6/17/1953	St. Kieran, Pittsburgh, PA (Lawrenceville)
6/18/1953 – 9/16/1953	Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
9/17/1953 – 6/7/1955	Catholic University, Washington, DC (Studies)
7/8/1954 – 9/1/1954	St. Leocadia Parish, Wilmerding, PA
6/16/1955 – 3/13/1964	Diocesan Charities
3/14/1964 – 12/16/1973	Madonna of Czestochowa, New Castle, PA
12/17/1973	Resigned

Summary

Diocesan records contained a confidential memorandum dated February 8, 2016, that reflected a telephone conversation with a 64-year-old female. She reported to the Diocese of Pittsburgh that she was sexually abused by Father Casimir F. Lewandowski when she was approximately 12 years of age and in sixth grade. The incident occurred when he was assigned to Madonna of Czestochowa.

The female reported that she recalled walking upstairs in the rectory with Lewandowski. She was wearing a yellow dress. She recalled his erect penis and semen on her dress. He said to her, "*You are a dirty little girl, aren't you?*" The Diocese informed her that the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office would need to be contacted. The Diocese reimbursed her for the cost of years of therapy.

Reverend John P. Maloney

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1938
YEAR OF DEATH:	2007
ORDINATION:	May 9, 1964

Employment/Assignment History

5/27/1964 – 6/01/1971	Nativity of Our Lord, Pittsburgh, PA
6/02/1971 – 9/30/1973	St. Phillip, Pittsburgh, PA
10/01/1973 – 2/04/1979	St. Kieran, Pittsburgh, PA
2/05/1979 – 10/12/1982	St. Michael, Pittsburgh, PA
10/13/1982 - 9/03/2004	Holy Sepulcher, Butler, PA

Summary

On January 7, 2004, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report from an adult male that he had been sexually abused as a child by Father John P. Maloney beginning when he was in the eighth grade. The male explained that he was one of nine children and that his father passed away in November 1970, leaving the family with financial difficulties. He, along with his brothers and sisters, obtained part-time jobs to assist the family financially. His job was to deliver newspapers and one of his stops was at the rectory of St. Philip. When he would deliver the paper, Maloney would sometimes invite him into the rectory to sit and talk. This usually occurred around 5:30-6:00 AM. The male reported that during these times together, Maloney would take photographs of him. At first, he was fully clothed when photographed but it eventually progressed to Maloney taking pictures of him in his underwear. He stated that after this started to occur, he woke up around 3:00 a.m. when the papers arrived so that he could deliver the paper before Maloney awoke. He stated that while this plan worked sometimes, there were other times when Maloney would still grab him by his arm and bring him into the rectory. He further reported that when he brought his younger brother along with him, Maloney would just have his brother wait in another room. Eventually, he told his mother about the abuse, but she did not believe him. The abuse continued until he was a freshman in high school.

The male stated that he was not reporting the abuse for financial gain. He explained that he wanted to protect his family from discovering the evidence of the embarrassing photographs taken of him and to prevent such actions in the future.

When confronted with the allegations that he had taken photographs of the male, Maloney stated that he did ask the boy to take his shirt off to show his muscles. Maloney denied that he took photographs of the boy in his underwear or that he had any sexual contact with him. Maloney contended that he did not do anything inappropriate.

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On January 9, 2004, the Diocese placed Maloney on administrative leave and he resigned as pastor at Holy Sepulcher. On September 3, 2004, Maloney's priestly faculties were withdrawn by Bishop Donald Wuerl.

The male reported that after the abuse by Maloney, he befriended a priest at Canevin by the name of "*Dom McGee.*" McGee was a teacher of his freshman religion class and became a family friend who would come to their house two or three times per month for dinner or to watch a Steelers game. McGee provided him with counselling with respect to the abuse. However, McGee then began abusing him. He recalled McGee taking him to Williamsburg once. He stated that there was a lot of hugging that occurred; however, at that particular time, he did not really think anything of it. He then stated that when he was a sophomore around the year 1973, he went to the home of McGee's parents to help McGee paint. While there, he went into the bathroom to use the toilet while McGee was in the shower. McGee became extremely upset that he had entered into the bathroom. McGee got out of the shower and then grabbed him, pulled his pants down and masturbated him. McGee then said, "*Now how do you like that, don't you ever walk in on me again!*"

The male also reported that McGee molested his brother. On January 15, 2004, his brother reported to Father Canice Connors and Rita Flaherty that he had been groped by McGee on one occasion while sitting on the couch with him, watching television. He stated that he fell asleep and awoke to find McGee groping his genitals. He also stated that there was a time when he and another boy went to Erie with McGee and McGee encouraged them to undress along with him behind a picnic pavilion so that they could go swimming. He recalled that he and the other boy were embarrassed to undress in front of McGee. Finally, he recalled a time in class when McGee made each child talk about their sexual experiences. He stated that he so embarrassed that he never said a word during that class or any other time.

Brother Julius May

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	1970
ORDINATION:	N/A

Employment/Assignment History

Summary

In May 2011, an adult male reported when he was a student at North Catholic High School during the 1963-1964 school year, he had developed a medical condition known as orchitis which is a form of mumps that settles in the testicles. He stated that Brother Julius May, who was a counselor at the high school, demanded to conduct a medical examination of his genitals. He refused and left May's office.

In May 2014, a 66-year-old male reported that he was inappropriately touched by May when he was a student at North Catholic High School during the 1962-1963 school year. He accused May of running his hand up his pant leg. The young man left before May touched his genital area. When he informed the principal of May's actions, the principal passed off the experience as May just being friendly.

The files indicated that the Diocese attempted to reach out to the victims with respect to counseling services.

Reverend Dominic McGee

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	Unknown

Employment/Assignment History

Unknown

Summary

The Grand Jury was provided little to no information on Father McGee. The only documents that were provided were three internal Diocese of Pittsburgh memorandums. The memorandums revealed that in January 2004 a sexual allegation was made against McGee wherein an adult male alleged that McGee masturbated him when he was a high school student in the early to mid-1970's at Canevin High School in Allegheny County. The male's younger brother further advised that McGee groped his genitals while he slept on a couch.

These allegations were shared with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

Reverend Donald W. McIlvane

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1925
YEAR OF DEATH:	2014
ORDINATION:	June 7, 1952

Employment/Assignment History

6/26/1952-6/12/1957	Parochial Vicar, St. Stephen, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1957-10/31/1960	Parochial Vicar, St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA
11/01/1960-6/26/1962	Parochial Vicar, Resurrection, Pittsburgh, PA
6/27/1962-4/20/1966	Chaplain Correctional Institution, Allegheny County Jail
4/21/1966-6/07/1976	Administrator, St. Richard, Pittsburgh, PA
6/08/1976-11/22/1985	Pastor, Corpus Christi, Pittsburgh, PA
11/23/1985-6/01/1992	Pastor, Presentation of Virgin Mary, Midland, PA
6/01/1992-12/01/1992	Sabbatical at St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA
12/01/1992-1/22/1993	Awaiting Assignment at St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA
1/22/1993-6/27/1994	Parochial Vicar (Part-time), St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA
6/27/1994-12/30/1994	Chaplain, Motherhouse at Sisters of Divine Providence, Allison Park, PA
9/29/2008-12/15/2008	Leave of Absence

Summary

On July 22, 2008, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a letter from a 43-year-old man who reported that in 1973, he was in the third grade at St. Richard's and served as an altar boy. On one particular day that year, he was not feeling well and Father Donald W. McIlvane escorted him up to a bedroom in the rectory. After he lay down, McIlvane began to rub his stomach and thighs. McIlvane then started to rub his penis through his clothing and his penis became erect. McIlvane then unzipped his pants and performed oral sex on him. He was given \$5.00 by McIlvane. The male reported that between 1973 and 1977, McIlvane performed oral sex on him at least 40 times per year and that he was always paid afterwards with money from the parish donations.

On September 9, 2008, the Diocese provided the male with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help him through some additional financial difficulties. The money was not intended to be considered as any type of reimbursement or "settlement" related to his claim.

On October 29, 2008, the Diocesan Review Board met and reviewed the allegations. The Board accepted the written material submitted by the male and heard testimony from him. The Board determined that the allegation could not be substantiated because the information was inconclusive and unable to be verified. The Board then recommended, and Bishop Zubik

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accepted, that McIlvane be restored to priestly ministry. The Board voted unanimously that there was no semblance of truth to the allegations.

On January 20, 2009, Father David Bonnar wrote a letter to the male wherein he stated:

I am sorry that the Independent Review Board did not come back with an outcome for which you were hoping. Nevertheless, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is still willing to offer counseling and spiritual direction to you.

Reverend Thomas McKenna

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1935
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 6, 1972

Employment/Assignment History

5/31/1972 – 5/21/1973	Parochial Vicar, St. Anselm, Swissvale, PA
5/22/1973 – 2/13/1978	Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
2/14/1978 – 10/01/1978	Chaplain, Marian Manor Nursing
10/02/1978 – 2/04/1979	Parochial Vicar, St. Maurice, Forest Hills, PA
11/01/1978 – 2/04/1979	Leave of absence, Health reasons
2/05/1979 – 8/15/1982	Parochial Vicar, St. Kieran, Lawrenceville, PA
8/16/1982 – 5/31/1984	Parochial Vicar, St. John Fisher, Churchill, PA
6/01/1984 – 9/11/1986	Parochial Vicar, Holy Innocents, Sheraden, PA
9/12/1986 – 7/21/1987	Chaplain, Sewickley Valley Hospital, PA
7/22/1987 – 8/22/1988	Chaplain, Forbes Regional Hospital, PA
8/22/1988 – 5/23/1994	Pastor, St. Edward, Blawnox, PA
5/23/1994 – 1/05/1998	Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell, PA
1/05/1998 – 7/31/1998	Chaplain, SCI – Pittsburgh, PA
8/31/1998 – 10/30/1998	Asst. Chaplain, Allegheny University Medical Center, PA
10/30/1998	Administrator, St. Patrick – St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh, PA
9/13/2004	Withdrew from active priestly ministry

Summary

Diocesan records contained a handwritten letter dated July 28, 1992 authored by a priest (name illegible) about sexual allegations against Father Thomas McKenna. It noted that two teenage brothers claimed to have been sexually assaulted by McKenna in the 1970's.

An October 1996 Diocesan memorandum documented the fact that McKenna was confronted with several allegations of improper sexual activity.

On October 18, 1999, a lawsuit was filed against McKenna by an inmate incarcerated at the State Correctional Institution at Pittsburgh. He alleged that McKenna had sexually assaulted him while he was in prison.

In May, 2002, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report from a woman who stated that McKenna had sexually abused her son in 1975. No other documentation was found in the file.

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In December, 2004 a final summary of treatment for Father McKenna from St. Luke Institute was completed. He was diagnosed with, *inter alia*, Ephebophilia (attraction to teenagers).

Reverend Albert McMahon

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	Unknown

Employment/Assignment History

7/05/1961- 7/01/1964	Team Ministry at St. Pamphilus, Beechview, PA
Unknown - 9/14/1967	Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Help of Christians, Pittsburgh, PA
Unknown - 2004	Province of the Immaculate Conception, New York
10/2004	Removed from active ministry

Summary

On April 22, 2004, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a telephone call from a 54-year-old female who reported that she was sexually abused by Father Albert McMahon when she was approximately 11 years of age. She explained that she went to St. Pamphilus in order to play. While there, "Father Albert" always showed her a lot of attention and that on a few occasions, he would have her sit on his lap. He would then fondle her breasts and genitals. She noted that Father Albert smelled of alcohol.

The Diocese contacted Father Campagna, Provincial Minister for the Province of the Immaculate Conception, in New York where McMahon was living at the time. On October 22, 2004, Campagna sent a letter to the female which stated, in part:

Once again I need to reiterate that I have not ignored, nor disbelieved, your accusations made against Father McMahon. If that were the case, I would not have removed him from active ministry. At the present time, Father McMahon does not enjoy participation in active ministerial priesthood, based solely on your complaint . . . I also assure you, as I have from the very beginning, I committed myself to provide for an appropriate time, access to therapeutic counseling that will hopefully bring some healing to your life.

On January 10, 2014, a 63-year-old adult male contacted the Diocese to report that in the mid-1960's, when he was approximately 11 to 14 years of age, he served as an altar boy at St. Pamphilus. That is where he met McMahon. He stated that "Father Albert" would invite the altar boys to his friary room on Saturdays in order to wrestle. To the best of his knowledge, Father Albert would always invite the boys to wrestle with him individually, never in a group.

The male reported that when they would wrestle, McMahon would always get on top of him and that McMahon would always have an erection.

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The male was offered counseling and advised that the allegation would be forwarded to the District Attorney's office where the incident occurred (Allegheny County).

On January 14, 2014, the Diocese sent a letter to Father Primo Piscitello, Provincial Minister for the Province of the Immaculate Conception. The letter stated, in part:

As I promised, I am including with this letter a copy of my file memo on the allegation I received against Father Albert McMahon, OFM. I am also including the brief notification we make to the District Attorney's Office in Allegheny County. As I mentioned, this is part of our policy here in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. . . I shared with [the male] that Father Albert is no longer in ministry given his age and current struggles with the onset of dementia. . . . I shared with him that you had been very honest in telling me that Father Albert had complaints about his behavior in the past but none that would be considered sexual abuse.

On January 31, 2014, Bishop David Zubik addressed a letter to parishioners at St. Pamphilus that explained that allegations had been made against McMahon. The contact information for the abuse hotline was provided in the event that a parishioner was harmed by McMahon.

On February 5, 2014, a 64-year-old male contacted the Diocese to advise that he became aware of the fact that a letter was read and distributed at St. Pamphilus concerning McMahon. He reported that when he was approximately 12 to 13 years of age, he would wrestle with McMahon. He recalled that McMahon would have an erect penis and would attempt to put it in his "behind." At first, the wrestling seemed innocent; however, once he realized that McMahon had an erect penis near his "back side," he got out of the rectory and never came back.

On February 17, 2014, the male met with Rita Flaherty, Bishop Waltersheid and Father Eckman. The male recounted two incidents of abuse. During the first incident, while he was wrestling with McMahon, his hand slightly passed over McMahon's penis. He did not know if McMahon did this on purpose, or if it was an accident. During the second incident, McMahon placed him on his lap. McMahon had an erection at the time. According to a confidential memorandum in the file documenting this meeting, the male was very tearful at times while telling his story. At the conclusion of the meeting, Diocesan officials offered counseling to him. They further advised that his allegations had been forwarded to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office and the Provincial for the Franciscan community.

The Diocese ultimately provided up to 90 counseling sessions for the male over a three year period

No information could be located within the files as to whether if/when McMahon was confronted with any/all of the allegations.

Reverend John H. McMahon

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1914
YEAR OF DEATH:	1993
ORDINATION:	June 16, 1940

Employment/Assignment History

12/05/1940-1/14/1942	Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Latrobe, PA
1/15/1942-6/17/1953	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
1/15/1942-6/17/1953	CCD Assistant, St. Mary Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
6/18/1953-6/12/1957	Parochial Vicar, St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, PA
6/13/1957-2/19/1958	Parochial Vicar, St. Sylvester, Brentwood, PA
2/20/1958-1/19/1960	Parochial Vicar, St. Peter, Pittsburgh, PA
1/20/1960-6/07/1960	Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine, Pittsburgh, PA
6/08/1960-6/14/1970	Pastor, North American Martyr, Monroeville, PA
6/15/1970-6/30/1984	Pastor, Resurrection, Pittsburgh, PA
6/30/1984	Retired

Summary

On June 7, 2004, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a telephone call from a therapist who was counseling an adult female patient. The call was to inquire about the process for bringing a sexual abuse allegation to the attention of the Diocese.

Seven days later, a meeting took place between the therapist, the adult female and Rita Flaherty, Father James Young and Father John Rushofsky. The female explained that between 1969 and 1976, she was molested by Father John H. McMahon and [REDACTED] while she was a student at Resurrection. She advised that her recollection of the events was not completely clear but she estimated that it occurred when she was seven to 15 years of age. She stated that the molestation took place on the second floor of the rectory where the two priests maintained private residences. Some of the abuse occurred during school hours, while other abuse took place during the summer. She stated that she could recall being with McMahon when he was naked. McMahon encouraged her to touch him in inappropriate areas of his body. On other occasions, other children were present and McMahon encouraged them to touch each other.

The female stated that she recalled seeing pictures of naked boys and girls scattered on McMahon's desk.

The female reported that the abuse by McMahon and [REDACTED] progressed over time from touching and fondling to sexual intercourse. She disclosed that on one particular occasion, she

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was in the school cloakroom with [REDACTED]. He exposed his penis to her. He then touched her inappropriately and ejaculated on her underwear.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Diocesan officials stated that they would investigate the allegations and address them with [REDACTED]. Officials advised that should [REDACTED] deny the allegations, a Diocesan Review Board would make a ruling on [REDACTED] suitability in the ministry.

Brother Frank Meder

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	1976
ORDINATION:	N/A

Employment/Assignment History

Unavailable
Marianist Community

Summary

On August 1, 2011, Bishop Zubik received a letter from an adult female who reported that Brother Frank Meder inappropriately touched her in the late 1950's when she was approximately eight or nine years of age. She stated that Meder would invite the Troy Hill neighborhood children into the North Catholic High School to give them leftovers from the cafeteria such as drinks or candy. She stated that she followed Meder into his office and sat on his lap. He then fondled her. She stated that this abuse occurred to many children who visited the school.

On April 6, 2014, an adult male contacted the Diocese of Pittsburgh to report that he also had been abused by Meder when he was approximately 10 or 11 years of age (1953 or 1954). He stated that Meder invited the Troy Hill neighborhood children into North Catholic High School to see his stamp collection on Saturdays. Meder then took each child into his office located behind the kitchen and molested them. He reported that this occurred for at least two years. He also reported abuse by Brother Hildebrand.

On May 5, 2014, another adult male reported inappropriate sexual contact by Meder that occurred between 1955 and 1957 at North Catholic High School, when he was approximately eight to 10 years of age. He came to know Meder because his mother worked at the school. After his father died, Meder offered to cut his hair as well as his brother's hair for free in order to help his mother save money. During these monthly haircuts (which always occurred on Saturdays), Meder would rub the boys' thighs and smack their buttocks. Meder would then give them a bag of chips and some pop. The male's brother was contacted and confirmed this information.

On May 7, 2014 a third adult male contacted the Diocese to report inappropriate sexual contact by Meder that occurred in the mid-1960's at North Catholic High School when he was approximately nine to 10 years of age. He stated that he and other children from the Troy Hill neighborhood encountered Meder in the summer. Meder invited them into the school where he took each child into his office, one at a time. He reported that Meder gave them candy, but only after he spanked them. This occurred on approximately six occasions.

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On May 8, 2014, a fourth adult male contacted the Diocese to report sexual abuse by Meder in 1953 or 1954 when he was 10 or 11 years of age. He stated that, Meder invited the children into North Catholic High School on Saturdays. He often gave the children pop and candy. He would then line the children up, and have them take turns sitting on his lap in a rocking chair in his office. The office was located behind the kitchen. He recalled that as a child, he “*always wondered what was in Brother Franks’ pants.*” When he got older, he realized that Brother Frank had an erection. He also provided information about abuse by Brother Keegan.

