

Priest Table for Survivor K. J.*

2018_08_28 Our Sunday Visitor article by Maryann Gogniat Eidemiller of Greensburg PA wherein K.J. details multiple allegations of abuse by multiple abuser-priests in Erie, Pennsylvania:	K. J. Erie Timeline:		K.J. alleged abuse by 5 priests: 3 named in the 40th PA GJ Report, 2 not named there; knew 7 abusers.			
			Our Lady of Peace Priests:	Cathedral Prep Priests:	Diocese of Erie Negligence:	
			Named by 40th PA Grand Jury, Faluszczyk testimony, or Diocese of Erie. Problematic, bystander, or enabler.			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The abuse started in Our Lady of Peace Catholic School, he told Our Sunday Visitor, when his family returned to Erie after living for a short time in California. He enrolled there in the fifth grade.” “I was an altar boy, and we had to show up to serve 7 a.m. Mass,” he said. “Sometimes it was just me and the priests, and they took that opportunity. I was easy prey.” “Other times he was sent to the church or rectory to do chores, or to be counseled by the very priest who was abusing him. He never told anyone.” K.J. “started standing up to the abuse. He also let his grades drop, and he acted up so that, by the end of seventh grade, he was on his way out.” 	5th grade at OLPS, after moving from CA.	1979-80	Frs. James F. Daily , Charles H. Hocking & Richard R. Siefer (presently Episcopal Vicar via Bishop Lawrence Persico).	Not applicable until K.J. is of high school age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule out Fr. Michael Amy (78-79) at OLP, gone by entrance of K. J. to 5th grade, replaced by Siefer. Rule out Fr. Charles Kaza at OLP in this time period. Siefer leaves after one year, & is then absent from the 1981 Official Catholic Directory, whereabouts unknown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Siefer was party to the sexual harassment of this writer in 1994, investigation of another case in 2013, and the hiring of a white nationalist HS President in 2014, with whom he lived.
	6th grade, OLPS	1980-81	Frs. James F. Daily , Charles H. Hocking & Stephen A. Anderson [jumps from Martin & St. George Church to OLP].	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anderson was first publicly identified as an accused abuser by Bishop Lawrence Persico of the Diocese of Erie 2019_04_05, no details given. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anderson was recently removed from the Diocese of Erie public disclosure list without Persico notifying the public or offering any explanation.
	7th grade, OLPS	1981-82	Frs. Louis H. Lorei & Stephen A. Anderson	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Lorei and the Sisters of St. Joseph, K.J. claims he was told he was no longer wanted as a student at OLPS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018: “Despite a grand jury subpoena, no file for Monsignor Louis Lorei was made available by the Erie Diocese.” (PA 40th GJ, p.432)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “My year there was amazing,” [K.J.] said. “I made friends. I found the girl of my dreams...” 	8th grade, Westlake MS (public)	1982-83	Frs. Louis H. Lorei , Stephen A. Anderson & J. Patrick Dunlap [who then jumps to Martin / St. George Church, and quickly disappears].	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K.J. transfers to a public school for his last year of middle school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shuffling priests among assignments in the Diocese of Erie throughout this general time period gave criminals greater exposure to children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “There was no more abuse until the following year, when he started attending the all-boys Cathedral Prep School, a deal he had to make with his parents if he wanted to play football. He hoped that things would be different, but, he said, “It started instantly.” “He was groped by a priest who bragged about his own genitals.” “He was assaulted in the rectory after a youth group project, and another time when his parents sent him to a priest “to set him straight” about dating a girl they didn’t like. The priest stuck his tongue in [K.J.]’s ear and told him, “Finding love with a girlfriend isn’t the only way.” “That was a prelude to an assault, and so was a priest showing him photos of students that he cut out and arranged in suggestive poses. “Everywhere I went,” [K.J.] said, “there was a potential molester.” 	9th grade, Cathedral Prep	1983-84	Frs. Louis H. Lorei , Stephen A. Anderson & L. Stephen Collins III.	Frs. McDonald, Dollinger , Biebel , Hahn , Amy , Barletta , Gibbons, Staszewski, Przepierski, Gmerek & Kondzielski .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr. Michael Amy target age, timeframe for known abuse, and molestation of a Cathedral Prep student “in the early 1980s” (PA 40th GJ, p.392). Fr. Thaddeus Kondzielski, who was known to molest Prep students in this time period in a “rectory” (PA 40th GJ, p.425). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr. Lawrence T. Speice intervened with PA State Police to not charge Amy for admitted molestation in 1974. while Amy was a seminarian; Speice lied under oath about the matter. Naked swimming at Prep condoned by Dollinger et alii.
	10th grade, Cathedral Prep	1984-85	Frs. Louis Lorei , Frank Przepierski & Dennis C. Hadberg [who then jumps to Martin / St. George Church & Fr. Gary Ketcham].	Frs. McDonald, Hagerty , Biebel , Hahn , Latimer, Amy , Barletta , Gibbons, Staszewski, Gmerek & Kondzielski .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking photos of minors in suggestive poses was a known practice of Fr. Michael Barletta (PA 40th GJ, p. 396). Five credibly accused abuser priests had access to K.J. and countless minor children; which begs the question what, not whether, their many confreres knew about their abuse of children. Abuse on this scale is not possible without bystanders and enablers, and points to the Church’s failure to teach and practice its own social doctrine of corporate sin and responsibility. Priests who had a hand in these matters continue to minister in good standing with no accountability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr. John Fischer in ≈1970 reported Barletta’s molestation of a child to Bishop Alfred Watson and Msgr. William R. Hastings, both of whom ignored the accusation; none of the three went to the police, and Fischer’s confreres “laughed it off” (PA 40th GJ, p. 393) Erie Vicar General Fr. James Burke received credible allegations from a Barletta victim in 1988, and wrote in 1991 that it was not worth acting upon (PA 40th GJ, p. 395). Bishop Donald Trautman allowed Barletta to minister in good standing from 1995-2002, despite his admitting to molesting 25 children, removing him only because of the Dallas Charter (PA 40th GJ, p. 396).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “He acted up to get out again and finished his junior and senior years at a public school, free at last from assaults.” 	11th & 12th grade, McDowell HS; OLP parishioner.	1985-87	Frs. Ernest J. Daley, John Barrett CPM, John Dollinger, Mark R. Anderson & James M. Burke (Vicar General).	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The alleged abuse of K.J. by five priests of the Erie Diocese underlines the institutional failure of the diocese to vet candidates for the priesthood; in some cases the Erie diocese clearly produced criminals. • Contemporaneous to K.J.'s case is the systemic coverup by bishops and chancery officials who knew about these abusers, did not notify police, and gave them access to children despite knowledge of their crimes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. James Burke is quoted as choosing not to investigate Barletta. (PA 40th GJ, p. 395). • Diocesan Chancellor Fr. Robert Smith, also knew about Barletta in this time period and did not notify police, as was the example of his mentor, Msgr. William R. Hastings (PA 40th GJ, p. 395).
<p>*K.J. is a public survivor of clergy sexual abuse who detailed multiple allegations against priests in interviews with Our Sunday Visitor and others. He has a compelling voice and put his name to the material in the first column of this table; he does not need me to speak for him, nor do I intend to. K.J. has not named his abusers, though they are publicly discoverable. The individuals listed in this table inhabited time and place with K.J., which makes his case an important key to understanding the dynamics of abuse in the Diocese of Erie. K.J. is a school classmate of mine, though we only know each other as a result of the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury. -J.F.</p>						
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