The following is a list of the names of priests and deacons who have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and have been credibly accused of at least one act of the sexual abuse of a minor, as determined based upon the affiliation of the priest or deacon with our diocese and when the sexual abuse of a minor is alleged to have occurred.

- The list includes the names of priests and deacons of our diocese (incardinated in our diocese) who have been credibly accused of at least one act of sexual abuse of a minor regardless of when or where the sexual abuse of a minor is alleged to have occurred.

- The list also includes the names of priests and deacons from other dioceses and priests and deacons from religious congregations who have served in our diocese and have been credibly accused of committing at least one act of sexual abuse of a minor while serving in our diocese, regardless of where the sexual abuse of a minor is alleged to have occurred.

For the purposes of this list, a “credible accusation” against a priest or deacon as determined by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is an accusation that, after an investigation and review of available information, appears more likely true than not in the judgement of the Diocese’s Review Board, and is accepted as credible by the Bishop.

If the accused is or was a member of a religious congregation, the credibility of an accusation was determined by the accused priest’s religious congregation if the religious congregation, rather than our diocese, conducted the investigation.

The number of credible accusations received against each priest or deacon is noted. The ordination date for each priest and deacon named on the list is noted. Changes in the clerical status of each priest and deacon named, including dates of the changes, are noted. If the accused is deceased, his date of death is noted.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend stands firm in its commitment to investigate any allegation of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy and to listen to and support anyone who has been abused. Please contact Mary Glowaski, Victim’s Assistance Coordinator, mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, 260-399-1458 or Father Mark Gurtner, JCL - Vicar General, 260-399-1422.

This list will be supplemented as appropriate based upon any future determinations of credible allegations.

**PRIESTS AND DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND**

**James Blume**

**Date of Ordination:** June 14, 1980  
**Removed from Public Ministry:** April 1989  
**Dismissed from Clerical State:** June 23, 2007  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 5  
**Places Served:**  
July 7, 1980 – St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, Indiana  
July 7, 1982 – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
September 8, 1987 – St. Andrew/St. Hyacinth Parishes, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
**Current Status:** Incarcerated
**Michael Buescher**

**Date of Ordination:** June 16, 1979  
**Removed from Parish Ministry:** November 1989  
**Loss of Clerical State:** May 14, 1991  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 6  
**Places Served:**  
July 9, 1979 – St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
August 1, 1983 – Part-time membership on the faculty of Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana; continuing at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
July 9, 1984 – Chaplain, Marian High School, Mishawaka, Indiana, with residency in the Marian High School Rectory  
August 8, 1985 – Culver Military Academy, Coordinator of priests who offer Mass and provide spiritual guidance  
December 20, 1985 – St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, Indiana  
June 24, 1986 – St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier, Indiana; Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, Indiana

**Brian Carsten**

**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1970  
**Terminated as Pastor and Resigned as a Member of the Roman Catholic Church:** May 9, 1987  
**Dismissed from the Clerical State:** June 23, 2007  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1  
**Deceased:** March 27, 2009  
**Places Served:**  
July 1, 1970 – St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, Indiana  
July 2, 1973 – St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
July 1, 1974 – St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
July 1, 1975 – Chaplain, Allen County Police, Fort Wayne, Indiana, with residence at St. Andrew Parish, Fort Wayne, IN  
July 5, 1977 – St. Hyacinth Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
July 9, 1979 – St. Andrew Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana, while continuing as Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**William Ehrman**

**Date of Ordination:** June 10, 1922  
**Retired:** July 1, 1970  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 8  
**Allegations received after the death of the priest.**  
**Deceased:** August 7, 1983  
**Places Served:**  
June 1922 – St. Patrick Parish, Kokomo, Indiana  
January 1926 – St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish, Michigan City, Indiana; Chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital and Indiana State Prison  
April 12, 1929 – Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville, Indiana; St. Patrick Mission Parish, Ligonier, Indiana  
July 8, 1939 – St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, Indiana  
September 1, 1964 – St. Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Joseph W. Gaughan

Date of Ordination: November 26, 1994
Removed from Public Ministry: December 22, 2019
Number of Credible Allegations: 1

Places Served:
December 13, 1994 – St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, Indiana
August 21, 1995 – Part-time Chaplain, Marian High School, Mishawaka, Indiana
July 1, 2000 – Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 11, 2006 – Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Current Status: On Administrative Leave pending determination of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (Vatican)

William Gieranowski

Date of Ordination: June 11, 1949
Retired: July 1, 1981
Number of Credible Allegations: 4

Places Served:
July 7, 1949 – St. Stanislaus Parish, East Chicago, Indiana
April 20, 1951 – St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Indiana
July 3, 1951 – St. Thomas More Parish, Munster, Indiana
May 20, 1955 – St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, Indiana
January 15, 1960 – St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
June 15, 1960 – St. Jude Parish, South Bend, Indiana
September 1, 1964 – St. Hyacinth Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 1, 1970 – St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
July 6, 1978 – St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, New Carlisle, Indiana