The Diocese offered counseling to the victims, but they declined. They were informed that the incidents would be reported to the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office and to the Provincial for the Marianist community.

Summary

According to a [REDACTED] confidential memorandum, [REDACTED] received a telephone call from [REDACTED] in the Archdiocese [REDACTED], [REDACTED], regarding an allegation of sexual abuse made against [REDACTED]. Later that day, the Diocese contacted the male who reported [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reverend Arthur R. Merrell

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Unknown
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	1970

Employment/Assignment History

Not specified	Chaplain, Allegheny County Jail and Shuman Juvenile Detention Center
2/20/1998	Resigned

Summary

In September, 1997, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report that Father Arthur R. Merrell had inappropriately touched a boy under the age of 15. Merrell admitted to the inappropriate sexual act and withdrew from the priestly ministry in February, 1998. The Diocese did not forward the information to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

A handwritten note in the file dated February 2, 1998, detailed a sexual relationship that Merrell had with "James," a mentally ill man. "James" stated that he and Merrell masturbated together and that Merrell stuck his finger up his [James'] rectum and they kissed on several occasions. Merrell admitted to these acts.

In a confidential memorandum dated July, 2014, Rita Flaherty of the Diocese recounted a meeting with Merrell wherein he minimized his inappropriate actions with minors and asked the Diocese for money. The Diocese granted Merrell's request for a "*charitable gift of money*" in the sum of \$5,000. In 2015, Merrell requested another sum of money from the Diocese.

[REDACTED]

Biographical Information

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Employment/Assignment History

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Summary

During the year 1990, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report from a 30-year-old male that he had engaged in sexual activity with [REDACTED] in the early 1980's when he was 22 or 23 years of age. [REDACTED] acknowledged the sexual activity.

On December 23, 1993, a 28-year-old male met with Father Guay, Father Zubik and Rita Flaherty. He reported that he was sexually assaulted by [REDACTED] when he was 17 years of age. He stated that shortly after his father's death, he went to see [REDACTED] at the rectory. During the visit, [REDACTED] offered him a "joint" to smoke. He and [REDACTED] then started to drink alcoholic beverages while smoking marijuana. The male reported that [REDACTED] then grabbed his genital area. Stunned by this incident, he left the rectory. He stated that he not have any contact with [REDACTED] again until 1986, when he was a junior in college. He described their relationship as being one of a social nature with "sexual overtones." In 1988, after being away from the Pittsburgh area, the male made contact with [REDACTED]. On this occasion, [REDACTED] again grabbed for his genital area. The male resisted and no conduct occurred.

Diocesan officials thereafter conducted an interview with [REDACTED] who denied having made any attempt at sexual contact with the male when he was 17. He did acknowledge, however, that he saw the male at his rectory socially when he was a young adult. [REDACTED] stated that on those occasions, there was movement toward sexual activity but it never progressed very far. Eventually, [REDACTED] felt that the male was just "toying with him" so the friendship ended.

The male was provided with therapy/counseling through the Diocese.

Reverend Joseph Mueller

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1936
YEAR OF DEATH:	2010
ORDINATION:	June 25, 1983

Employment/Assignment History

7/05/1983 – 7/14/1984	Parochial Vicar, St. Bernard, Mt. Lebanon, PA
7/15/1984 – 6/16/1986	Parochial Vicar, Holy Spirit, West Mifflin, PA
6/16/1986 – 1/22/1987	In Residence, Cardinal Wright Center
1/23/1987 – 2/1988	St. John's Hospital, Ministry
11/29/1988 – 2/24/2003	Administrative Leave
2/24/2003	Withdrew from Active Ministry

Summary

In April 1986, an allegation of sexual abuse against Father Joseph Mueller was made to Father Wilt, Pastor at St. Bernard. A young man advised that when he was approximately 13 to 14 years of age, Mueller attempted to remove or pull down his shorts on several occasions. This occurred when he stayed overnight with Mueller at the Holy Spirit rectory.

In December 1986, in a letter to the Diocese, St. Luke's stated that they stood by their recommendation that Mueller "*not work with children or adolescents.*" As of November, 1988, Mueller's faculties were withdrawn.

In a confidential memorandum to Bishop Wuerl, it was suggested that Mueller was "*unassignable.*" In a November 1988 letter to Mueller, he was presented with three options: 1) Enroll in an interim program at St. Luke's to assist with the vocational discernment process; 2) Withdraw from active ministry; or 3) Petition the Holy See for a dispensation from the obligations of priesthood.

In September 1987, the Diocese received a complaint about Mueller. Specifically, a mother advised that Mueller paid "*inappropriate attention*" to her 16-year-old son.

Reverend Lawrence O'Connell

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1906
YEAR OF DEATH:	1986
ORDINATION:	June 15, 1930

Employment/Assignment History

7/03/1930-7/21/1948	Parochial Vicar, Annunciation, North Side, PA
1/04/1940-7/23/1941	Administrator, Annunciation, North Side, PA
3/10/1946-3/27/1946	Vicar ENC, Annunciations, North Side, PA
7/22/1948-10/16/1948	Vicar ENC PRO TEM, Master Dolorosa, Chicora, PA
10/16/1948-6/25/1952	Pastor, Master Dolorosa, Chicora, PA
6/26/1952-6/28/1983	Pastor, St. Gabriel, Whitehall, PA
6/29/1983	Resigned

Summary

On January 7, 2004, an adult female alleged that Father Lawrence O'Connell sexually abused her on numerous occasions when she was approximately 11 to 13 years of age. She stated that she and a friend worked in the rectory at St. Gabriel on Mondays, counting the loose change from the Sunday services. She stated that, inevitably, O'Connell would ask her to stay behind and then invite her into his office where he would touch her inappropriately, french-kiss her and have her perform oral sex on him. She reported that the abuse occurred once a week for over a year. O'Connell told her; "*You are special and this is our special time together.*" He also told her not to tell anyone about their secret because otherwise it would not be special anymore. Additionally, he told her he loved her.

The female further related that O'Connell took her and her friends out for lunch or to a movie and bought gifts for them. She stated that she remembers the feeling of dread that she had on Sunday nights knowing that she would be subjected to the sexual abuse the next day. Although she told her parents about the abuse many years later, they did not pursue the subject.

The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office was notified of the allegation.

On April 28, 2004, a local reporter for KDKA TV contacted Father Lengwin to advise that she had heard there were sexual allegations against O'Connell. The reporter noted that she and her family had been members of his parish and that she had attended school at St. Gabriel. She then reported that she and three other girls worked at the rectory and that O'Connell would occasionally call them into another room where he would kiss them; "*place his tongue down your throat, fondle you and make overtures.*" He also bought them gifts. The reporter noted that although she had "*no desire to make a case,*" it was something that she would never forget.

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In a memorandum to the file dated April 28, 2004, it was documented that the Diocese of Pittsburgh contacted the reporter and invited her to talk about the allegation that she had made involving O'Connell. The reporter responded that she did not feel that coming in to talk was something that she would like to do. She stated that the reason she had called Lengwin was to add credibility to the allegation that she had become aware of during her morning staff meeting at KDKA. She stated that she was not currently interested in counseling and that she did not want her allegation to go any further due to her public position. She then reiterated the nature of the abuse that occurred in O'Connell's office. She stated that when she told her mother shortly after it occurred, her mother told her that she needed to focus more on her schoolwork and that she really did not have time to work at the rectory anymore. The other girl quit around the same time. The reporter noted that O'Connell would often buy gifts for the girls or take them to dinner at the Lamont.

On April 29, 2004, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette published an article reporting that a lawsuit had been filed against the Diocese for ignoring and concealing the sexual abuse of six people by priests dating back to 1954. The article stated:

The suit claims the church was negligent, acted in concert to conceal incidence of sexual abuse, misrepresented the status of the various priests, violated the statute by not publicly acknowledging incidents, did not care for and provide safe environments for children, did not protect children against risks of abuse, did not warn anyone of repeat offenders, and did not properly supervise the priests.

The article continuing, stating that “[t]he suit further claims church officials were incompetent in allowing the abuse, that their negligence caused emotional distress, and that the plaintiffs were harmed because of official inaction.”

The article reported that O'Connell was named in the lawsuit by an adult female who stated that when she was 12 years old, O'Connell had her perform sex acts with him. She explained that the abuse started with kissing and fondling, while two other girls watched. It ended three years later when O'Connell hired a new girl to work with him at St. Gabriel.

In a letter dated June 29, 2004, the Diocese provided the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office with a list of the most recent allegations of abuse received. O'Connell's name was on the list. It was noted that a female known as Jane Doe 1, who wished to remain anonymous, was abused by O'Connell at St. Gabriel when she was between the ages of 12 and 15 years of age.

On July 1, 2004 the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review both published articles reporting that six more lawsuits were filed against the Diocese. O'Connell was named as one of the abusers. The article stated that two women reported that O'Connell often fondled them as they arrived for class at St. Gabriel. They were seven and 14 years of age, respectively, when this occurred. The lawsuit named the Diocese, Bishop Donald Wuerl and Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua as the defendants.

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In a September 30, 2004 article printed in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, it was reported that eight more lawsuits were filed against the Diocese in connection with sexual abuse allegations. O'Connell was once again named in the lawsuit. The plaintiffs asked the court to hold church leaders, Wuerl and Bevilacqua responsible for allowing the alleged assaults to occur.

In Diocesan memorandums from May 2008, it was noted that one of the victims was seeking counseling through the church. There was also a payment agreement signed by the victim along with a check issued to her by the Diocese for counseling.

Reverend Thomas M. O'Donnell

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1934
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 21, 1960

Employment/Assignment History

6/1960-5/1964	St. Kieran, Lawrenceville, PA
5/1964-6/1966	St. John the Evangelist, Pittsburgh, PA
6/1966-8/1971	St. Norbert, Pittsburgh, PA
9/1971-4/1975	St. Clare, Clairton, PA
5/1975-6/1983	Annunciation, Pittsburgh, PA
6/1983-7/2000	St. Wendelin, Carrick, PA
7/2000-9/2001	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Homestead, PA
9/2001-11/2005	St. John Vianney, Pittsburgh, PA
11/2005-8/2006	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Pittsburgh, PA
8/2006-7/2014	St. Mary of Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
7/2014-Present	Epiphany, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

In 1988, parents complained to administrators at St. Wendelin that Father Thomas M. O'Donnell was requiring boys, who were around the age of 12 at the time, to shower after basketball games. It was reported that O'Donnell was also making them get weighed while they were naked. Many parents expressed displeasure that all of this was occurring while O'Donnell was present in the locker room and shower areas. The parents also noted that some of the children were embarrassed to get weighed while naked; however, they ultimately agreed to it at the insistence of O'Donnell.

In early November 1988, Father Guay and Father Nowicki met with O'Donnell who acknowledged that while these incidents did occur, it was an error in judgement. He further stated that other coaches were present in the locker room at the time. O'Donnell was advised that he was not to be in the locker room or shower areas moving forward.

In mid-November 1988, a group of 10 parents sent a letter requesting that O'Donnell completely resign from the athletic programs due to his inappropriate behaviors in the locker room. They noted that it had been confirmed with the Director of Diocesan Athletic Programs that there was no requirement that the children be weighed or measured. The letter further stated that O'Donnell had already defied a June, 1987 order given to him by Father Rutkowski to stay out of the locker rooms.

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In mid-November, 1988, a letter was also sent to Rutkowski from a parent who complained about the showering and nude weigh-in requirements. Then, another parent who had previously sent in a complaint, wrote that she was removing her child from the athletic program amid the inaction by the church to correct O'Donnell's behavior. On the same day, Rutkowski also met with Father Nowicki, Father Guay and Father Steidle about the situation.

In early December, 1988, Rutkowski sent a letter to O'Donnell wherein he outlined the complaints against him. He informed O'Donnell that he was to disassociate himself from the supervision of the athletic programs. Rutkowski also required that O'Donnell inform his coaching staff that showers and weigh-ins were not mandatory. On that same day, Rutkowski sent out a memorandum to the group of parents who had written the November letter. He advised that Diocesan officials met with O'Donnell on November 30, 1988 and that the matter was now resolved. It should be noted that there was no documentation in the file that Diocesan officials met O'Donnell on November 30, 1988.

From late December, 1988 through mid-March, 2002, parents continued to provide reports to the Diocese that O'Donnell had engaged in inappropriate behavior with children. In one instance, a parent disclosed that her son went on two trips with O'Donnell. During one of those trips, one of the boys had to sleep with O'Donnell twice. Another parent recounted that when her son and other players returned to St. Wendelin to shower after away games, it made O'Donnell excited. Another set of parents revealed that their son had a sexual conversation with O'Donnell and they requested that O'Donnell be removed from all children's programs. One parent advised that before her son entered eighth grade, he went on a trip with O'Donnell and other boys. When her son returned home, he was very upset and stated that he did not want to go anywhere with O'Donnell again. He told her that O'Donnell permitted the boys to undress in front of him, which made him [her son] uncomfortable. Next, a set of parents claimed that after their son went to a local wave pool with O'Donnell, O'Donnell insisted that her son and the other boys shower with him before getting into his car. Finally, a parent wrote a letter wherein she expressed that she could have done more to protect her child and others from O'Donnell. She stated that on one occasion, her son went to help O'Donnell with chores. When O'Donnell asked her son to wash the dog, O'Donnell insisted that her son get completely naked. Her son complied. The mother indicated that she approached O'Donnell about it, but no further information was provided about this encounter.

In late January 1989, the results of a psychological evaluation indicated that O'Donnell had no psychiatric issues. He was noted to be mentally fit to perform any duty.

In early June, 2000, Bishop Wuerl notified O'Donnell that he was being appointed full time judge to the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and was relieved of his pastoral duties at St. Wendelin. On March 30, 2004, O'Donnell officially retired from the Diocese.

In November 2005, Wuerl assigned O'Donnell residency at St. Cyril to continue his role as a part-time judge and to assist the current pastor. Shortly afterwards, the principal of the St. Cyril grade school received two complaints concerning issues surrounding O'Donnell and his interactions with young children in his previous assignments.

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In a memorandum dated December 1, 2005, the Diocese documented a second encounter between one of the initial complainants and the principal. The complainant was a grandparent of a few students at the school. He stated that he was one of 12 families who went to the Diocese in 1981 to report O'Donnell's inappropriate behavior towards children on the different sporting teams. This behavior included being present in the locker rooms and posting a bulletin that required the young boys to shower after events. The complainant told the principal that he was not interested in bringing his allegations to the attention of the Diocese because the Diocese did nothing when he previously brought O'Donnell's behavior to its attention.

There was no documentation in the file that allegations of misconduct were received by the Diocese in 1981.

Shortly after the initial complaints regarding O'Donnell's residency at St. Cyril, Father Young notified Wuerl of these complaints as well as O'Donnell's past inappropriate behavior around children. Young noted that after reviewing O'Donnell's file and convening the Clergy Task Force, there was unanimous concern about that information surfacing in the public. They further indicated that a change of residency may be necessary to avoid a potential “. . . groundswell of gossip that might harm the reputation of one of our priests or possibly appear to be negative in terms of the diocese dealing with a situation that occurred in the past.”

In late November, 2005, Wuerl sent a memorandum to Young and Auxiliary Bishop Bradley wherein he requested that O'Donnell's file be reviewed again to ensure there was never an allegation of abuse received by the Diocese.

In early January, 2006, Diocesan officials met with O'Donnell regarding the recent complaints made to the principal of St. Cyril. O'Donnell stated that he never did anything to harm a child. The Diocesan staff cautioned O'Donnell not to spend time at the school for any reason moving forward.

In mid-March 2006, the Diocese contacted the principal at St. Cyril to ensure that there were no further allegations brought to her attention. The principal responded that while there were no new complaints, some of the children had remarked that O'Donnell was very nice to them during the First Reconciliation ceremony. The next day, Diocesan officials held another meeting with O'Donnell wherein he was questioned about, *inter alia*, why he was present during the First Reconciliation ceremony when he was cautioned not to be anywhere near the school. O'Donnell responded that he had been asked to help by Father Bruney. O'Donnell was instructed again not to be around the school for any reason.

In late November, 2006, O'Donnell applied to an Apostleship of the Sea program which required a letter from the Diocese that indicated that he was in good standing. Rushofsky, who had been present for the meetings with O'Donnell about the complaints against him, provided the letter.

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In late February, 2008, O'Donnell asked Bishop Zubik to provide another letter of good standing to re-certify him for the Apostleship at Sea program. In a letter from Father Bonnar to Zubik, the allegations made against O'Donnell were outlined. Bonnar advised that if Zubik believed that O'Donnell should be recommended for the program, the signature should not come from him. On the letter, Zubik initialed handwritten notations, which read in part that the matter needed to be discussed by the Special Clergy Task Force before any decision was to be made.

O'Donnell was ultimately informed that he would not be recommended for the program.

In January 2014, O'Donnell requested permission to attend a memorial mass performed by the United States Navy. The Navy required that a Diocesan representative provide a letter of good standing in order for O'Donnell to attend. The Diocese not only provided a letter of good standing, but also provided a form which indicated that all files and records maintained by the church about O'Donnell had been reviewed and the Diocese could attest to the following statements, *inter alia*: “No accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him, nor has he ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal;” and “To the best of my knowledge, he has never engaged in sexual behavior inconsistent with priestly celibacy, nor has he ever acted in an inappropriate manner with minors.” Father Mark Eckman initialed the statements and signed the form attesting that O'Donnell was fully permitted to participate in the memorial event.

Reverend William P. O'Malley, III

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1944
YEAR OF DEATH:	2008
ORDINATION:	May 16, 1970

Employment/Assignment History

6/15/1970-5/23/1973	Assistant, St. Jerome, Charleroi, PA
5/22/1973-9/14/1978	Assistant, St. Canice, Pittsburgh (Knoxville), PA
9/15/1978-3/28/1982	Assistant, St. Francis de Sales, McKees Rocks, PA
3/29/1982-11/15/1985	Assistant, St. Paul, Butler, PA
11/16/1985-8/24/1992	Pastor, St. Conrad, Meridian, PA
8/25/1992-8/10/1995	Auditor-Assessor Tribunal, Diocese of Pittsburgh
8/11/1995-6/29/1997	Pastor at Devine Mercy, Beaver Falls, PA
6/30/1997-12/14/1997	Pastor at St. Irenaeus, Oakmont, PA
12/15/1997-11/15/1998	Requested Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons
11/16/1998-5/18/2003	Canonical Consultant Tribunal, Diocese of Pittsburgh,
5/19/2003	Withdrawn from active Priestly Ministry

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On April 21, 1991, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a complaint that Father William P. O'Malley was having young people spend too much time at the St. Conrad rectory. No names were provided. On this same date, two ministers advised Father Guay, Vicar for the Clergy, that O'Malley had given at least one underage boy numerous gifts, including remote control cars, electronic devices, use of O'Malley's credit card, and at least one trip to the Bahamas. On April 24, 1992, the father of this same boy (who was in tenth grade at the time) advised that he had concerns about O'Malley and both of his sons. The father stated that his oldest son had keys to the rectory and spent nights and weekends there with O'Malley. On May 1, 1992, Diocesan officials questioned O'Malley about the complaint but he denied any wrongdoing.

