

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](mailto: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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## **William Gieranowski**

**Date of Ordination:** June 11, 1949

**Retired:** July 1, 1981

**Number of Credible Allegations:** 4

Allegations received after the death of the priest.

**Deceased:** April 24, 2000

**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

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## **John Gillig**

**Date of Ordination:** May 25, 1957

**Retired:** April 26, 1988

**Suspended 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

**September 17, 1985** – Holy Family Parish, South Bend, Indiana

**November 15, 1986** – St. Peter Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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## **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

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## 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

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## 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

**June 1985** – American College Louvain, Belgium

**July 1, 1986** – St. Louis, Besancon Parish, New Haven, Indiana

**July 28, 1997** – St. Joseph Parish, Garrett, Indiana

**July 6, 2006** – St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**November 11, 2009** – Chaplain, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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**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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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** – Crosier 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** – Crosier Assignments outside the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

**1973-1975** – Teacher/Prefect of Discipline, Wawasee Preparatory, Syracuse, Indiana

**1975-1987** – Crosier Assignments outside the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

**December 13, 2011 – June 10, 2013** - St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel Parish, Fort Wayne

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## **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