John Gillig

Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Retired: April 26, 1988
Suspension from all Public Ministry: March 25, 2002
Dismissed from Clerical State: February 8, 2008
Number of Credible Allegations: 11
Deceased: July 27, 2011

Places Served:
June 7, 1957 – Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, Indiana
February 15, 1958 – St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
June 15, 1962 – St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
August 30, 1963 – Teacher, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
June 13, 1964 – Director of CYO and CYA, Fort Wayne Deanery
June 15, 1972 – Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
April 18, 1974 – Chaplain, Allen County Jail, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 5, 1977 – St. Mary of the Assumption Parish – Decatur, Indiana
Gabriel Hernandez

Date of Diaconate Ordination: April 27, 2008
Dismissed from Seminary: April 22, 2009
Dismissed from the Clerical State: February 25, 2010
Number of Credible Allegations: 1

Edward Krason

Date of Ordination: February 3, 1958
Resigned as Pastor: July 8, 1998
Ordered to Cease All Ministry: April 16, 1999
Retired: May 1, 1999
Removed Faculties to Perform Ministry and to Present Himself as a Priest: March 21, 2003
Ordered to a Life of Prayer and Penance: November 8, 2005
Number of Credible Allegations: 3
Deceased: March 25, 2013
Places Served:
February 15, 1958 – St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
September 2, 1960 – Teacher, Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
August 14, 1961 – SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Huntington, Indiana;
Director of Guidance, Huntington Catholic High School, Huntington, Indiana
June 1, 1963 – Principal, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 9, 1979 – Continuing Education, University of Notre Dame
July 7, 1980 – Continuing Education of the Clergy with residence at Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 11, 1983 – St. Joseph Parish, Garrett, Indiana
July 22, 1986 – St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
August 1990 – St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, Indiana

Thomas Lombardi

Date of Ordination: May 31, 1975
Removed from Public Ministry During Investigation of Allegation: December 2, 2011
Removed from Public Ministry: August 9, 2015
Number of Credible Allegations: 1
Deceased: December 28, 2017
Places Served:
July 1, 1975 - St. Mary Parish, Huntington, Indiana
September 1, 1977 – Faculty, Huntington Catholic High School, Huntington, Indiana; residency at St. Mary Parish, Huntington, Indiana, available for weekend duties.
September 12, 1977 – Chaplain, Huntington Catholic High School, Huntington, Indiana
August 1, 1983 – St. Mary Parish, Huntington, Indiana;
Principal, Huntington Catholic High School
July 9, 1984 – St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
Robert Mahoney

Date of Ordination: May 27, 1967
Resigned from Ministry as a Priest: June 15, 1993
Dismissed from Clerical State: July 25, 2006
Number of Credible Allegations: 4
Places Served:
  July 1, 1967 – St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
  August 31, 1968 – St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
  July 7, 1980 – Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, Indiana
  February 28, 1984 – St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester, Indiana
  August 1988 – Chaplain, Ancilla Domini Convent, Donaldson, Indiana

Elden Miller

Date of Ordination: May 8, 1954
Retired: July 15, 2003
Removed from Public Ministry: December 18, 2006
Number of Credible Allegations: 4
Deceased: July 26, 2008
Places Served:
  June 11, 1954 – St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
  July 1, 1971 – St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, Indiana;
    St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Nix Settlement, Columbia City, Indiana
  July 1, 1974 – St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
  July 9, 1984 – Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville, Indiana
  February 10, 1988 – Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana

Edward O. Paquette

Date of Ordination: February 2, 1957
Faculties for Ministry Removed from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend: July 14, 1978
Dismissed from Clerical State: January 31, 2009
Number of Credible Allegations: 7
Places Served:
  April 15, 1964 – St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, Indiana
  September 1, 1964 – St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, Indiana
  September 1, 1965 – St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur, Indiana
  August 13, 1969 – Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, Indiana
  June 5, 1971 – St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, Indiana
  June 19, 1972 – Christ the King Parish, Rutland, Vermont
Bruce A. Schutt

Date of Ordination: May 29, 1965
Loss of Clerical State: May 9, 1975
Number of Credible Allegations: 2

Places Served:
June 15, 1965 – St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
April 20, 1968 – St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
June 15, 1968 – St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
June 25, 1971 – Chaplain, Indiana Army National Guard
July 1, 1971 – Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
October 2, 1972 – United States Army Training Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia
April 15, 1974 – December 31, 1974 – Ministry in Diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin

James Seculoff

Date of Ordination: May 26, 1962

Removed from Public Ministry During Investigation of Allegation: January 8, 2014
Removal from Public Ministry: October 13, 2015
Number of Credible Allegations: 5