On March 24, 1993, a financial audit was conducted at St. Conrad due to complaints of financial mismanagement by O'Malley. Through the audit, it was discovered, *inter alia*, that O'Malley had given money to a local 17-year-old boy who stayed at the rectory and was the primary user of new guest furniture that had been purchased by O'Malley. It was also discovered that O'Malley and the teenager had a joint bank account together.

On December 23, 1993, an adult male contacted the Diocese to report that he was sexually assaulted by O'Malley when he was approximately 22 years of age. He explained that O'Malley's residence had a pool table and hot tub and was always available as a "*place for kids to go.*" When questioned by Diocesan officials regarding the complaint, O'Malley admitted to receiving a backrub from the male but advised that he did not recall if any sexual contact had

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occurred. O'Malley admitted that adolescents were still coming into the rectory to use the pool tables and pinball machine. Father Guay cautioned O'Malley against this activity, "[e]specially since [the complainant] made reference to this as an opportunity for O'Malley to have access to other adolescents."

On December 12, 1997, Diocesan officials interviewed an adult male who advised that he was sexually abused by O'Malley in 1978 when he was approximately 11 to 12 years of age. He stated that O'Malley provided him with alcohol and then, after he went to bed, O'Malley got into bed with him, removed his shorts, and fondled his genitals. On another occasion, O'Malley showed him photographs of three other boys in their underwear. O'Malley then asked if he could take similar photographs of him. The male further advised that O'Malley kept a drawer filled with large candy bars, that kids were around the rectory all the time, and that O'Malley was still seen with groups of young boys.

When interviewed about the allegation made on December 12, 1997, O'Malley stated that the incident "*probably happened*" and that "*kids were around all the time.*" O'Malley went on to state that he was "*much more careful now not to touch kids,*" and that he recently had taken a group of young boys to a festival held at St. John Vianney.

Bishop Wuerl granted O'Malley a leave of absence. O'Malley was then sent to St. Francis Hospital and then to St. Luke Institute in Maryland for evaluation and treatment. He was later sent to Southdown Institute for continued treatment.

On January 12, 1998, a confidential memorandum was sent to Wuerl advising that O'Malley was given a diagnosis of "ephebophilia," based on his admitted sexual interest in adolescents and that O'Malley was at a high risk for seeking emotional gratification with adolescents. In spite of this diagnosis, only four days later, Wuerl sent a memorandum to the file documenting his meeting with O'Malley on January 15, 1998. Wuerl stated that O'Malley was "*anxious to return to his priestly ministry.*" Wuerl continued, "*I expressed to him our desire to help him in whatever way we can do to all of the things that are necessary to present him for priestly ministry.*"

On February 12, 1998, a letter was sent from a psychiatrist to Wuerl regarding O'Malley. The psychiatrist noted that O'Malley "*describes no sexual interest or experiences with any youngster who was not a teenager*" and that "*the incidents that occurred number 5 or less, were never repeated with the same individual, and never included anything more than touching with his hands.*" The doctor further stated that no sexual activity with minors had reoccurred since 1982 and that O'Malley should be allowed to return to his ministry.

On February 20, 1998, a confidential letter was sent from Southdown to Father Ruggiero, advising that during treatment, O'Malley stated that he had a fantasy for "*well built 16, 17 or 18 year olds,*" along with a continued over-involvement with youth, and an inappropriate preoccupation with things that attract youth. From April 1998 through October 1998, O'Malley remained in residential treatment at Southdown. While there, O'Malley received a letter from the Diocese including a \$1,000 payment to O'Malley for his car insurance.

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On November 9, 1998, Wuerl sent a letter to O'Malley appointing him as Canonical Consultant in the Tribunal of the Diocese, with continued residence at St. John Vianney. Among other things, Wuerl stated:

At the same time I welcome you back to priestly ministry following your leave of absence for personal reasons. Your willingness to serve in this capacity and to be of assistance . . . is a sign of your dedication and priestly zeal.

On December 12, 1998, a letter was sent to Wuerl from the same victim who had disclosed being sexually assaulted by O'Malley a year earlier (as described above). The victim stated that it had been one year since he originally made his complaint to the Diocese about his abuse and his disclosure of three additional boys - - whom he stated he knew personally from school - - whom O'Malley had photographed in their underwear. The victim further stated that he believed the church was supporting O'Malley's behavior and cited as an example O'Malley's new position in the Diocesan building and the publishing of his appointment.

On May 17, 1999, a letter was sent from Ruggiero to O'Malley stating, among other things, that the Diocese had become aware that O'Malley had violated protocol by appearing in clerical attire and celebrating mass in public ceremonies. Ruggiero advised that any future violation(s) could affect O'Malley's position as Canonical Consultant.

On July 9, 1999, a recommendation was made by the Diocesan Clergy Task Force that O'Malley be moved from St. John Vianney to St. Mary of Mercy to "*cut down on some of his appearances at parishes and events which have been problematic in the past.*" It was suggested that O'Malley be placed back on administrative leave, but that he could "*continue to do tribunal work unofficially despite the fact that he no longer is assigned to the tribunal.*" This memorandum was initialed at the bottom as being approved by the Bishop.

On August 16, 1999, a confidential memorandum was sent from Ruggiero to Wuerl documenting the finalization of a loan made by the Diocese to O'Malley. The loan was in the amount of \$37,800 and was to assist O'Malley with his current debts. The loan was approved by Wuerl. Weeks later, on September 24, 1999, another confidential memorandum was sent by Ruggiero regarding O'Malley. The memorandum referenced earlier information that O'Malley had been conducting research on child-care institutions located within the Diocese of Erie. As stated in the memorandum, it was Ruggiero's opinion that the Diocese should not allow O'Malley's name to be associated with any publication that may receive public notice, "*especially in an area related to child care.*"

From April 5, 2002 to January 13, 2006, a total of six additional victims independently came forward to report that they were sexually assaulted by O'Malley. Three of the victims advised that they were sexually abused in the 1970's. At the time of their victimization, their ages ranged from 8 to 14. The three remaining victims advised that they were sexually assaulted in the mid-1990's and as recently as 1999. These three victims ranged in age from 11 to 17. Many of the victims indicated that during the time period in question, O'Malley would provide

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them with gifts and trips. It should be noted that a portion of this period of sexual abuse, (from the end of 1998 through 1999), occurred after Wuerl placed O'Malley back into ministry as Canonical Consultant.

On May 19, 2003, a letter was sent to O'Malley from Wuerl wherein Wuerl advised that he accepted O'Malley's resignation from active ministry. However, Wuerl also advised O'Malley that his "*sustenance needs and benefits would continue according to the norms of law.*"

On January 13, 2006, a memorandum was sent from Father Young to Wuerl advising that another victim had disclosed that he was "*sexually molested by Father William O'Malley from 1996 when he was 14 years old until 1999, when he was 17 years old.*" The victim stated that the abuse occurred in three different counties. In January, 2006, the Diocese reported this complaint to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Diocesan records revealed that the District Attorney's Office subsequently advised that the victim did not wish to pursue the investigation.

Reverend George Parme

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1923
YEAR OF DEATH:	2002
ORDINATION:	June 13, 1948

Employment/Assignment History

7/22/1948 – 2/6/1952	St. Peter, Butler, PA
2/7/1952 – 1/30/1957	St. Aloysius, Wilmerding, PA
1/31/1957 – 8/11/1958	Presentation BVM, Midland, PA
8/12/1958 – 10/15/1958	No Assignment
10/16/1958 – 1/19/1960	Most Holy Name, Troy Hill
1/20/1960 – 6/7/1960	No Assignment, in residence at St. Patrick, Strip District
6/8/1960 – 10/13/1963	St. Catherine, Beechview, PA
10/14/1963 – 12/13/1963	St. Agnes, Oakland, PA
12/14/1963 – 5/26/1964	St. Joseph, North Side, PA
5/27/1964 – 1/30/1968	Mt. Nazareth Academy, Bellevue, PA
1/31/1968 – 11/17/1969	Mother of Good Council, Brushton, PA
11/18/1969 – 11/14/1974	St. Louis and St. Pascal, Argentine
11/15/1974 – 6/19/1989	St. Cecilia, Glassport, PA

Summary

The only information regarding an allegation against Father George Parme was found with documents detailing a civil lawsuit against the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop Donald Wuerl and Cardinal Bevilacqua. According to the lawsuit, the victim served as an altar boy at St. Aloysius. In 1954, when the victim was approximately 13 years old, Parme fondled his genitals while he was getting dressed before mass in the sacristy. It was also alleged that abuse occurred in Parme's car. The abuse continued for one year.

The lawsuit contended,

[O]n information and belief, Diocesan Defendants knew and/or had constructive knowledge of the sexual abuse of minors by a number of Diocesan priests, including Father Parme, and that such abusive behavior was a longstanding problem within the Diocese, having received actual notice of such abuse.

On October 1, 2007, the victim signed a document releasing the Diocese, Wuerl, Bevilacqua, Bishop Paul Bradley and Bishop Zubik of all responsibility regarding the abuse. The Diocese agreed to pay a total amount of \$1.25 Million to 31 plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Reverend Paul E. Pindel

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1924
YEAR OF DEATH:	1991
ORDINATION:	May 19, 1951

Employment/Assignment History

6/21/1951-12/03/1952	St. Stanislaus, Ambridge, PA
12/04/1952-12/16/1953	St. John Cantius, Sharpsburg, PA
12/17/1953-6/12/1957	St. Robert Bellarmine, E. McKeesport, PA
6/13/1957-6/09/1959	Holy Family, Pittsburgh, PA
6/10/1959-12/07/1960	Holy Angels, Hays, PA
12/08/1960-6/06/1966	St. William, E. Pittsburgh, PA
6/07/1966-3/27/1969	St. Martin, Pittsburgh, PA
3/28/1969-11/01/1971	St. Rose of Lima, Darlington St. Ann, New Galilee
11/02/1971-10/13/1973	Chaplain, Gilmary School, Coraopolis, PA
10/14/1973-12/09/1985	St. Genevieve, Canonsburg, PA
12/10/1985-7/06/1989	St. Hyacinth, Pittsburgh, PA
7/06/1989-2/26/1991	Leave of Absence (Brain Tumor)

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In April 2012, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received an allegation from an adult male that Father Paul E. Pindel inappropriately touched him when he was between 13 and 15 years of age. This occurred from 1957 through 1960 in Allegheny County and Butler County.

The male reported that he and other boys would frequently go places with Pindel. On one occasion, Pindel took him and his brother to the farm where Pindel's sister lived. They spent the night there. Pindel slept between him and his brother on a mattress on the floor and inappropriately touched him during the night.

The victim also stated that when Pindel would take him and other boys swimming in Slippery Rock, Pindel would pull their trunks down while in the water and then laugh as if was a funny prank.

The victim also recalled going to a drive-in with Pindel at which time Pindel performed oral sex on him. Even after Pindel was transferred, he would continue to go to the victim's house, take the victim places and often give the victim money.

The victim recalled that after Pindel was transferred, he was taken to the new rectory. He was then taken to Pindel's bedroom where he became naked. The victim stated that this was

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the first time that Pindel placed the victim's hand on his penis and it was the first time that Pindel attempted to have the victim touch him in a sexual way. That was the last time that he ever went back to the rectory or went anywhere else with Pindel.

The Diocese offered the victim assistance in finding counseling services.

In May, 2003, the Diocese received an allegation that Pindel engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a minor who was an eighth grade student at St. William around the year 1965. According to the victim, once he entered high school, Pindel had senior boys threaten and beat him up so that he would not disclose the prior sexual contact. According to the victim, he attempted several times to discuss what happened to him but was told it would never go anywhere because they would believe a priest over a boy. Later in life, the victim attempted to talk to another priest and was told that he should be ashamed of himself.

The Diocese received an allegation in February, 2002 regarding Pindel. It was alleged that Pindel engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a minor who was a student in eighth or ninth grade at St. William. This occurred in the 1960's. The victim advised that Pindel would often take boys to a farm that he owned. During a visit to the farm, the victim was given wine. Pindel then performed oral sex on him and "simulated anal intercourse."

According to the victim, Pindel would also enter the locker room after a game while the boys were changing cloths.

The Diocese received an allegation in August, 2011 regarding Pindel. Specifically, it was reported that Pindel engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a minor between the ages of six and nine that occurred between 1980 and 1984 in Washington County. The victim stated that the abuse began when he was six years old and attending CCD classes. He related that he would be pulled out of class by Pindel and taken to the rectory where he would be sexual assaulted. The victim was instructed by Pindel to put on a red robe and lay across the desk. Pindel then inserted his fingers into the victim's anus. It was very painful. The victim reported that eventually Pindel started using a number two pencil. This went on for three years. The victim advised that there was an usher who would watch the door so that no one would enter. The usher would also touch the victim inappropriately on occasion. The Diocese offered the victim assistance in finding counseling services and provided reimbursement for treatment.

Pittsburgh Priest #1

Biographical Information

Omitted

Employment/Assignment History

Omitted

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In a “*Memo to File*” dated April 21, 2004, Father Ronald P. Lengwin documented a discussion that he had with a KDKA TV reporter. The reporter had advised Lengwin that they were preparing to do a story about allegations being made by an 85-year-old World War II veteran that he was sexually abused by a priest 70 years earlier. While Lengwin never mentioned the priest’s name in the memorandum, he did state that the priest in question died in 1958. The memorandum further stated that the victim spoke with Diocesan officials who offered him counseling services for assistance in dealing with this abuse. It also noted that the victim was comforted by the fact that the Diocese found his allegations to be credible.

The documents received via subpoena contained invoices and checks made payable to a psychologist who treated the victim. It appeared that the Diocese paid for those treatments and created a treatment plan for his recovery.

Reverend Francis Pucci

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1931
YEAR OF DEATH:	2002
ORDINATION:	May 25, 1957

Employment/Assignment History

6/13/1957 – 11/28/1961	Parochial Vicar, St. Vitus, New Castle, PA
11/29/1961 – 6/16/1962	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Braddock, PA
6/17/1962 – 5/12/1965	Parochial Vicar, St. Vitus, New Castle, PA
5/13/1965 – 6/06/1966	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary, McKeesport, PA
6/07/1966 – 6/09/1968	Parochial Vicar, Epiphany, Uptown, PA
6/10/1968 – 3/27/1969	Headmaster, Lawrenceville Catholic
3/28/1969 – 6/14/1970	South Side Catholic, Consolidation
6/15/1970 – 5/21/1972	Administration, St. Januarius, Renton, PA
5/22/1972 – 7/01/1973	Pastor, St. Eugene, Liberty Boro, PA
7/02/1973 – 10/05/1980	Pastor, Purification, Ellwood City, PA
10/06/1980 – 9/29/1981	Pastor, St. Joseph, Coraopolis, PA
9/30/1981 – 6/30/1984	Pastor, St. Alphonsus, McDonald, PA
7/01/1984 – 2/14/1987	Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes, Burgettstown, PA
2/15/1987 – 10/29/1987	Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
10/29/1987 – 2/10/1992	Leave of Absence, Health reasons
2/10/1992	Retired

Summary

In April 2002 an allegation of sexual abuse was made to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. An adult male revealed that Father Francis Pucci fondled him to the point of ejaculation in 1962 when he was a minor at St. Vitus school.

In February 2004, a sexual abuse allegation was made to the Washington County District Attorney's Office. An adult male advised that Pucci engaged in inappropriate sexual touching with him in 1988 at a church. This occurred when he was a minor.

The Diocese received another allegation of sexual abuse in September 2007. An adult male reported that Pucci engaged in inappropriate sexual touching with him when he was a minor. This conduct occurred at a church in Coraopolis. In information contained in the file suggested that the male never moved forward with the complaint after the initial allegation was made.

In November 2014, the Diocese received a report from an adult male that Pucci engaged in inappropriate sexual touching with him in 1981 to 1982 at a church in Coraopolis. He stated

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that he was an altar server during that time period and Pucci would instruct him to wear either nothing or jock straps underneath his cassocks. Pucci would also pat his buttocks along with the buttocks of other altar servers. The male also reported this information to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

In December, 2014, an adult male reported to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office that Pucci engaged in inappropriate sexual touching with him when he was a minor. He stated that the abuse occurred in 1981-1982 at a church in Allegheny County.

In May, 2016, the Washington County District Attorney's Office received a report from a male who wished to remain anonymous. The male alleged that Pucci had engaged in inappropriate sexual touching with him in 1983 at a church in McDonald.

Several months later, in October, 2016, an adult male reported to the Diocese that Pucci engaged in inappropriate sexual touching with him in 1980 at a church in Coraopolis.

Information pertaining to allegations of sexual abuse involving Pucci were also contained within the file of Father Robert Wolk. Wolk was apparently a friend of Pucci's in the Diocese. Wolk's file contained the following information:

In August 1988, two victims filed a lawsuit against the Pittsburgh Diocese. The two victims name Father Robert Wolk as a defendant in the sexual assaults, along with Father Francis Pucci and Father Richard Zula, all of the Pittsburgh Diocese. [Victim 1] alleges Pucci sexually assaulted him. On or about September of 1988, the victims report the assaults to law enforcement. In November 1988, Pucci was charged with sexually abusing [Victim 1]. More specific, in the summer of 1986, at the Marianna Parish House, where Zula resided at the time, Pucci touched and fondled [Victim 1's] genitals.

According to articles from the Associated Press and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:

Washington County District Attorney John Pettit, filed the sexual abuse charges against three Roman Catholic priests for allegedly molesting two brothers who were altar boys, and accused the church of foot-dragging during the investigation. 'It was not the spirit of cooperation we would like to see,' Pettit said, calling it 'minimal at best.'

Pittsburgh Bishop Donald W. Wuerl denied the allegation, saying, 'I think the diocese has made every effort to be cooperative.'

Pettit charged the Rev. Richard F. Zula, 47, former pastor at Sts. Mary and Ann Church in Marianna; the Rev. Robert Wolk, a former pastor and diocesan assistant chancellor of St. Thomas More Church in the Pittsburgh suburb of Bethel Park; and the Rev. Francis Pucci, former pastor of Immaculate

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Conception Church in Washington. All three men have been relieved of their pastoral duties.

In more than 150 counts, Pettit alleged that the priests sexually abused the two boys from 1981 to 1987. The homosexual acts allegedly took place in a barn, a church basement, a parked car and at a mountain resort.

Pettit said investigators do not believe the three priests acted in concert, although Zula and Pucci were charged with one count each of conspiracy because Pucci allegedly knew of Zula's intentions when he let Zula use his bedroom at a parish home to have sex with one of the youths.

Some of the incidents involved whips, chains, drugs and alcohol, Pettit said.

Pucci also was charged with conspiracy for allowing the Rev. Richard Zula to have sexual activity with one of the boys at the Our Lady of Lourdes parish house in Burgettstown, Washington County, in 1986. At the time, Father Pucci was pastor there.

The charges against Father Pucci were dropped after officials determined the statute of limitations had expired.

Reverend John W. Rebel

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1937
YEAR OF DEATH:	2013
ORDINATION:	May 1, 1965

Employment/Assignment History

5/13/1965 – 6/6/1967	St. Bernard, Mt. Lebanon, PA
6/7/1967 – 8/27/1967	St. Veronica, Ambridge, PA
8/28/1967 – 9/19/1968	St. Joseph, Verona, PA
9/20/1968 – 5/22/1973	St. Michael, Elizabeth, PA
5/23/1973 – 8/15/1974	Leave of Absence
6/8/1973 – 8/15/1974	St. Kieran, Lawrenceville, PA
8/16/1974 – 11/4/1976	Assumption, Bellevue, PA
11/5/1976 – 6/29/1981	St. Margaret Mary, Moon Township, PA
6/30/1981 – 7/7/1982	St. Anselm, Swissvale, PA
7/8/1982 – 7/2/2001	St. Killian, Mars, PA
7/2/2001 – 6/15/2002	St. Bartholomew, Penn Hills, PA
	Sabbatical Second Semester of 2001-2002
1/15/2002 – 7/3/2002	Sabbatical at North American College in Rome
7/3/2002 – 9/1/2010	St. James the Apostle, Bedford, PA

Summary

The Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report that Father John W. Rebel molested a boy in the 1970's. The abuse occurred in the boy's bedroom when he was 10 to 12 years of age. It happened after a "home mass." The file contained a memorandum dated March 18, 2009, that revealed that Diocesan officials met with the parents of the victim who advised that their son (now deceased) told them of the abuse years after it happened. They stated that Rebel would often drive their son home after CCD. The memorandum stated that while his parents did not know for certain what occurred during those rides, it became clear from their son's level of emotion and sobbing, that sexual abuse may have occurred. Their son begged them to not make him go to CCD classes. The partents reported that after the abuse, their son became withdrawn from his family and friends.

On March 27, 2009, Diocesan officials confronted Rebel with the allegations. Rebel stated that while he remembered the victim's parents, he had no recollection of their children nor having a "home mass" at their residence. He denied taking the victim for rides in his car after CCD classes.

On May 28, 2009, the victim's parents met with Bishop Zubik and recounted their son's abuse. Zubik advised that he had spoken to Rebel and that he had denied harming their son.

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Zubik also stated that he felt that Rebel was telling him the truth. In the end, while Zubik believed what their son had alleged, he felt that perhaps the abuse was committed by another priest. Zubik stated that after reviewing church records, it was in all likelihood that another priest was the parish priest at the time when the abuse occurred. He advised the family that the church would conduct more research.

Based on the files presented in response to the subpoena, it does not appear that any further investigation was conducted.

In a letter dated August 13, 2009, counsel for the Diocese forwarded information to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office pertaining to allegations made against clergy members. The allegation involving Rebel was included.

Reverend Raymond R. Rhoden

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1950
YEAR OF DEATH:	2006
ORDINATION:	October 23, 1976

Employment/Assignment History

11/05/1976-7/07/1982	Parochial Vicar, Nativity of Our Lord, Pittsburgh, PA
7/08/1982-6/21/1989	Parochial Vicar, St. Francis of Assisi, Finleyville, PA
8/25/1988-6/21/1989	Chaplain, part-time, Monongahela Valley Catholic High School, Monongahela, PA
6/21/1989-10/05/1992	Chaplain, part-time, Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School, Coraopolis, PA
6/21/1989-10/05/1992	Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph, Coraopolis, PA
10/05/1992-10/26/1992	Administrator, St. Philip Neri, Donora, PA
10/26/1992-6/30/1997	Team Ministry-Moderator, Our Lady of the Valley, Donora, PA
6/30/1997-5/17/2002	Pastor, St. James, Sewickley, PA
5/17/2002	Administrative Leave
7/05/2002	Withdrew from active priestly ministry; Retired

Summary

On April 29, 2002, the parents of an adult male met with officials from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to report that their son was sexually abused by Father Raymond R. Rhoden between 1976 and 1977. The mother stated that they considered Rhoden a family friend and that he had spent a lot of time at their home. Her son informed them that Rhoden fondled his genitals and performed oral sex on him over a number of months when he was 16 and 17 years of age.

The parents stated that they had previously spoken to Bishop McDowell (date unknown) about the sexual abuse and he told them that he would take care of the allegations. However, they never heard from him again. The parents related that they prayed for a long time before reporting the incident again.

A memorandum to the file dated April 30, 2002, indicates that Diocesan officials spoke with the victim via telephone. The victim told them that Rhoden spent a lot of time in his family home and that when he was 16 and 17 years of age, Rhoden performed oral sex on him. He explained that Rhoden would come into his room after he went to bed and begin to massage his back, fondle his genitals and eventually perform oral sex on him. He stated that this occurred on multiple occasions. The victim was presently taken antidepressants.

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The victim explained that he came forward with this information because his parents told him that Rhoden had recently come over to their home and spent some time alone with his younger brother in his room. His younger brother advised that Rhoden did not touch him.

The victim was asked to write a statement about the abuse, and on May 20, 2002, the allegations were brought to the attention of the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

A handwritten note on the bottom of the memorandum dated May 21, 2002, stated that the Diocese met with Rhoden and he admitted to the sexual abuse. The note further stated that the Diocese turned the matter over to civil authorities and that Rhoden was removed from his assignment.

In a memorandum to the file dated May 17, 2002, it was noted that Rhoden agreed to go to St. Luke Institute for a physiological evaluation. An evaluation was not included in the materials provided.

The file contained a church document marked "*confidential*" and dated July, 2004. It was addressed to Bishop Wuerl from Angelo Amato, Titular Archbishop of Sila. The document stated that the Dicastery had examined the case and agreed with the decision to allow Rhoden to remain in retirement. They stated that because the case involved "*a single case of abuse*" and it "*occurred over 25 years ago*," penal procedures and penalties would not apply.

A document entitled "*File Review for Compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*" noted that Rhoden moved to Sarasota, Florida. He received \$750 per month for sustenance. In January 2003, Wuerl granted Rhoden an additional \$400 per month to assist with housing and food.

Reverend Carl Roemele

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1934
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 6, 1963

Employment/Assignment History

5/1963-5/1964	St. Joseph, Mt. Oliver, PA
5/1964-6/1966	St. Alexis, Wexford, PA
6/1966-8/1967	St. William, Pittsburgh, PA
8/1967-5/1972	St. Joseph, Duquesne, PA
5/1972-9/1975	St. Agatha, Bridgeville, PA
9/1975-2/1976	Allegheny Community College, Pittsburgh, PA
9/1975-2/1976	Epiphany, Pittsburgh, PA
9/1975-2/1976	Allegheny County Jail, Pittsburgh, PA
2/1976-8/1976	Leave of absence; voluntary laicization

Summary

In late June 1967, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a letter from a mother regarding sexual abuse committed by Father Carl Roemele. The letter was addressed to “*Your Excellency*” and revealed that Roemele engaged in sexual misconduct towards four different young boys while he was a parochial vicar at St. William. She alleged that Roemele made sexual advances towards her son (first victim), his friend, and then another boy in a separate incident, when he took them to a cabin. Additionally, she alleged that on a fourth occasion while at the camp site with a boy, Roemele told him to shower after swimming. She stated that Roemele then entered the shower with the boy and when Roemele dropped the soap, he tried to bite the boy while bending to pick it up. The mother also expressed concern that Roemele gave the eighth graders a talk about sex prior to leaving his assignment. In the file provided by the Diocese, there is no documentation to indicate that any official action was taken towards Roemele.

In mid-August 2004, a letter was sent to Bishop Wuerl wherein an adult male alleged that he was continually abused by Roemele when he was an altar boy at St. Joseph. He reported that Roemele would grope and fondle him - - as well as two other altar servers - - before mass. The male also reported that when he was in sixth grade, Roemele took him and other members of a basketball team to a cabin at Aleo Lake. While there, he witnessed Roemele masturbating a young boy in the middle of the night.

In September 2004, Diocesan officials met with the victim to discuss his recent complaint to Wuerl. There, the victim further outlined his allegations and was offered counseling. He declined. He was asked to pass along the information for clergy staff to the other victims. In

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late September, 2004, the Diocese sent a letter to the Allegheny District Attorney's Office, advising of the allegation.

Contained within the file was a March, 2008 letter from a law firm. Included in the correspondence was an undated letter from another victim of Roemele. The third victim alleged that he was abused around the year 1968 when he served as an altar boy at St. Joseph. He was either 11 or 12 years of age. He stated the abuse started after Roemele convinced him to stay with him after mass. There, he fondled his genitals over his clothes. This conduct escalated to exposing the boy's genitals and Roemele exposing his own genitals to the boy. The victim stated that Roemele would often fondle him with the goal of giving the boy an erection. Roemele sometimes squeezed the boy's testicles to the point where he experienced pain, but Roemele encouraged the boy to try to endure it. The victim estimated that the abuse occurred after every mass for approximately one year, if not longer, and lasted 20 to 30 minutes each time. The victim felt as though he had to appease Roemele while waiting for the abuse to stop.

The victim further outlined a particular instance when he went to the cabin with Roemele. Although Roemele told him that he would be going to the camp with other boys, it turned out that the victim was the only boy there. Upon arrival, Roemele instructed him to strip down to his underwear and shoot baskets at a hoop outside. Later, while in the cabin, Roemele began to fondle the victim, eventually removing the victim's clothes as well as his own. Roemele then placed the victim's hand on his erection and began masturbating himself using the victim's hand. Roemele asked him several times if he wanted to "taste it," but the victim declined. The victim reported that when he would try to pull back his hand, Roemele would put it back on his penis. The victim stated that despite him being visibly uncomfortable, the abuse by Roemele continued on and off again for six hours before he was finally taken home.

In another letter from a law firm, the attorney inquired if a list of four victims would be able to settle their cases with the Diocese. The second and third victims' names were included on this list. It is unknown whether any settlement was reached. In late, August 2008, the Diocese sent a letter to the Allegheny District Attorney's Office regarding their receipt of the allegations.

In late October 2010, the Diocese received a telephone call from a mother who reported that Roemele had sexually abused her son when he was 10 years old. She alleged that her son and others were molested by Roemele at St. Joseph. She stated that Roemele would have the boys come in early for mass or devotions and then molest them. He also took them to a cabin that she referred to as "*Mo's cabin*." She went on to explain that her son had passed away in 2003 from complications from his alcoholism, adding that he began drinking in 1969 when he was just 10 years old.

In early November 2010, Diocesan officials met with the mother at her home. She stated that she believed her son would still be alive if not for the abuse he suffered by Roemele leading him to drink. The clergy staff offered to provide her with counseling services over the telephone since she was not able to leave her house. In July, 2011, the Diocese sent a letter to the Allegheny District Attorney's Office regarding their receipt of the victim's allegation. It was

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indicated that the reasons for the delay in the submittal was due to the fact that the Diocese was unsure whether the allegation needed to be reported since the victim was deceased.

Roemele took a leave of absence from his assignment on February 2, 1976. He later resigned from active ministry in early August, 1976 and was officially laicized on February 25, 1978.

In early February 2009, Diocesan officials met with Roemele and confronted him with the allegations from the second and third victims. Roemele responded that he did not recall the second victim by name but did recognize the third victim by name, along with two of the altar boys identified by the second victim. Roemele ultimately denied all the allegations of sexual abuse, stating that they likely misinterpreted his actions towards them as sexually abusive in nature when they were not meant that way. The clergy staff informed Roemele that as part of a new policy, his name and address would need to be provided to the District Attorney where he lived (Butler County) advising that a priest with allegations of sexual abuse was residing in the county. In the memorandum documenting the meeting, it was reported that Roemele seemed calm and lacked curiosity about the allegations presented to him. He had no questions and did not seem upset about the policy of providing his information to the Butler County District Attorney's Office.

Reverend Michael C. Romero

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1937
YEAR OF DEATH:	2000
ORDINATION:	October 1, 1977

Employment/Assignment History

10/13/1977-2/23/1978	Parochial Vicar, North American Martyrs, Monroeville, PA
2/24/1978-7/07/1982	Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
7/08/1982-6/02/1985	Parochial Vicar, St. Veronica, Ambridge, PA
6/03/1985-3/15/1990	Parochial Vicar, St. Basil, Carrick, PA
3/15/1990-6/17/2000	Leave of Absence

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The first allegation of sexual abuse against Father Michael C. Romero surfaced on June 14, 2013. A memorandum to the file indicated that on that date, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received a telephone call from a woman named "Andrea." Andrea advised that her boyfriend was sexually abused by Romero when Romero was assigned to Immaculate Conception.

Andrea advised that her boyfriend's mother had previously contacted the Diocese to report the abuse and to obtain referral information to help her son. In the internal memorandum, it was observed that notes from a June, 2012 telephone conversation with the mother were located. According to the notes, the mother had provided some information about her son and asked if the Diocese would be able to help him. It was represented that the Diocese provided the mother with some referral information for the area in which her son lived. There was no report about the allegation made at that time.

Andrea subsequently contacted her boyfriend's mother and asked her to re-contact the Diocese. The mother called again and advised that her son was sexually abused by a priest and that she believed that the priest was Romero. She stated that the abuse occurred at Immaculate Conception when her son was a student there. She stated that Romero bought her son all kinds of gifts, including a ski jacket. On one occasion many years later, her son came home for a visit and knocked a picture of himself off the wall and broke it. It was a picture of her son wearing the ski jacket. She also reported that Romero once took her son on a trip to Cleveland and gave him alcohol. Her son got so drunk that he could not remember anything afterward. She stated that her son was now a heavy drinker and she believed that it stemmed back to the sexual abuse and his early exposure to alcohol by the priest.

In a memorandum to the file dated October 2013, it was noted that the son contacted the Diocese and advised that he wanted to report "*questionable behavior*" that occurred when he was a child. He stated that he was an altar server at Immaculate Conception in grade school

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through freshman year of high school. He stated that Romero would encourage him to drink wine after mass before he returned to class. He also recalled that, on occasion, Romero also took him to the racetrack and bought him alcohol there. He recalled Romero buying him gifts, specifically, a sweat suit that Romero asked him to change into. The male reported that other “things” happened but that he was reluctant to talk about anything else. He stated that Father John Bauer also provided him with alcohol and encouraged him to drink it. He stated that Bauer would also engage him in “wrestling” matches. He recalled that Romero and Bauer would talk about masturbation a lot in front of him and the other young boys. The male stated that he has spent his life dealing with issues of alcohol abuse and addiction. He attributed it to his early exposure to alcohol by Romero and Bauer.

The male advised that he was seeking assistance with counseling to deal with his repressed issues of sexual abuse. The Diocese advised that its counterpart in Florida (where the male now lived) would be contacted and that referral information would be provided to him. He was asked to make a written statement and that this information would be shared with the Washington County District Attorney’s Office.

On October 17, 2013, the Diocese sent a follow up e-mail message to the victim providing him with contact information for a local counselor. She also asked him to make a written statement.

A letter in the file revealed that the Diocese forwarded the victim’s information to the Washington County District Attorney’s office on August 5, 2014.

The file also contained a January 19, 2012 memorandum from Father Harry Bielewicz that included information about a second allegation of abuse against Romero. The memorandum documented that on January 19, 2012, Father George Moneck called to report that he had received a telephone call from a male victim who alleged that he was sexually abused by Romero while he was a parishioner at Immaculate Conception. The memorandum stated that Moneck was advised by telephone and in a letter to have the victim call Rita Flaherty of the Diocese.

No other information about the victim was provided in the files obtained from the Diocese.

Reverend Oswald E. Romero

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1919
YEAR OF DEATH:	1997
ORDINATION:	July 15, 1950

Employment/Assignment History

1955-1965	St. Francis Borja HS, Quito, Ecuador
1961-1965	Jesuit College & University, Quito, Ecuador
1961-1965	Catholic University, Quito, Ecuador
1966-1977	University of Pittsburgh
1977-1993	Chaplin, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, Pittsburgh, PA
1993	Retired
1991-1997	St. Mary of Mercy, (Confessor), Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

In April 2006, a 53-year-old man came forward with allegations that Father Oswald E. Romero had sexually abused him while he was between the ages of 13 and 14 (1966 or 1967). This occurred when Romero was assisting at a parish in a suburb of Pittsburgh. The male reported that this abuse has had a lasting impact on his life.

The victim was interviewed by Father James Young and Father John Rushofsky to discuss the abuse. The victim was prompted to come forward after speaking with his priest. The victim explained that he attended St. Regis in Oakland and was familiar with Romero. It should be noted that church records indicate that while Romero was never assigned to St. Regis, he would assist the parish at various times. As a young teenager, the victim thought Romero was friendly and trusted him enough to enter his car while at a local park.

Romero asked the victim if he wanted a driving lesson. Eager to learn, the victim got into the car. Romero instructed him to sit on his lap so it would be easier to use the stick shift along with the gas and brake pedals. Nothing happened during this lesson and Romero drove him home without incident. A few weeks later, Romero inquired if the victim wanted another driving instruction in the same park. The victim accepted the offer. It was much later in the day than the previous lesson when they arrived at the park. The victim stated that Romero soon began to rub his leg and eventually his genitals. Romero then proceeded to perform oral sex on him. It was only when Romero realized that he could not finish the sexual act that he stopped. The victim stated he felt immobile during the abuse and the moment Romero stopped, he jumped out of the car and fled home.

During the interview, the victim noted that he suffered from severe depression and prescription drugs as a result of trauma from abuse. He noted that he had sought psychological

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treatment in the past. Young and Rushofsky offered continued therapy; the victim was open to the option. The allegations were brought to the attention of the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

In May 2006, the victim called Flaherty and informed her that he was seeking outpatient treatment at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. He called her again in June of 2006 and claimed that he was seeking additional outpatient treatments at Mercy Hospital. He asked for financial help and was directed to contact a local charitable organization for further assistance with counseling and financial support.

Reverend David Scharf

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1957
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 11, 1985

Employment/Assignment History

6/03/1985 – 6/14/1987	Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Archangel, Butler, PA
6/15/1987 – 2/10/1992	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Grace, Scott Township, PA
2/11/1992 – 1/27/1997	Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell Township, PA
1/27/1997 – 8/31/1998	Parochial Vicar, St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport, PA
8/31/1998 – 1/20/1999	Sabbatical
1/20/1999 – 12/13/1999	Parochial Vicar, St. Hugh, Carmichaels, PA
12/13/1999 – 11/21/2003	Pastor, St. Philomena, Beaver Falls, PA
11/21/2003 – 8/17/2009	Leave of Absence
8/17/2009 – Undetermined	Chaplain, Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden, PA

Summary

In December, 2002 a sexual allegation (foot fetish) complaint against Father David Scharf was made to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Several males (both adults and minors) complained of Scharf massaging their feet.

In August 2003, Scharf requested a leave of absence to attend St. Luke Institute for evaluation in order to “*end accusations.*” The request was granted. In July, 2004 St. Luke’s staff wrote in Scharf’s discharge from the residential treatment program the following: “*Father Scharf recognizes his practice of foot reflexology should be discontinued immediately.*”

In February 2005 St. Luke’s staff noted Scharf’s discharge from the halfway house that Scharf did not successfully complete the program and was at a high risk for re-offending.