Places Served:
June 15, 1962 – St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
August 16, 1963 – St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana;
Teacher, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
September 1, 1964 – Teacher, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
June 15, 1965 – SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Huntington, Indiana;
Principal, Huntington Catholic High School, Huntington, Indiana
July 1, 1970 – Superintendent of Catholic Schools;
Principal of Huntington Catholic School, Huntington Indiana;
Chaplain for St. Vincent Villa, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 1, 1974 – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
February 14, 1978 – St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco, Indiana;
Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege, Indiana;
continuing as Superintendent of Catholic Schools
July 6, 1978 – St. Mary Parish, Huntington, Indiana
June 18, 1979 – SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Huntington, Indiana;
continuing at St. Mary Parish, Huntington, Indiana
August 1, 1983 – St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester, Indiana;
Diocesan-appointed ministry to students at Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana,
working from St. Robert Bellarmine parish.
February 28, 1984 – Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, Indiana
May 21, 1987 – Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
July 8, 1992 – St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla, Indiana
June 21, 1994 – St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol, Indiana
August 3, 2004 – St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend, Indiana
July 17, 2007 – St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, Indiana
June 5, 2013 – St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton, Indiana
Richard Stieglitz

**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1973

**Decree of Suspension from all Acts of Ministry:** December 7, 1993

**Dismissal from the Clerical State:** July 7, 2007

**Number of Credible Allegations:** 5

**Places Served:**
- **July 2, 1973** – Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **July 11, 1973** – Chaplain, Anthony Wayne Council of Catholic Boy Scouts
- **February 4, 1974** – Chaplain, Fort Wayne Serra Club
- **July 1, 1976** – Holy Family Parish, South Bend, Indiana
- **February 19, 1977** – Holy Family Parish, South Bend, Indiana; (Weekends)
  Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana (Weekdays)
- **September 1, 1977** – St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **July 6, 1978** – Chaplain, Catholic Committee on Scouting, Fort Wayne area;
  continuing at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **July 9, 1979** – Faculty, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **August 1, 1983** – Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, Indiana
- **August 1, 1988** – Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Richard Thompson

**Date of Ordination:** June 17, 1978

**Resigned from Active Ministry as a Priest:** October 24, 1989

**Loss of Clerical State:** July 25, 2006

**Deceased:** 2015

**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1

**Places Served:**
- **July 6, 1978** – St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, Indiana
- **February 15, 1982** – Covenant House, New York (Home for Runaway Children)
- **April 14, 1983** – St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
- **July 11, 1983** – St. Mary of the Presentation Parish, Geneva, Indiana

PRIESTS AND DEACONS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES

Gerald Funcheon, osc

**Date of Ordination:** May 22, 1965

**Removal from Ecclesiastical Ministry:** April 1, 1993

**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1 (from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend)

**Places Served:**
- **1965** – Crozier Assignments outside the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- **1966-1969** – Teacher and Athletic Director, Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Syracuse, Indiana
- **1969-1973** – Crozier Assignments outside the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- **1973-1975** – Teacher/Prefect of Discipline, Wawasee Preparatory, Syracuse, Indiana
- **1975-1987** – Crozier Assignments outside the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Paul LeBrun, CSC

**Date of Ordination:** April 9, 1983  
**Faculties for Ministry Removed from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend:** April 2000  
**Dismissed from Clerical State:** August 26, 2008  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1 (from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend)  
**Places Served:**  
- St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend, Indiana  
- Blessed Sacrament Parish, Tolleson, Arizona  
- St. John Vianney Parish, Goodyear, Arizona  
**Current Status:** Incarcerated

Ralph Luczak, CSC

**Date of Ordination:** 1958  
**Removed from Ministry:** 1969  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1 – Allegation received in Michigan in 1969  
**Deceased:** 1970  
**Places Served:**  
- Notre Dame High School – Niles, Illinois  
- Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Indiana

Michael Paquet, OSC

**Date of Ordination:** May 28, 1978  
**Removal from Ecclesiastical Ministry:** November 18, 2002  
**Dismissed from Clerical State:** September 16, 2005  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1 (from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend)  
**Places Served:**  
- 1978-1979 – Crosier Assignments  
- 1979-1985 – Ministry Center Retreat Director, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
- 1983-1985 – Spirit Alive TEC Youth Minister, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
- 1985-2002 – Crosier Assignments

Cornelius Ryan, CSC (*credible allegation of abuse which took place outside the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend*)

**Date of Ordination:** June 9, 1966  
**Faculties for Ministry Removed from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend:** June 10, 2013  
**Number of Credible Allegations:** 1  
**Places Served:**  
- Uganda & Kenya until 2002  
- September 19, 2002 to July 1, 2007 - Associate Pastor at St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend  
- July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011 - Pastor at St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend  
James Trepanier, CSC

Date of Ordination: June 8, 1955
Faculties for Ministry Removed from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend: October 18, 2002
Number of Credible Allegations: 1 (from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend)

Places Served:
University of Portland, Portland, Oregon
Holy Cross Mission House (Fatima)
July 1, 1981 – June 30, 1987 - Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, Indiana
July 1, 1987 – June 4, 1991 - St. Pius X Parish, Granger, Indiana
1994 – St. Mary’s Convent, Notre Dame, Indiana