In October 2007, Scharf wrote a letter requesting re-entry into ministry. He stated that he was at peace with himself and had taken responsibility for his past actions. He wrote another letter requesting re-entry into ministry in June, 2008. Both requests were denied.

It should be noted during several St. Luke Institute Continuing Care Workshops from 2005 to 2010, Scharf admitted to massaging the feet of minors and later masturbating to the image of the minors’ feet.

Reverend Richard Scherer

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1924
YEAR OF DEATH:	2007
ORDINATION:	June 12, 1949

Employment/Assignment History

6/30/1949 – 6/09/1954	Assistant, St. Charles, Donora,
6/10/1954 – 3/03/1964	Assistant, St. Anne, Castle Shannon,
3/04/1964 – 2/02/1965	Assistant, St. Coleman, Turtle Creek,
2/03/1965 – 6/1965	Assistant, St. Patrick, Canonsburg, PA
6/1965 – 5/1968	Sick Leave
5/1968 – 1992	Chaplain, Holy Cross Hospital, Diocese of Miami, FL
1992	Retired

Summary

Records from the Diocese of Pittsburgh revealed that in August 1991, a woman reported to the Diocese that she was sexually molested by Father Richard Scherer when she was a student at St. Anne. The abuse occurred between 1957 and 1961 at the church.

Records further revealed that in a letter dated October 24, 1965, Scherer wrote of his “*revelation*” of his nervous breakdown resulting from the “*relationship*” with the woman. It should be noted that no other documentation was supplied to the Grand Jury regarding a description or explanation of the “*relationship*.”

In a letter dated January 17, 1966, Scherer wrote about his continued improvement in health, body, and mind and stated that the “*severe feeling of guilt*” had left him.

In a letter to the Diocese dated April 5, 1966, Father Tobin from Our Lady of the Snow/Clergy House Retreat located in Minnesota wrote that he had been counseling Scherer for three months; that Scherer was making progress in the tensions that plagued his priesthood; that Scherer suffered a nervous breakdown; and, that involvement with the “*young lady*” was part of his emotional escape.

An attorney representing the victim subsequently wrote a letter to the Diocese stating that the victim did not wish to discuss or accept the offer for counseling and spiritual assistance. The Diocese indicated that it was unable to confirm independently the allegation of sexual abuse.

The Diocese contacted some of the nuns and teachers that taught at SS Peter and Paul during the years when the victim was a student. The responses to questions about confession indicated that the children went to confession as a classroom group until eighth grade when three to four students could go at a time. However, it was reported that no single child was sent to confession alone. The nuns also stated that there were often secretaries and parents present at the school and that students were not placed in a room alone. The nuns also stated that there were only a few bus riders.

[REDACTED]

A report of the allegation of sexual abuse by Schultz [REDACTED] was reported to the Beaver County District Attorney's Office by the Diocese in 2010.

On April 11, 2017, the victim testified before the Grand Jury. He explained that he made a complaint to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General on September 22, 2016 through the child sexual abuse hotline that was opened after the investigation into the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Prior to testifying, the victim provided a document detailing his ordeal as a victim of clergy abuse. This document was read to the Grand Jury. The document stated:

[REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

████████████████████ I can remember my mother asking me as she was doing laundry why my underwear was in my pocket. I told her I put them there because I had tinkled a little in my pants. Really, they were in my pocket because, if I would have taken the time to put them back on, I would have missed my bus and would have had to have called for a ride home. That is the only time that I can remember when I had a chance to get help.

When I look back now, it was made very clear to me that I was a, quote, bad boy, unquote, and would be punished more if I ever told anyone what was happening. Most of these abuses happened after my dad dropped me off for early morning masses. I try to see through a child's eyes; but as an adult, it is very difficult to look back.

As another form of punishment, I would have to clean and organize the altar and the altar boy's closet. I was also abused by Monsignor Schultz behind the altar in the room where we got dressed as altar boys or in the confessional. I would say Monsignor Schultz touched or raped me about 10 to 15 times. ██████████

The victim estimated that this abuse occurred "From around fourth grade to the end of -- middle of seventh grade probably. Eleven, 12."

The victim stated that the first time he came forward about this abuse was seven years ago when he informed his wife. The next time he spoke of the abuse was when he was in counseling. He said that approximately five years ago, he along with his mother and father, had a meeting with Bishop Zubik. According to the victim, Zubik responded by saying "he was sympathetic. He [Zubik] made it very clear that he believed in me. Asked me if -- started to offer me certain things." Zubik offered, "College tuition for my children, little bit of money, and then the last one was to pay for counseling."

The victim stated that he ultimately refused Zubik's offer because by taking the offer, the Diocese told him that:

you are going to have to meet with our lawyer and this and sign these documents that basically say you are done with -- you can't come after us. It is over. No public. Your mouth is closed.

He said the greatest insult was that by taking the offer, he would not be allowed to talk about the abuse and what he endured.

In addition to testimony, the victim provided a letter from a former classmate. Some of the excerpts from the letter read to the Grand Jury stated:

My first memories of [the victim] were in the third grade. He was well liked and popular with the students. He was funny. Once we got older, I remember seeing [the victim] less and less in the classes. When we asked, there was

Reverend Francis Siler

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1937
YEAR OF DEATH:	2015
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1963

Employment/Assignment History

5/20/1963 – 6/14/1970	Parochial Vicar, Nativity, Broughton, PA
6/15/1970 – 12/05/1972	Parochial Vicar St. Bernard, Mt Lebanon, PA
12/06/1972 – 8/07/1974	Parochial Vicar, St. Titus, Aliquippa, PA
8/08/1974 – 5/20/1975	Leave of Absence
5/21/1975 – 10/10/1976	Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine, Wildwood, PA
10/11/1976 – 2/07/1983	Pastor, St. Margaret, New Castle, PA
2/08/1983 – 5/02/1984	Pastor, St. Catherine, Wildwood, PA
5/12/1984 – 6/30/1985	Parochial Vicar, St. Agnes, West Mifflin, PA
7/01/1985 – 2/23/1986	Leave of Absence, Health Reasons
2/24/1986 – 9/27/1987	Chaplain, Allegheny Valley Hospital, PA
9/27/1987 – 2/25/2002	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
2/25/2002 – 7/05/2002	Leave of Absence
7/05/2002	Withdrew from Active Ministry

Summary

A review of the Diocesan records pertaining to Father Francis Siler revealed a reference made in a St. Bernadine Clinic report that “*sexual problems with adolescents*” had occurred in 1972 which caused Bishop Leonard to change Siler’s assignment. In 1974, Leonard wrote in a letter to the House of Affirmation that “*in the last three years the problem arose about which I spoke to you in a phone conversation.*”

In a 1985 memorandum written to Bishop Bevilacqua, Father Campbell recounted that:

You may recall from our conversation that Frank [Siler] made a pass at a young boy whose father is a policeman. The irate father was about to take the matter to court. It was this that necessitated our quick removal of Father Siler from the post.

In 1994, an adult male came to see Siler in order to confront him about molesting him as a child. After being confronted by the man, Siler required hospitalization at St. Francis for suicidal feelings. Thereafter, he was sent to St. Luke Institute Continuing Care Workshop.

During a workshop held in May, 1994, St. Luke’s expressed concern that Siler was engaging in parish ministry. The concern was that because he had a history of sexual behavior

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with minors, and since he had been experiencing relapse behavior around sexual issues, there was some concern about the possibility of his behavior with minors recurring. It was suggested that Siler avoid all contact and ministry with minors.

In 1995, an adult male reported to the Diocese of Pittsburgh that Siler fondled him on several occasions when he was an altar boy at St. Catherine church and in the second or third grade. Siler denied the allegations. Some of the dates provided by the male did not correspond to Siler's age or assignment at the time, however, Siler was placed in restricted ministry.

In December 2002, another allegation of sexual abuse was made against Siler. An adult male reported that Siler had touched him inappropriately when he was a child. This occurred in a church in Beaver County between 1972 and 1973. The male demanded answers from the Diocese as to what happened with Siler and why he was "*protected*."

In November 2011, the Diocese received a report of sexual abuse by Siler that occurred between 1972 and 1974 at a Beaver County church. An adult male reported that Siler had groped and fondled him through his clothes when he was just a child. He also reported that a Father Hoehl tried to "*make some moves on him*" but he was bigger than Hoehl and was able to protect himself.

Reverend Rudolph M. Silvers

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1949
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 3, 1975

Employment/Assignment History

5/21/1975-5/18/1980	Parochial Vicar, St. Sylvester, Pittsburgh, PA
5/19/1980-7/07/1982	Parochial Vicar, St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport, PA
7/08/1982-6/28/1983	Parochial Vicar, St. Canice, Pittsburgh, PA
6/06/1983-6/15/1986	Assist. Dir. Vocation Office, Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
6/16/1986-8/01/1986	Parochial Vicar, St. Peter, Butler, PA
8/02/1986-2/07/1994	Pastor, St. Peter, Butler, PA
2/07/1994-6/27/1994	Replacement Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, New Castle, PA
6/27/1994-2/25/2002	Pastor, St. Ann, Bulger, PA
2/25/2002-7/24/2002	Leave of Absence
7/24/2002	Withdrawn from service

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The first allegation of sexual abuse involving Father Rudolph M. Silvers occurred on November 14, 1988 when an 18-year-old male reported that Silvers had sexually fondled him when he was between the ages of 12 and 15. He further reported that Silvers pinned him down and had “taken advantage of him.” He stated that he felt overwhelmed and that people did not believe him. The victim subsequently requested counseling but was informed by Father Rutkowski that there were no funds available for counseling. Silvers denied the allegation.

On March 26, 2002, the victim met with Diocesan officials to provide details of his abuse by Silvers. He explained that his relationship with Silvers began when he was 13- years-old in 1977. His family lived across the street from St. Sylvester and the victim was one of the kids that hung around the rectory. He reported that it was not uncommon for Silvers to “*rough house*” with the boys and sometimes he would “*reach into the boys shorts and feel around.*” The victim stated that eventually this behavior evolved into more one-on-one activity between Silvers and him. He recalled that Silvers was a “*significant presence*” in his life and that Silvers would tease him in front of the other boys about his sexual inexperience. This made the victim feel inadequate compared with his peers. The victim reported that Silvers would rub his beard over his chest and nibble and lick the victim’s neck.

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On one particular occasion when the victim was 15, Silvers became more sexually aggressive. He pinned the victim down by putting his arms behind him. Silvers then kneeled over him and reached down and grabbed his genitals. After this sexual assault, the victim's life spiraled out of control. He ran away from home several times but eventually graduated from high school in December of 1981. He then began counseling.

After years of moving from place to place and receiving counseling from numerous counselors, the victim decided to confront Silvers. In a letter to Bishop Wuerl, the victim recounted that sometime in 1993, he drove to St. Anne's in Butler to confront Silvers "*man to man.*" When Silvers saw the victim, he "*froze and turned white.*" The victim told Silvers how he screwed up his life because of what he had done to him and that his family knew and would be watching him. Silvers had nothing to say in response.

During the March 26, 2002 meeting, the victim made three requests: 1) That Silvers not be in ministry where he would have contact with children and harm someone else; 2) An apology; and, (3) that he be compensated for the years of counseling expenses he had incurred.

On April 15, 2002, Silvers was confronted with the allegations. He denied any sexual contact. When confronted with the fact that the victim had traveled to St. Anne's to confront him, Silvers became vague and evasive, claiming that while he had some recollection of the visit, he could not recall the content of the conversation.

Diocesan records contained several letters between the victim and the Diocese with respect to the reimbursement of funds for years of counseling. Eventually, on April 6, 2002, the Diocese forwarded a check to the victim in the amount of \$96,750.00 for compensation for counseling received from 1979 through the present. There was also a promise of future counseling, if needed.

A letter from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office dated April 29, 2002 provided the name of the victim and a description of the allegations against Silvers.

The records provided by the Diocese contained a document entitled, "Chronology of Reverend Rudolph Silvers." In the chronology, there was an entry dated July 9, 1990 wherein a mother met with Father Gloninger in Butler to express her concerns with Silver's inappropriate and unnatural attachment to her 13-year-old son. There were several handwritten letters from her in the file about this subject. The mother asserted that her complaints about Silvers and his inappropriate interest in young boys was not being taken seriously. She reported that when her son was 14 years of age, Silvers called him at least three times per week and offered him various gifts. He also stayed overnight at the rectory without parental permission and no one was there except Silvers. She stated that Silvers was now showing inappropriate interest in another young boy, just like he did with her son, but the boy's family did not want to get involved. Her son also wrote a letter wherein he stated:

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I am deeply disturbed about the issue with Father Silvers. I feel that this issue has been overlooked and needs much more attention . . . But I do know one thing and that is what Father Silvers is doing is wrong and should be stopped immediately before someone gets seriously hurt . . . This has been going on for a year and a half now and I have seen no progress. I find it hard to believe that a man can go on for so long and get away with it. Especially when he know what he is doing is wrong.

He ended the letter by writing, “*I feel that this matter better be looked into a lot more closely for Father Silvers’s sake and some other helpless kid.*”

In a file notation dated July 18, 1991, Gloninger wrote that he had reviewed the concerns of the mother about Silver’s association with young boys but that there were never any accusations of sexual misbehavior on the part of Silvers. However, a notation dated February 2002, revealed that Silvers was placed on administrative leave after a review of his confidential files. Silvers resigned.

A document dated October 20, 2004 and entitled “*Confidential File Summary*” was found in Silvers’ file. It stated:

Issue with [mother] and her complaint-file not clear. [Mother] was told that the matter was to be addressed on a “local level”-i.e. with Father Gloninger-7-27-90. Not clear if [mother’s] situation is ever properly addressed.

In a “*Confidential Memorandum*” to the file written by Rita Flaherty on January 20, 2012, she noted that she received a call on the 1-800 number from a male who reported that he was sexually abused by Silvers in the mid-late 1970’s at St. Sylvester when he was approximately 10 to 11 years of age. This victim stated that he was receiving individual counseling from a therapist at Catholic Family Services and would like assistance with the cost for counseling. The memorandum recounted that Flaherty advised the victim that the Diocese could assist him and ask for the contact information for his therapist. She also asked the victim to provide the details of abuse in writing for their records.

On January 31, 2012, the victim sent a letter pursuant to Flaherty’s request. He stated that Silvers would invite several boys to the rectory on Friday and Saturday evenings and that they would go down to the recreation area in the basement to play games. During these visits, Silvers grabbed at the boys’ buttocks and genitals. He would also grab them and pinch their chests. The victim reported that Silvers would get very excited during this “*horse play*” and that eventually he would take one of the boys up to his private living quarters and be gone for approximately 30 to 45 minutes. When they returned, the boy who had gone with Silvers looked very pale and would not talk for the rest of the evening. The victim reported that this conduct lasted a few years. He explained that he blocked out much of this time and did not currently recall whether he went to Silvers’ private quarters. He related that his brother once went to the private quarters but he refused to discuss what occurred there.

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Diocesan officials confronted Silvers and read a portion of the letter to him that was written by the victim. Silvers stated that the allegations were absolutely false. While he acknowledged that minors came to the rectory basement for recreations, he stated that he would not tolerate such pinching and grabbing behavior. He also denied that anyone went upstairs to his private living quarters. He did recall that the victim and his brother had been altar servers. Silvers asked, "*What is [the victim] looking for?*" It was explained to him that the victim was looking for assistance with the cost of his counseling.

The file documents revealed that the Diocese of Pittsburgh paid approximately \$1,000 for 10 weeks of the victim's counseling. A letter from the Diocese to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office dated February 3, 2012 provided the name of the victim and that allegations of sexual abuse against Silver had been made.

A memorandum from Bishop Wuerl dated July 24, 2002, was located in Silvers' file. It stated that on July 22, 2002, Silvers had written and requested permission to withdraw from active priestly ministry with the understanding that his priestly faculties would be withdrawn. Wuerl noted that he granted such permission in a letter to Silvers dated July 24, 2002.

Reverend Edward P. Smith

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	N/A
YEAR OF DEATH:	1956
ORDINATION:	N/A

Employment/Assignment History

Unavailable	Sacred Heart Church, Emsworth, PA
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Several legal documents contained in Diocesan records revealed that Father Edward P. Smith was accused of sexually abusing a 16-year-old female during the time period when he was assigned to Sacred Heart. The girl reported that the abuse occurred in the church rectory when Smith counseled her. The abuse included Smith “*fondling her breasts and her genitals.*” The documents also stated that the girl:

believed that it would be sinful or wrong to make any kind of accusation against a priest or a bishop; and that priests and bishops could not and would not engage in conduct considered evil or wrong or illegal.

A section of the legal documents was entitled “*Fraud and Concealment.*” Within that section, several allegations were made including the following:

- *In furtherance of their own interest, including the continued financial support of parishioners, the primary concern of Diocesan Defendants has been the protection of the reputation of its priests and therefore its Diocese, including Father Smith.”*
- *Diocesan Defendants have concealed the danger the predator clerics presented by misrepresenting them as priests in good standing in the following ways:*
 1. *Enabling their continued unrestricted access to minors;*
 2. *Assigning them and/or allowing them to reside and serve at parishes and/or schools within the Diocese;*
 3. *Allowing them free and unrestricted use of premises of the Diocese for otherwise unchaperoned activities with minors;*
 4. *Assigning them to duties specifically involving minors;*
 5. *Announcing to the public or allowing offending clerics to give the public less disagreeable or less serious reasons for leaving an*

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- assignment or position, other than sexual misconduct with children;*
- 6. Promoting offending clerics within the church hierarchy;*
 - 7. Privately assuring concerned parents that offending cleric's problems would be taken care of;*
 - 8. Providing and/or subsidizing education, maintenance and/or living arrangements for offending clerics after removal from their assignments or upon their suspension; and*
 - 9. Continuously listing offending clerics in official directories and/or publications by phrases such as absent on leave, advanced studies, special assignment or retired after removal or transfer from their assignment or suspension for sexual misconduct with children; and*
 - 10. Allowing offending clerics to honorably retire.*

On November 5, 2007, the Diocese of Pittsburgh entered a settlement with 31 individuals for the total amount of \$1.25 Million.

Reverend James E. Somma, M.Ed.

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1934
YEAR OF DEATH:	2004
ORDINATION:	May 30, 1959

Employment/Assignment History

7/10/1959 – 4/19/1964	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ellwood City, PA
4/20/1964 – 5/04/1964	St. Pius V., McKeesport, PA
5/05/1964 – 6/21/1984	Archdiocese for Military Services, Washington, DC
6/22/1984 – 5/11/1985	St. Aloysius, Pittsburgh, PA
5/12/1985 – 1/08/1992	Nativity, Pittsburgh, PA
1/08/1992 – 2/07/1994	Holy Trinity, West Mifflin, PA
2/07/1994 – 2/07/2002	Forbes Regional Hospital- Monroeville & St. Michael, Pitcairn, PA

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In a handwritten letter dated September 17, 1986, Father Nicholas Dattilo stated that he spoke with a victim over the telephone. She claimed that a priest sexually abused her for seven years from age 11 ½ until age 18. She provided the priest's name, but the name was not provided in Dattilo's letter. The victim stated that she "*expressed concern that the priest was now a pastor and could be out there harming other children.*" When Dattilo spoke with Bishop Bosco and Nick Cafardi on the matter, Cafardi stated, "*until she gives her name, we have no credible evidence.*"

Dattilo and another priest subsequently met with Father James E. Somma following another telephone call from the victim in January, 1988. Dattilo concluded that Somma should not be removed from ministry based on his "*strong denial, sterling military career, the passage of time and the victim's admitted psychiatric treatment.*" According to handwritten notes dated February 18, 1988, Somma was evaluated at the St. Luke Institute. A portion of the notes stated, "*May need counseling from neuro-psycho rehabilitation person.*"

A March 8, 1988 evaluation report from St. Luke's recommended that children and adolescents not have free access to Somma's home given the present day sensitivity to priests' relationships with children.

On March 20, 2002, the victim sent a letter to Dattilo advising that she was in counseling, had obtained an attorney, and had filed a lawsuit. Articles from several newspapers do not provide her name, but report that Somma forced her to engage in oral sex and sexual intercourse with him until her late teens. The lawsuit was dismissed based upon the statute of limitations. Since then, she reported that she has been hospitalized for serious, clinical depression and

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attempted suicide twice. She requested a settlement of \$900,000 (\$20,000 per year since the beginning of her ordeal).

A second victim contacted the Diocese in a letter dated April 28, 2002. An adult male provided the following account of abuse:

I'm not sure how I met Father James E. Somma (Lt. Col., USAF, Ret.), I can only remember that my mom helped him find the house that would later become my prison. When I would help out at his [Somma's] house, which was secluded from town and off the Air Force Base, he would treat me to dinner and movies and give me pocket money for doing chores when I was 13. This went on for the first few months, and then I would start spending the weekends at his place, spending the night there. I thought of him as a "father figure" who praised me, and all was pretty normal the first few months. Then I remember one night when we were coming home from somewhere that we stopped by his [Somma's] office to pick up some videos. I never thought anything of it, then when he played the tape I knew it was a XXX rated film. I don't think I said anything, I was thrilled, I mean all young kids dream about this stuff, and here I was getting it with someone I cared about. Someone who I felt knew what was my best interest, someone who has two adopted kids of his own.

He explained that he watched these XXX movies while lying in bed with Somma, Somma placed his hands down his own pants and talked about masturbation or "wacking off." They fell asleep under the covers and Somma "cuddled him like a teddy bear." The second victim wrote, "I don't think I knew what was really happening at the time. Anyway I felt protected by him, and my parents trusted him and I knew they wouldn't let anyone harm me."

From 1984 until 1992, Somma had the second victim fly from Ludwig, Illinois to the Pittsburgh area. In the Pittsburgh area, Somma showed him pornography and talked about masturbation. He stated that Somma would explain that when he and his friends were younger, they would "jerk' each other off and stand around naked and see who could shoot the farthest load (while erect)." The second victim stated that he was sexually abused by Somma but not molested. The victim further advised that each time Somma visited his family in Illinois, he came with a different young boy. He specifically remembered three boys who looked like him, except for the color of their hair. He then wrote, "When I visited Pittsburgh [at Somma's expense] the same boys hung around the rectory with him." In addition, the second victim wrote, "I have not spoken to Father Somma in several years, I do remember him apologizing to me about the past, but I didn't want to talk about it, only that I felt in my heart that I forgave him."

In April 2000, the second victim was at the seminary and told Father Charles Bober about Somma's sexual abuse. Bober supported the victim and told him to inform the clergy office of the abuse, where it could be addressed. The second victim ultimately left the seminary and entered the military.

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In April of 2002, the Diocese referred the second victim's allegation to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

Also on April 4, 2002, a note in the Diocesan records was made that stated that there was a conference call with the second victim and that the victim mentioned that he knew of a woman who came forward and Somma said, "*they didn't believe her, they won't believe you.*"

In May 2002, the Diocese offered to provide the second victim with financial assistance for counseling and provided him with the names and telephone numbers of several therapists.

By January 2009, the second victim had moved to Illinois and e-mailed the Diocese, asking for help with therapy. The Diocese offered to pay for his therapy. In October 2011, the victim had moved to California and again asked the Diocese for help. The Diocese provided him with the names of 16 therapists and offered to pay for the therapy. In June and September of 2012, the victim sent e-mail messages to the Diocese advising that he still had not seen a therapist. Again, the Diocese offered to help by giving him the name and telephone number of an assistance coordinator and offering financial assistance.

In a March 2002 telephone call and an April 2002 letter to the Diocese, a male claimed that Somma had sexual contact with him in 1983 when he was in seventh grade at Nativity, and then on and off from 1984 to 1992 in Pittsburgh. The contact started with tickling and progressed to Somma performing oral sex on the victim and forcing the victim to perform oral sex on Somma. The abuse allegedly happened at least once a week. Somma took the victim on numerous trips, bought him gifts, even a car. The victim reported that Somma also bought him pornography and offered to pay for a female prostitute. According to the victim, Somma threatened to kill his parents if he told anyone. The Diocese offered to assist with psychological and spiritual help. In May 2002, the Diocese gave the victim the names of several counselors and priests. The Diocese also offered to pay for therapy.

In July 2002, the Diocese referred the third victim's allegation to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

Diocesan records also contained a letter dated December 14, 1988 wherein the Diocese informed Bishop Donald Wuerl about "*suspicious of Father Somma's misbehavior involving four named, potential male victims.*"

Reverend Bartley A. Sorensen

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1949
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	October 23, 1976

Employment/Assignment History

11/1/1976 – 6/29/1981	St. Ferdinand, Cranberry, PA
6/30/1981 – 6/28/1983	St. Colman, Turtle Creek, PA
6/29/1983 – 1/31/1985	St. James, Sewickley, PA
2/1/1985 – 6/11/1990	St. Valentine, Bethal Park, PA
6/11/1990 – 6/1/1992	Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
6/1/1992 – 9/1/1995	Mater Dolorosa, Chicora, PA
9/1/1995 – 9/10/1999	St. Joseph, Chicora, PA
9/1/1995 – 9/10/1999	Mater Dolorosa, Chicora, PA
9/10/1999 – 1/27/2003	St. Victor, Bairdford, PA
2/9/2004 – 2/4/2011	West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
2/4/2011 – 11/14/2011	St. Ann, Pittsburgh, PA
11/14/2011 – 12/9/2011	St. John Fisher, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

On December 9, 2011, a woman went to the residence of Father Bartley A. Sorensen in order to speak with him. Upon entering his office, she observed him looking at child pornography on his computer. She believed that the child was older than five years of age, but no more than 10 years of age. When she questioned him about it, he acknowledged it. The woman left and immediately reported the incident to the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

By special mandate, the Bishop placed Sorensen on administrative leave and all his faculties were revoked. The Diocese then immediately contacted the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Sorensen was arrested that same day. A search of Sorensen's residence revealed over 5,000 images of child pornography on his computer, as well as on CDs, DVDs and various print books. The information was then turned over to the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania who prosecuted the crime federally.

On May 23, 2012, Sorensen entered a guilty plea and was incarcerated immediately. On January 2, 2013, he was sentenced to 97 months of incarceration, followed by five years of supervised release. Additionally, he is required to permanently register as a convicted sex offender and pay a fine of \$25,000

Reverend Robert E. Spangenberg, C.S.Sp.

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1947
YEAR OF DEATH:	2006
ORDINATION:	June 15, 1974

Employment/Assignment History

1974	Faculty, Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Bensalem, PA
N/A	Associate Pastor, St. Mary Detroit, MI
N/A – 1977	Associate Pastor, St. Anthony Millvale, PA
1977 – 1979	Unknown ministry, North Carolina
1979 – 1980	Assistant Pastor, St. Mary, Sharpsburg, PA
1980 – N/A	Chaplain, St. Francis de Sale High School, Chicago, IL
1982 – 1984	Pastor, St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh, PA
1984 – 1989	Pastor, St. Anthony, Millvale, PA
1989 – 1990	Superior of the Congregation Retirement home, Sarasota, FL
1990 – 1993	Pastor, St. Patrick, Charleston, SC
1993 – N/A	Administrator, St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia, PA
1994 - N/A	Pastor, St. James, Hamlet, NC
1997 – N/A	Pastor, Epiphany, Pittsburgh, PA
2002	Director of Retirement community, Sarasota, FL
2003	Retired

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Father Robert E. Spangenberg professed vows to *The Congregation of the Holy Spirit Province of the United States Order*, also known as the *Spiritans* which is based in Bethel Park.

Much of the information recounted here was discovered through newspaper articles and Spangenberg's own obituary. The documents provided by the Diocese of Pittsburgh revealed that Spangenberg was involved with at least two children, possibly more. Since Spangenberg's holy obligation was to the Spiritans, the Diocese had very few documents on his ministry.

The Diocese was first notified that there was a problem with Spangenberg's ministry in 1988. At that time, a woman wrote to the Diocese and to the Vatican in order to obtain help for her son. She named Spangenberg as her son's abuser and stated that another priest from Spangenberg's order was helping them with counseling. She wrote that she was upset that her letter was simply "*noted*" and that she has not heard from anyone regarding the matter since.

The priest that was giving counseling to the boy's family was Father Norman E. Bevan, C.S.Sp from Spangenberg's holy order. In Spangenberg's file, there was a letter dated January 12, 1989, that Bevan wrote to the Father Theodore Rutowski, Associate General Secretary for

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the Diocese. He reported that they had investigated the issue and were enclosing a report of their findings. Although the Spiritans did not take the accusation by the victim's family serious enough to remove him, they did reassign Spangenberg to a retirement home in Florida shortly thereafter. Bevan wrote,

If we felt them to be true, we would recognize our responsibility to remove Father X from ministry and to insist on therapeutic rehabilitation. At the same time, we realize that a priest's reputation could be irreparably damaged by false accusations.

No report on the Spiritans findings were included in Spangenberg's file to the Grand Jury.

On March 9, 1989, Bevan wrote a letter to the boy's family wherein he stated that he had spoken with both Spangenberg and the boy about the incident or incidents. He mentioned the responsibility of the church and that their failure to act could hold them culpable for not responding. He referred several times to the fact that the incident was more than five years old. Later in the letter, Bevan stated, "*Excessive use of alcohol contributed significantly to clouding the judgment and perception and further exacerbates the reliability of memory both at the time of the alleged incident.*" He acknowledged that "*I do believe that Father Spangenberg exercised questionable judgment.*"

In 2009, an adult male reported that when he was 15 to 16 years of age, he and Spangenberg engaged in many types of sexual encounters. The boy reported that he was involved in street prostitution with young boys known as "*Hustlers.*" He was befriended by Spangenberg during this period and Spangenberg actually promoted the activity by engaging the boy in a sexual activities after he ran away from home. Spangenberg also paid the boy a finder's fee for him to locate younger hustlers (known as "*Chickens*") to have sex with Spangenberg.

The boy reported that Spangenberg enjoyed using "*huff*" (sniffing glue) while Spangenberg performed oral sex on him. Additionally, Spangenberg would pay for his sexual services with money from the collection box (typically one dollar bills) and would even pay the boy in drugs and alcohol. In a note in the Diocesan files, it was documented that the boy thought Spangenberg was a "*really sick guy – he would have person urinate and defecate on him.*"

The Diocese and the Spiritans continue to share financial responsibility for the cost of the male's therapy, medication, job searches, criminal court costs and assistance with child support.

Reverend Paul G. Spisak

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1944
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 5, 1973

Employment/Assignment History

5/22/1973-10/01/1978	St. Mary of the Mount, Pittsburgh, PA
10/02/1978-10/05/1980	St. Benedict the Abbot, McMurray, PA
10/06/1980-11/19/1981	Sacred Heart, Pittsburgh, PA
11/20/1981-6/29/1990	St. Dominic, Donora, PA
6/25/1988-6/29/1990	St. Charles, Donora, PA
6/30/1990-2/07/1994	St. Philip, Pittsburgh, PA
2/07/1994-2/12/1997	St. Andrew, Butler, PA
2/16/1998-10/26/1998	St. Mary, Cecil, PA
7/03/2000-7/11/2002	Chaplain Nursing Home, Allison Park, PA
7/03/2000-7/11/2002	Chaplain Nursing Home, Pittsburgh, PA
5/30/2003	Removed from ministry

Summary

In October 1998, parish staff from St. Dominic reported Father Paul G. Spisak to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Parish staff had found pornographic magazines, tapes and internet material in Spisak's room that depicted homosexual and sadomasochistic activity. There were also several pictures of Spisak with two different underage boys including pictures of the boys showing their buttocks and pictures of Spisak pulling down his swim trunks and pulling down the boy's pants. According to the staff, Spisak allegedly destroyed these pictures of the boys. The staff estimated that the boys were 15 years old.

In October 1998, the Coordinator of Clergy Support Services for the Diocese met with a Diocesan employee. She stated that Spisak had written her a note that month wherein he indicated that he would be going to St. Luke Institute for evaluation but wanted to reassure her that he "*hadn't done anything wrong in the past or in the present.*" The secretary advised that Spisak had always shown a particular interest in her son and had taken him on vacation many years earlier. She stated that she felt uncomfortable about the attention he gave her son and that her son would often leave their house and Spisak was expected to arrive.

Spisak was interviewed in October 1998 by the Diocese with respect to the pornography and pictures that were found. The records indicated that "*Spisak denied ever having any sexual contact with minors or adults*" but did admit that "*he has been struggling with the problem of viewing pornography for several years.*" Further, he did admit to taking several young men of high school age on vacation with him during his time in Donora sometime between 1981 and

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1990. When asked about the photographs that were seen by the parish housekeeper, Spisak stated they were taken years ago during these vacations and that the photographs were very innocent and “*just for fun.*”

In a letter from the Diocese to Wuerl pertaining to Spisak’s evaluation dated November 10, 1998, the findings were recounted as follows:

1. *Spisak has both sexual and interpersonal issues that are significant enough to warrant residential treatment;*
2. *Spisak was diagnosed as having a sexual disorder that is compulsive in nature and is currently manifested in his use of porn;*
3. *Some of the testing identified Spisak shows a “significant interest in grade school age males” and his interest in one of the boys pictured in a photo found in the rectory began when the boy was in 7th or 8th grade.*

In a letter dated April 23, 1999, Father Ruggiero wrote to the Diocesan employee’s son and requested to meet with him to discuss disturbing information that his mother had provided to the church “*concerning a priest of the Diocese.*” Ruggiero stated in the letter, “*I am sure revisiting these painful memories is not easy for you . . . I can only imagine how difficult it must have been to discuss this with your mother.*”

A June 21, 1999 letter was sent from Flaherty to Wuerl regarding a meeting with Spisak at St. Luke:

While Spisak has been vague about the extent of his past involvement with [the victim], he has been able to acknowledge the sexual motivation in this relationship. Spisak has also acknowledged a sexual attraction to minors as well as to adult men. Spisak will need to continue to develop both internal & external resources to control his emotional impulsivity and his tendency to isolate himself. Without such control, Spisak is at risk to act out his problematic behavior again (i.e. use of pornography, compulsive masturbation and possible sexual activity either with minors or adults).

In July 1999, Wuerl assigned Spisak to residence at St. Mary of Mercy to assist with certain duties in the care of the parish.

On October 15, 2017, Diocesan officials wrote to Wuerl about a request made by Spisak to expand his “*ministerial functions;*” specifically “*to be able to hear confessions during the penance services that routinely occur during Advent and Lent.*” The letter stated that Spisak “*has done well in his recovery.*” The following recommendations were suggested: That Spisak continue his current assignment as chaplain to the patients of Vincentian Home and Regency Hall and continue in residence at St. Alexis with “*limited involvement in sacramental work within the parish at the discretion of the pastor.*” The other recommendations listed were that Spisak be permitted to hear confessions only during Advent and Lent in the parishes of St. Alexis, St. Alphonsus, Sts John and Paul and St. John Neumann.

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On May 24, 2002, a memorandum was sent to the Diocese from Sister Margaret. It included a letter from a psychotherapist to Wuerl. The psychotherapist reported that he had been Spisak's psychotherapist for almost two years and was writing with hope that "*Father Spisak's priestly ministry can be reestablished in the future.*" The psychotherapist went on to say:

[A]llegations of inappropriate sexual contact with a young man who was mentored by Spisak are not only unsubstantiated, but also not highly credible. As a friend of the family, Spisak knew [X], the man who made the allegations, from his infancy . . . The alleged inappropriate contact occurred when Spisak, [X] and [others] went on a trip to the shore. The allegations were made 15 years after the trip, after [X] was told by his mother that Spisak was in treatment at St. Luke's. Upon questioning, [X] described possible fondling by Spisak while they were both in bed fully clothed. No one from the church spoke directly to [X] or [others]. Spisak's memory is quite clear . . . he strongly asserts his behavior with young men was always proper.

It should be noted that no information regarding this fondling incident was given to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

In July 9, 2002, Spisak requested to withdraw from active priestly ministry for personal reasons.

On May 9, 2003, Wuerl sent a letter to Spisak stating:

In light of allegations of sexual abuse of a minor which are deemed to be established . . . and in consideration of the pastoral needs of the faithful and the scandal which arises regarding the assignment of a priest to any form of ministry who has been involved with sexual abuse of a minor, the judgment has been made that your ministry would be ineffectual and possibly harmful . . . You are prohibited from performing any public celebration of the sacraments or sacramental, from wearing clerical attire, presenting yourself as a priest in good standing or as a representative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

On May 15, 2006, Wuerl was advised via letter of the arrest of Spisak. Spisak pled guilty to a disorderly conduct charge and had to pay a \$300.00 fine. Spisak was also required to "*provide a letter from his therapist verifying that he is still in therapy dealing with the sexual difficulties that have been a part of his life.*" No further information regarding this issue was provided by the Diocese.

In June 2017, Special Agents in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General obtained the police reports from Upper St. Clair Police Department regarding the arrest of Spisak. The reports revealed that on April 21, 2006, police responded to the South Hills Village Mall for a complaint in a first floor men's bathroom. A male reported while in the men's bathroom stall,

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he observed a camera recording him from the rear corner of his stall. The camera was protruding through the opening of the stall and was being recorded by Spisak. When initially approached by mall security, Spisak denied having a camera. Spisak then faked that he was ill and ran into the bathroom. A security guard followed Spisak and saw him flush the memory card from the camera down the toilet.

On April 26, 2017, Spisak arrived at the police station for further questioning. He admitted to having the camera, recording the victim in the stall and then flushing the memory card. Spisak also admitted to police that he had a “*sexual fixation with the male buttocks.*”

Reverend Lawrence F. Stebler

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1934
YEAR OF DEATH:	1997
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1963

Employment/Assignment History

5/20/1963 – 8/27/1967	St. Hilary, Washington, PA
8/28/1967 – 11/30/1969	Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell Township, PA
12/1/1969 – 6/13/1988	St. Stephen, Hazelwood, PA
6/14/1988 – 1/1/1996	St. Victor, Bairdford, PA
1/1/1996 – 6/17/1996	Leave of Absence
6/17/1996 – 6/9/1997	St. Theresa of Avila, Perrysville, PA

Summary

The Diocese of Pittsburgh received a report from an adult male who recounted that when he was approximately eight to nine years of age, he was sexually abused by Father Stebler when Stebler was assigned to St. Hilary. He explained that his family was very close with Stebler and that when Stebler would visit their home, he would ask the boy's parents if he could tuck him into bed at night. The male provided a written statement where he stated:

Once we would get to my room he would lay me down on the bed. He would then touch my head, eyes, chest, belly, waist and then lower than that. I remember not liking that and asking him what he was doing? He told me to lay quietly and not say anything. He said my mom and dad said it was OK and that he was blessing my organs."

He reported that this abuse occurred for two or three years. The victim also noted that he did in fact previously disclose the abuse to two priests "*who basically told him not to discuss it further.*" The documents do not indicate the names of those two priests.

In a letter dated February 13, 2006, the victim's therapist wrote to the Diocese to document the "*severity of the mental health issues that the victim is struggling with as a result of being sexually abused by a priest as a child in the diocese of Pittsburgh.*" She further noted that:

the sexual abuse has stunted the (male's) emotional development to the point where he cannot emotionally connect with others, which subsequently leads to severe depression . . . (male) also has a history of anxiety and panic attack, drug and alcohol abuse, as well as suicidal ideation...(male) has had two suicide attempts . . . (male) has flashbacks

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to the abuse in the form of dreams which is one of the criteria for diagnosing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD . . . he also experiences anxiety and panic attacks as well as a fear of being watched.

Diocesan records contained invoices from, and payments made to, the Village of St. Joseph Counseling Services for therapy sessions. The Diocese paid a total amount of \$1,000. On September 20, 2006, in a letter to Bishop Paul Bradley, an attorney notified the Diocese that his firm was retained to represent the victim. There was no mention of any pending litigation made at this time.

On May 1, 2007, the attorney wrote a letter to the Diocese wherein he expressed his disappointment in not receiving a response to his September 20, 2006 letter. Based on the documents provided by the Diocese, it does not appear that a response was sent to the attorney

Reverend Richard Gerard Terdine

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1938
YEAR OF DEATH:	Unknown
ORDINATION:	May 1, 1965

Employment/Assignment History

5/13/1965 – 12/05/1965	St. Vitus, New Castle, PA
12/06/1965 – 9/21/1967	St. Scholastica, Aspinwall, PA
9/22/1967 – 6/09/1968	Our Lady of Grace, Scott Township, PA
6/10/1968 – 4/13/1970	St. Lawrence O'Toole, Garfield, PA
6/15/1970 – 8/31/1971	Epiphany, Uptown, Pittsburgh, PA
9/01/1971 – 5/30/1972	Duquesne University, Graduate Assistant, Pittsburgh, PA
5/31/1972 – 8/08/1973	St. Basil, Carrick, PA
8/09/1973 – 5/30/1974	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5/31/1974 – 11/21/1986	Intermediate Schools Unit, Psychologist
11/22/1986 – 1/16/1989	St. Peter, McKeesport, PA
1/16/1989 – 11/05/1989	Cardinal Wright Center/ Without Assignment
11/06/1989 - 7/02/1990	Leave of Absence
7/02/1990 - 6/17/1991	UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
6/17/1996 – 7/01/2009	UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
7/01/2009 – 11/01/2009	UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
6/25/2012 - Present	St John Vianney Manor, Pittsburgh, PA

Summary

A Ministerial Assessment Board Report dated April 9, 2003 detailed an allegation that Father Richard Gerard Terdine abused a 16-year-old boy who worked part-time at the rectory of St. Peter's church. The report revealed that in December, 1988, Terdine touched or patted the genital area of the boy on two-to-three occasions, gave the boy an x-rated videotape to watch, provided him with condoms, and massaged his back.

Shortly afterwards, Diocesan officials met with Terdine to discuss the allegations. Terdine denied any sexual touching of the boy. However, he did admit that he gave the boy an x-rated video as well as condoms. He stated that he wanted to educate the boy because he seemed naïve about human sexuality. Terdine subsequently resigned from his assignment at St. Peter. The Diocese sent him to St. Luke Institute for a psychological evaluation.

On May 11, 1990, St. Luke's provided the Diocese with the following assessment of Terdine that stated:

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Father Terdine does not have a sexual behavior disorder. We see him as at very little risk of acting out sexually, either with youth or others, and this good prognosis is supported by the formal psychological testing which indicates good impulse control and a very high need to comply and obey. One downside element is noted in that there does appear to be little growth in his sexual awareness and understanding.

The Ministerial Assessment Board subsequently made the following finding about the allegation:

- *The purchase of condoms and x-rated video was wrong to the point of immoral;*
- *While not illegal or immoral, it was poor judgement for Father Terdine to massage the young boy's neck;*
- *Given the totality of the circumstances acknowledged by Father Terdine, it was extremely poor judgement for him not to inform the victim's parents or at least his school guidance counselor of the social or sexual concerns expressed by the victim leading to the purchase of the condoms and the X-rated video tape.*

As a result, the Board recommended that Terdine not be assigned to any parish. The Board stated:

It is the opinion of this Board that Father Terdine's admitted conduct is sufficient to warrant this recommendation. Moreover, given the possibility of the truth of averments made by the (victim), the moral integrity of the Diocese cannot be jeopardized by any assignment of Father Terdine.

Terdine was thereafter placed in restricted ministry and assigned as the chaplain at UPMC Hospitals throughout Pittsburgh.

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occurred sometime between [REDACTED], when the alleged victim was between [REDACTED] years of age.” [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In a [REDACTED] memorandum sent by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] advised that the victim’s account “seemed to have a semblance of credibility.” However, [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] denied the abuse had ever occurred and that the “Clergy Office felt very strongly that [REDACTED] was believable in his denial of the allegation.”

In [REDACTED], Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, contacted several priests, a secretary, and at least one teacher who were assigned to [REDACTED] during the same time that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were there. These individuals wrote letters advising that they did not
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] documented a meeting with the victim. Among other things, the victim provided a drawing of her recollection of the [REDACTED].
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] sent a memorandum to [REDACTED] providing him with details of [REDACTED]. Among other things, [REDACTED] advised that
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED], a letter was sent to [REDACTED] advising that as of [REDACTED], the administrative leave placed upon him had been lifted and that the findings of the investigation were “proven to be unsupported and lacking a semblance of truth.” The letter then restored all of his priestly faculties. No restrictions were included in the letter.

On [REDACTED], the Diocese sent a letter to the victim advising that the Diocesan Review Board was unable to reach the conclusion that [REDACTED] was involved in any activity that she had alleged and that he would continue in his ministry.

On [REDACTED], the victim received a letter from the Diocese that included a check in the amount of \$3,965 to pay for her continued therapy from January 2004 through July 2004.

Reverend Charles Thomas

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1909
YEAR OF DEATH:	1967
ORDINATION:	June 16, 1935

Employment/Assignment History

1935 - 1937	St. Killian, Mars, PA
1937 - 1940	St. Peter, Pittsburgh, PA
3/1940 – 11/1940	St. Wendelin, Carrick PA
1940 – 1941	St. Martin, Pittsburgh, PA
1941 – 1944	St. Mary Mercy, Pittsburgh, PA
1944 – 1952	St. Coleman, Turtle Creek, PA
1952 – 1957	St. Hugh. Carmichaels, PA
1952 – 1957	St. Marcullus, Pittsburgh, PA
1957 – 1965	St. Paul, Butler, PA
8/1965 – 9/1965	St. Christopher, Prospect, PA
1965 – 1967	St. Robert Bellarmine, Pittsburgh, PA
6/1966	Resigned

Summary

Diocesan records contained a memorandum dated April 2, 1996 that was written to Father Charles Thomas regarding an allegation that had been made against him. The memorandum stated that an adult male had reported that, when he was a minor, he was sexually assaulted by Thomas on several occasions beginning in 1958 when Thomas was assigned to the St. Hugh. The male stated that the assaults began with Thomas fondling him and showing him pornographic material. The assaults then progressed to anal penetration of the victim by Thomas. The victim also related that a nun (name unknown) assigned to St. Hugh helped Thomas in some of the assaults. He explained that this unknown nun had sexually assaulted him on separate occasions as well.

The records revealed that the victim was compensated \$15,042.50 by the Diocese of Pittsburgh in connection with his private psychiatric counseling sessions from 2011 throughout 2016.

Reverend John William Wellinger

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1944
YEAR OF DEATH:	2011
ORDINATION:	May 16, 1970

Employment/Assignment History

6/15/1970-5/20/79	Assistant at St. Wendelin, Pittsburgh, PA
5/21/1975-5/1977	Graduate Studies in Theology, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
6/08/1977-8/31/1979	Assistant Pro Tem, St. Athanasius, West View, PA
9/01/1979-6/29/1981	Faculty of the Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, OH for the scholastic year of 1979-1980
6/30/1980-6/29/1981	Assistant Pro Tem, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Pittsburgh, PA
6/30/1981-7/14/1985	Assistant, St. James, Wilkinsburg, PA
7/15/1985-1/25/1987	Parochial Vicar Assistant, St. Clare, Clairton, PA
1/26/1987-6/23/1987	Parochial Vicar Assistant, Our Lady of Grace, Scott Township, PA
6/24/1987-6/24/1991	Pastor, Holy Spirit, West Mifflin, PA
8/01/1987	Campus Ministries, Community College of Allegheny County South Campus, West Mifflin, PA
6/11/1991	Resignation for reasons of health
1/24/1992-2/06/1994	Parochial Vicar (Pro Tem) at St. George, Allentown, PA
2/07/1994-6/01/1995	Parochial Vicar, St. Philip, Crafton, PA
5/16/1995	Resigned for personal reasons
5/18/1995	Leave of Absence
1/16/2003	Placed on Administrative Leave
3/01/2003	Declared de facto withdrawn from active ministry

Summary

On or about February 19, 1986, Father John Wellinger was sent to the St. Luke's Institute for a number of issues, including drug and alcohol abuse.

Diocesan records received pursuant to a Grand Jury subpoena revealed that on the evening of October 8, 1987, Wellinger provided alcohol and drugs to an 18-year-old parishioner of the Holy Spirit church. The parishioner had a "bad reaction" to the drugs and had to be taken to Shadyside Hospital for treatment. Within days, Wellinger was confronted by the victim's parents. Efforts were made by the church to promote a reconciliation between Wellinger, the victim and the victim's parents.

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On July 12, 1988, a letter was sent to Bishop Wuerl from “*Concerned Parishioners*” of Holy Spirit. This letter outlined concerns about drug use and excessive drinking to the point of intoxication by Wellinger. The parishioners also expressed concern about Wellinger exposing the young people of the church to illegal drugs.

On June 22, 1989, Father Theodore Rutkowski of the Office of Clergy and Pastoral Life received a letter from a parishioner at Holy Spirit. Bishop Wuerl was carbon copied in the correspondence. In this letter, the parishioner listed a number of problems that the parish was having with Wellinger. In part, the letter read “*Just to refresh your memory and bring you up to date on John’s ministry here at Holy Spirit here are some of the significant problems . . .*” The list included: “*Giving drugs and alcohol to teens;*” “*Teens in the parish have been warned by their parents about drugs from Father;*” and “*Young men staying at the parish house.*”

On June 3, 1991, Wellinger was drinking alcoholic beverages with a 24-year-old man in the rectory. Wellinger unbuttoned the man’s pants and began to perform oral sex on him without consent. A few days later, the victim reported the incident to the Diocese. Wellinger was subsequently questioned by Diocesan officials, at which time he admitted to the unsolicited sexual activity with the victim. Wellinger was then sent to St. Michael’s Community in St. Louis, Missouri for an evaluation. Wellinger’s absence from the parish was explained as a request for resignation for “*reasons of health.*”

On January 2, 1992, a meeting took place between Wuerl and Wellinger. The Bishop agreed that Wellinger could return to priestly ministry and was appointed as Parochial Vicar (Pro Tem) at St. George in Allentown.

On July 30, 1994, Wellinger was stopped by officers of the Borough of Crafton Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol. Father David Zubik, Director of Clergy Personnel, subsequently notified Wellinger that he had been placed on a leave of absence until he returned from an evaluation at St. Luke’s Institute. Wellinger was at St. Luke’s from September 29, 1994 to March 27, 1995. Because he did not complete the required treatment, his leaving was unauthorized by the Diocese. On May 18, 1995, Wuerl granted Wellinger a leave of absence from June 1, 1995 to December 1, 1995 for “*personal reasons.*”

On September 22, 1995, Diocesan officials met with the parents of a 17-year-old boy. The parents said that a week earlier, their son told them he had been sexually molested by Wellinger. This abuse reportedly occurred in June 1991, when he the victim was 13 years old. The victim stated he and some of his friends were watching videos with Wellinger late into the night. They all fell asleep on the floor. The victim awakened to find that Wellinger had put his hands down the victim’s pants and was fondling his penis. More than two weeks later, on October 10, 1995, Diocesan officials met with Wellinger to discuss the allegations. Wellinger admitted to spending a lot of time with the victim. Wellinger denied consciously touching the victim’s genitals. Wellinger explained that he did fall asleep on the floor with the victim. He said it was “*pretty tight quarters*” so he may have “*unknowingly*” touched the victim’s genitals. The Diocese did not report the matter to law enforcement for years. Instead, arrangements were made to provide counseling for the victim. The victim later notified Diocesan officials that

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during counseling, he was informed that the sexual abuse that occurred was his own fault. By the year 2004, the victim's allegations against Wellinger became part of a lawsuit that accused the Diocese of conspiracy to cover up the sexual abuse of minors. By March 21, 2005, the victim had disclosed Wellinger had molested him on several occasions. He stated these incidents occurred both in the rectory where Wellinger lived and at the victim's home. In 2007, Bishop Paul Bradley settled the lawsuit, which included accusations from 32 individuals against 17 priests, for \$1.25 million.

On November 9, 2012, a woman contacted the Diocese to report that her brother had just died in August of that year. She indicated that about a month prior to his death, he told her he had been molested by Wellinger, while Wellinger was assigned to St. James. The woman explained that her brother was an altar boy when the abuse occurred and he was about 11 or 12 years of age at that time. She estimated the assault(s) took place in 1981 to 1982. She added that Wellinger used illegal drugs and he provided drugs to some of the children.

Reverend Joseph S. Wichmanowski

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1919
YEAR OF DEATH:	1977
ORDINATION:	Unknown

Employment/Assignment History

7/13/1944- 12/15/1945	St. Mary (Polish) in McKeesport, PA
12/06/1945- 10/23/1946	Holy Cross in Glassport, PA
10/24/1946- 5/18/1949	St. Albert on South Side Pittsburgh, PA
5/19/1949- 12/03/1952	St. John Cantius in Sharpsburg, PA
12/04/1952- 6/12/1957	St. Stanislaus in Ambridge, PA
6/13/1957- 6/27/1962	Chaplin Allegheny Co. Workhouse
6/27/1962- 1/31/1969	Pastor St. Cyprian in Pittsburgh, PA
2/01/1969- 4/28/1977	Pastor St. Stanislaus in Ambridge, PA

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The files provided by the Diocese of Pittsburgh included an April 29, 2004 article entitled “*Conway Woman Alleges Priest Abuse.*” This article reported that a victim alleged that Father Joseph S. Wichmanowski repeatedly forced her to perform sexual acts on him beginning when she was 12 years old. The victim alleged that Wichmanowski forced her to perform oral sex on him, provided her with alcohol in the form of church wine, and made her dress provocatively. The victim related that at one point Wichmanowski invited her to New York, where he told her he would/wanted to impregnate her.

On June 23, 2004, a personal and confidential letter was sent from counsel for the Diocese to the Beaver County District Attorney’s Office. The letter described allegations of abuse by Wichmanowski while “*he was at St. Stanislaus Parish in Ambridge, PA.*” This letter appeared to refer to the victim described above.

In an article dated September 17, 2007, it was reported that this victim, along with 31 other victim of abuse, was part of a settlement with the church for payments totaling \$1.2 Million.

Reverend George A. Wilt

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1931
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 30, 1959

Employment/Assignment History

6/10/1959 – 3/17/1968	Sacred Heart, Pittsburgh, PA
3/18/1968 – 5/26/2003	St Bernard, Pittsburgh, PA

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In a memorandum dated November 17, 2000, and authored by Rita Flaherty of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, it was recorded that a woman had reported that Father George A. Wilt made unwanted advances and embraced and kissed her on her mouth. She reported that Wilt embraced her two more times and again tried to kiss her on her mouth, but that she was able to turn her head. Wilt also made what she felt were inappropriate comments to her.

In another memorandum dated April 11, 2003, and authored by Flaherty, it was noted that the Director of the Religious Education Department at St. Bernard expressed several concerns about Wilt's behavior. She stated that Wilt failed to take immediate action when it was discovered that the janitor was viewing pornography on a school computer. Furthermore, he dismissed several incidents where the same janitor walked in on women and girls while they were using the bathroom. Wilt was also alleged to have engaged in inappropriate physical contact with adult women and teenage girls. It was further reported that people had left the parish because of inappropriate touching and kissing on the mouth, often during first communions. Also mentioned in this memorandum were two other allegations of inappropriate conduct by Wilt that were made by adult women. One incident occurred in November 2002 in Wilt's office with an intern. The other incident occurred several months prior to April 2003 and stemmed from a confession in the church sanctuary.

In another Diocesan memorandum dated April 24, 2003, it was noted that Wilt denied kissing eighth grade girls on the lips and inappropriately touching adult women. Flaherty also wrote in the memorandum that Wilt was informed of the situation with the janitor. While Wilt agreed that the behavior was inappropriate, he asked officials several times if the janitor could be re-hired.

In a memorandum dated May 2, 2003, Flaherty noted that two women, a youth minister and CCD secretary, met with Diocesan officials. Both women stated they had seen Wilt inappropriately touch women during various celebrations and kiss eighth grade girls.

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In a memorandum dated December 10, 2003, Flaherty wrote that adult women had accused Wilt of inappropriate advances. It was the recommendation of the Diocesan Review Board, however, that Wilt retain his faculties as they found him suitable for ministry.

On March 8, 2004, a victim reported she had been sexually abused by Wilt sometime between 1961 and 1963. She stated the abuse occurred when she was in the seventh or eighth grade at St. Bernard. The victim explained that she had sought counseling from Wilt because she was being sexually abused by her father at the time. She thought Wilt could make it stop. Wilt invited her into a small room in the parish house and during their conversation, he fondled her. On another occasion she was called out of class and asked to go to the rectory. The victim stated that Wilt began to fondle her again and she ran out of the room and hid for the rest of the day until school was out. She never met with Wilt again.

Wilt was not assigned to St. Bernard until 1968. Wilt said that he was only at the parish once prior to his assignment there, when he paid his respects of the passing of the pastor (Monsignor Quigley). He said he was there for about 15 minutes.

Reverend Robert G. Wolk

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1940
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 4, 1966

Employment/Assignment History

6/07/1966-5/30/1972	St. Athanasius, West View, PA
9/1972-5/1974	Attended Catholic University of America
5/30/1974-1986	Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
7/22/1979-6/10/1981	La Roche College, Pittsburgh, PA
5/13/1986-9/23/1987	St. Thomas More Church, Bethel Park, PA
9/24/1987	Resigned

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Located within the confidential files of the Diocese of Pittsburgh was a handwritten memorandum from "T.R.", presumably Reverend Theodore Rutkowski, regarding Father Robert Wolk. It indicated that on September 22, 1987, Father Bober and Rutkowski met with an adult male who attended St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. The victim explained that he had been experiencing anger and frustration because he felt that he had been used and abused. The victim explained that when he was 12 years old and in the sixth grade, he became friendly with Wolk, a resident at St. Thomas More. The victim stated he was invited into the rectory by Wolk to watch football games and to socialize. Eventually the use of cigarettes and alcohol became part of this socializing. The socialization progressed into "belly rubs" and then "oral sex on the part of both." The victim added that x-rated movies were sometimes involved as well. The victim reported sometimes he would stay overnight at the rectory in Wolk's apartment. The victim indicated that his sexual relationship continued with Wolk for an extended period of time. The victim added, however, that he was greatly concerned about his brother, who was two years younger than him. The victim indicated that his younger brother had a similar sexual relationship with Wolk, which included "oral sex on the part of both." The victim indicated that neither he, nor his brother, had a current relationship with Wolk.

Located within this same memorandum was a notation that read:

On 9-24-87, Father Wolk came to the Clergy office to meet with Father Rutkowski and Father Guay. Father Wolk admitted without hesitation his sexual relationship with [the two minor victims]. He said his relationship with the victims was over. He understood the necessary action to be taken by the Diocese, as explained by Father Rutkowski and Father Guay. Father Wolk will leave the rectory today. He will go to St Fidelis Monastery, Herman, PA., under the supervision of Fathers Brendan Malloy and Bernard Finerty, where he will

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remain until he departs for St. Luke Institute for an October 12-23, 1987 evaluation there. He will not celebrate mass publicly. He will not return to the parish after today's departure. He will not communicate with (the victims), nor the (victims' family)."

From October 9, 1987 until June 21, 1988, Wolk received treatment/therapy at St. Luke Institute in Maryland.

On or about August 1988, a lawsuit was filed by the two above-mentioned victims. Wolk was named as a defendant along with Father Francis Pucci and Father Richard Zula.

On or about September 1988, the two victims reported the assaults to the Bethel Park Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police. It was subsequently determined that some of the sexual assaults committed by Wolk on one of the victims occurred in Washington County. This happened on or about 1982, when the victim's family moved to Washington County.

On October 11, 1988, Wolk was charged in Allegheny County with sexually assaulting the two victims, who were altar boys at the time of the assaults. These assaults occurred over a six year period. The charges against Wolk involved oral sodomy and attempted anal sex. During the investigation it was alleged that other unnamed priests conducted sado-masochistic rituals on several young boys in Washington and Somerset Counties, as well as in Florida and Canada. Contacted shortly after news that charges had been filed against Wolk, Father Ron Lengwin, spokesman for the Diocese, was quoted in an October 11, 1988 article in the Pittsburgh Press as stating:

Our response was to follow the diocesan policy that was set for cases of alleged sexual misconduct. The policy calls for the diocese to interview the person said to be abused, that person's parents or both, as circumstances dictate, then interview the subject of the allegation. The third step is the removal of the priest from his assignment if that is deemed appropriate after the initial interviews. The fourth step would be medical and psychological assessment, including counseling, of the alleged offender and finally, pastoral concern and support for the alleged victims and the priest. St. Luke's is an extended psychiatric care facility for priests.

On January 24, 1990, Wolk pled guilty in Allegheny County to four counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and to corruption of minors. He was sentenced to five to 10 years of incarceration. At his sentencing, a clinical psychologist from St. Luke's testified on Wolk's behalf. He stated that Wolk underwent about seven months of inpatient treatment and attended outpatient therapy at the hospital. He stated that Wolk suffered from a psychological disorder—a compulsive attraction to adolescents which the psychologist “likened to alcoholism.”

On June 28, 1990, Wolk pleaded guilty in Washington County to two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse. In the Washington County case, Wolk received a sentence of five to 10 years, to be served concurrently to his Allegheny County sentence.

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A Pittsburgh Press newspaper article quoted then-Washington County District Attorney John C. Pettit as saying the cooperation of the Diocese in the investigation was “*minimal at best.*” Pettit accused church leaders of making his investigators’ job more difficult. He noted a difficulty in locating the whereabouts of certain priests that the investigators were trying to interview. Pettit also said investigators were looking into more than 200 acts Wolk allegedly committed with one of the youths in Canada, Virginia, Florida and Ohio.

On June 30, 1994, Wolk requested that the Diocesan Bishop proceed with the formal process of seeking a dispensation from the obligations of priesthood.

On October 3, 2003, Diocesan officials met with a 37-year-old man about alleged abuse by Wolk in the mid-to-late 1980’s. The man said that as a teen he had worked in the rectory of St. Thomas Moore. He stated that on one occasion he was in the bathroom when Wolk entered. Wolk complained that he [Wolk] was in pain and needed to use the bathroom. He asked the teen if he would help him use the bathroom by holding his [Wolk’s] penis. The teen felt it was an odd request, but did so, viewing it as someone who needed help. On another occasion, Wolk gave the teen a massage. As the massage continued, the teen heard the sound of Wolk undoing his belt buckle. When the teen asked Wolk what he was doing, Wolk replied he was just loosening his belt to get comfortable. A little while later, Wolk told the teen he would be putting some lotion on his neck. Although the teen did not see any lotion, he felt Wolk put something wet over his neck. Wolk then took out a handkerchief and wiped off the excess. During the meeting, the victim told the Diocesan representatives that he wanted a face-to-face meeting with Wolk. The representatives explained to the victim that Wolk was no longer a priest. They suggested that the victim discuss the matter with his therapist.

Diocesan records also contained an October 18, 2017 “*Confidential Memorandum*” to the file. The memorandum memorialized a telephone call made to Sister Marilyn Welch, Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Altoona/Johnstown Diocese. In the memorandum, it was noted that an attorney had contacted the Diocese of Pittsburgh on behalf of his client. The attorney stated his client was accusing Father Francis Luddy and Wolk of abusing and molesting him. It was soon determined Luddy was a priest from the Altoona/Johnstown Diocese

On March 12, 2009, yet another adult male contacted the Diocese alleging abuse by Wolk. On March 17, 2009, this individual was interviewed by Diocesan representatives and he stated that he was abused by Wolk in 1968 to 1970 or 1971, while Wolk was assigned to St. Athanasius. The victim stated he was 14 to 17 years of age when the abuse took place. Some of the incidents occurred at the parish, while others occurred at a retreat house on Route 8. Through negotiations, the Diocese subsequently paid tuition for the victim’s children to attend Catholic schools in Allegheny County.

On September 9, 2010, the Diocese received a telephone call from Father Michael Yaksick of Midland. Yaksick reported that one of his parishioners came to him regarding sexual abuse that occurred during his childhood. This particular victim indicated that the priests

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involved in the abuse were Wolk and Father Leo Burchianti. (*See* narrative regarding Leonard Burchianti in this report for further information regarding sexual abuse allegations against him)

On September 14, 2010, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator Rita Flaherty conducted an interview of this victim. The victim told her he was now 44 years of age. He stated that when he was 12 years of age, Wolk took him to St. Vincent's in Westmoreland County for an overnight stay. While at the campus, Wolk allowed him to drive Wolk's car. He stated that this was pretty exciting, since he was only 12 years old at the time. He stated that during the overnight stay Wolk inappropriately touched him and performed oral sex on him. He also advised that several years later, when he was between 16 and 20 years of age, Burchianti cornered him in the sacristy and passionately kissed him, including putting his tongue "*down his throat.*"

Reverend William B. Yockey

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1952
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	October 1, 1977

Employment/Assignment History

10/13/1977-10/01/1978	Assumption Church, Bellevue, PA
10/02/1978-6/28/1983	St. Bernadette, Monroeville, PA
6/29/1983-5/31/1984	Department of Social & Community Development, Diocese of Pittsburgh
6/29/1983-5/31/1984	St. Canice, Pittsburgh, PA
6/01/1984-2/16/1986	St. Therese of Lisieux, Munhall, PA
2/17/1986-10/11/1987	St. Winifred, Mt. Lebanon, PA
10/12/1987-1/22/1989	Allegheny County Jail
1/23/1989-7/25/1991	Chaplain/Coordinator, Allegheny County Jail
1/23/1989-4/20/1989	St. Luke, Carnegie, PA (In Reserve)
4/21/1989-7/25/1991	St. Anthony, Bridgeville, PA (In Reserve)
7/25/1991	Leave of Absence
7/25/1991	Withdrawn from Active Ministry

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Located in the files of the Diocese of Pittsburgh for Father William B. Yockey was a handwritten letter dated May 27, 1991 by Father Robert Guay. In part, the letter stated,

In May of 1991, a gentlemen, age 25, came to one of our diocesan priests and alleged that he had been sexually molested by Yockey at the age of 16. This same gentleman also indicated that a friend of his had also been sexually molested by Yockey at the age of 18. A meeting was arranged with these two gentlemen regarding their allegations with diocesan officials. The gentlemen indicated they had gotten to know Yockey during his first parish assignment when they were in 6th or 7th grade. They became friends with Yockey, going to movies and shooting the breeze with him in his room at the parish. After a year, Yockey was transferred to a new parish assignment and the friendship would continue. Yockey would often take (them) to his cabin outside the city to go fishing. They indicated that Yockey would always allow them to drink beer. One of the gentlemen would spend an overnight or weekends at Father Yockey's new assignment. On one occasion [one gentleman] indicated that Yockey sexually molested him in October of 1981. The pair had returned to the rectory following a Halloween party. Both had been drinking. [The first victim] was a junior in High School, age 16. [The first victim] told us he "crashed out"

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following the party after drinking too much. He fell asleep on the couch in Yockey's den. Yockey went to his own bedroom. At some point the victim fell off the couch and found Yockey fondling his genitals. Yockey then got on top of the victim and tried to kiss him. . . . Another gentleman said a similar thing happened to him at another parish assignment in 1983. The [second victim] was 18 years of age at the time. Once again alcohol was involved by both Father Yockey and [the second victim]. The victim passed out and awoke to find Yockey feeling his genitals and attempting to kiss his genitals. . . . When Yockey was confronted about these allegations on May 20, 1991, he acknowledged that the incident with the [first victim], age 16, was true. He also acknowledged that he, Yockey was drinking quite a lot during his first few years of ministry. When asked about the allegations regarding [the second victim], age 18, Father Yockey does not recall anything, but he did note that they were probably drinking and that it was not impossible and won't deny it, but he cannot remember it. Yockey has been put on administrative leave from his assignment as chaplain to the County Jail. He is not to celebrate sacraments or ... publicly. I trust this information is helpful to you in helping us discern what might be best for Father Yockey in the future. I might add that Yockey told us that he was never involved with anyone else that he is aware of.

On July 18, 1991, Yockey sent a letter of resignation to Bishop Donald Wuerl. A portion of the letter stated, *"I have discussed my decision with Father Guay and he informed me that medical coverage and perhaps some salary would be available if I request it. I would appreciate it."*

On April 3, 2006, a letter was sent from Father James G. Young, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy to *"whom it may concern."* The letter stated:

Enclosed is a questionnaire that you sent in regards to William B. Yockey who has applied for a position with the Veterans Administration. William B. Yockey was a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh from May 1976 to August 1991, when he asked for and was granted a leave of absence for personal reasons. We have had no contact with him since that time and therefore are not able to provide any information for you.

In this letter, there was no mention of Yockey's admission to sexually molesting a minor, or of Yockey's potential threat to prospective victims.

On July 10, 2009, a letter was received by Bishop Zubik from an individual who attended the Assumption in Bellevue. A portion of the letter stated:

Bishop Zubik, I was a victim of a sexual assault when I was in high school. Years later, a close friend shared a similar story involving the same priest. At that time we contacted Father John Gallagher at Assumption Parish. Father Gallagher set up a meeting with Father Guay and yourself. At some time in the

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near future, Bill Yockey was dismissed or left the priesthood. I have never received a phone call or any contact from the Diocese concerning this matter.

On August 7, 2009, a confidential memorandum was sent from Rita Flaherty, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, to Zubik. A portion of the letter read:

“In preparation for your meeting with [the victim] on August 11, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., I share the following information. The [victim] called me on July 9, 2009 to say that he was an abuse victim of Father William Yockey. He stated that he came forward in the early 1990’s when Father Bob Guay was in the Clergy Office. Father John Gallagher initially notified our office about his allegation as [the victim] first talked with Father Gallagher about this. The victim’s allegation against Yockey involved inappropriate sexual contact with [the victim and another individual]. At the time of the incident, [victim] was a senior in high school (age 18) but his friend was only 16. (Our confidential files confirms that both the victim and his friend, did indeed come to the diocese in 1991.) [Victim] stated that since he came forward, he has not asked anything of the diocese. At this time, he is requesting some assistance with the tuition for his three children so they can continue with their Catholic education . . . Since my first contact with [victim], I have been working with Ron Bowes, Father Kris Stubna and Father Jim Young to see what help might be available to the victim’s children. I have included a letter that was sent out to the victim’s family on July 27, 2009 showing the original amount of aid that was offered along with a revised amount. Father Young is also willing to offer an additional \$2,000 in financial aid to the family as soon as he is able to figure out a confidential way to do this while at the same time, having a record for auditing purposes. Father Young planned to talk with either Fred O’Brien or Joe Luttringer about how best to accomplish this.”

In a letter from Zubik to the aforementioned victim, the Bishop wrote, *“I have received your letter requesting tuition support for your three children and I will make sure that your request is taken care of.”* The Diocesan records contained records specifying certain payments to the victim. One such document dated April 10, 2012, noted that a total of \$10,065 was provided to three of the victim’s children for their Catholic education. The money was taken from the *“Catholic Charities Fund.”* A document dated June 12, 2012, indicated that a total of \$12,690 was provided for the catholic education of two of the victim’s children. The money was listed as *“tuition assistance grants”* for the 2012-2013 school year. A document dated June 6, 2013 listed that \$7,860 was provided to two of the victim’s children from the Bishop’s Education Fund and Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Fund. The payment was listed under an *“educational grant award”* for the 2013-2014 school year. Additional payments were made to the victim for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years that totaled \$24,130.00.

On December 17, 2013, a letter was received by Bishop Waltersheid. It was sent from an individual who stated that he was molested as a young boy by Yockey. On December 20, 2013, a meeting took place with the victim at the Diocese office. During the meeting, the victim

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stated his father died when he was nine years old and his mother died the following year. The victim was then raised by his maternal aunt, who lived in Wilkinsburg. The victim attended St. Bernadette in nearby Monroeville where Yockey was assigned from 1978 to 1983. While the boy attended the parish, Yockey began to molest him. The victim stated that Yockey performed oral sex on him in the rectory, in his [Yockey's] car, and even at the home of his aunt. During the meeting, the victim asked if there had been any other allegations made against Yockey. Waltersheid responded, "*that there have been.*" The victim was offered counseling by the Diocese.

Although the Diocese had information regarding alleged criminal actions on the part of Yockey as far back as the year 1986, there was only one document located in their files that was dated January 6, 2014 that illustrated a report to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. The document was dated January 6, 2014. There was no mention of the history of Yockey's reported sexual assaults.

Reverend Theodore P. Zabowski

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1943
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	May 16, 1970

Employment/Assignment History

6/15/1970 – 5/20/1975	Parochial Vicar, St. Lawrence O’Toole, Garfield, PA
5/21/1975 – 10/05/1980	Parochial Vicar, Most Holy Name, North Side, PA
10/06/1980 – 1/13/1981	Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Lawrenceville, PA
1/14/1981 – 1/10/1982	Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Sweden, Wildwood, PA
1/11/1982 – 6/28/1985	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary, Glenshaw, PA
6/29/1985 – 10/26/1992	Pastor, St. Adalbert, South Side, PA
10/27/1992 – 7/08/1996	Pastor/Resigned, St. Richard, Richland Township, PA
1/08/1996 – 9/16/1996	Leave of absence
9/16/1996 – 7/14/2000	Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Washington, PA
7/14/2000 – 7/29/2002	Leave of Absence
7/29/2002	Withdrew from ministry

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An internal Diocese of Pittsburgh document labeled “Chronology of Father Zabowski”, stated that in October, 1995 an allegation of sexual abuse was made against Zabowski. An adult male stated that between 1975 and 1979 he engaged in wrestling with Zabowski and then Zabowski asked him to remove his clothes. After he removed his clothes, Zabowski fondled him. This conduct occurred at a church in Pittsburgh. The male further advised that he and Zabowski took a trip to Canada where they slept in the same bed and Zabowski served him alcohol. Following the allegations, Zabowski was placed on administrative leave.

In a November, 1995 confidential memorandum, the Diocese noted that Zabowski had acknowledged the possibility of inappropriate touching and acknowledged sharing his bed with boys for “*companionship.*”

Zabowski was sent to St. Luke’s Institute for an evaluation. In an evaluation dated November 28, 1995, it was noted that Zabowski admitted to “*affectionate hugging*” of teenage boys

In an August, 1996 confidential memorandum, the Diocese observed that Zabowski had admitted that the allegations against him “*could potentially be true*” and that he should not be involved in any relationship with teenage males.

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In a letter dated June 26, 2003 Zabowski informed Bishop Wuerl the “*therapy helped him deal with allegations of placing himself with adolescent boys in a sexually inappropriate manner, gave him the ability to deal with and yes, overcome the sexual ignorance and social backwardness of his life.*”

Pittsburgh Priests #2-10

Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Various
ORDINATION:	Various

Employment/Assignment History

1980-2013	Various Assignments within the Diocese of Pittsburgh
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This group of nine unnamed priests contained specific complaints against identified priests within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. A review of documents surrendered by the Diocese of Pittsburgh did not contain sufficient information to determine the validity of the complaints in every case.

The Grand Jury noted that in each case a detailed confidential memorandum was completed which provided the identities of the complainants and the accused priest. These confidential memoranda also contained information obtained through internal diocesan investigations. That information included specific allegations of sexual crimes and identified locations where the crimes occurred. In some cases it was documented that the priest was interviewed and confessed child sexual abuse to diocesan personnel.

In contrast to the detailed confidential memoranda, an “allegation report” was also generated and provided to law enforcement. The “allegation report” was substantially different from the more detailed diocesan internal memoranda. Rather than containing specific information, the “allegation report” provided a general timeframe of offenses, the identity of the “alleged victim” and “accused”, a disclosure of “inappropriate touching” regardless of the actual offenses reported by the complainant, and the geographic area of the crime as identified by county rather than by specific parish or school.

The Grand Jury noted that the allegations included offenses against children as young as five years old. Some reports were made as recently as 2017.