

Independent Report on Priest Sex Abuse Cases for the Diocese of Burlington, VT. (1950 to 2019)

Child sexual abuse is a crime and a sin in the Catholic Church.

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, who took over the Diocese of Burlington in January 2015, decided in October 2018 to join many other Dioceses across the nation to release the names of priests that had credible allegations of sexual abuse filed against them by victims who were under the age of 18 at the time of the incident.

Bishop Coyne announced he would appoint an independent citizen panel to comb through the diocesan personnel files to compile a list of priests with credible allegations against them. It should be noted this Committee is separate and apart from a State Task Force created in September 2018 by prosecutors, police and politicians.

Each individual responded affirmatively when asked to serve on this Review Committee. We are parents, spouses and siblings - some working, some retired. From the start, we each appreciated the gravity of the task before us. All team members brought their own gifts and perspectives, and each became an invaluable resource for the integrated group. We brought together our shared intellect, insight and empathy.

The importance of the organizational and note-taking skills of many in the group were critical to the process. The volume of the files we were presented with was itself a challenge. Files were made available to the team in digital and paper form. Honest discussions always were motivated by fairness - fairness to victims and their families and fairness to those accused. In reading these accounts of what happened to young people during critically formative years, we have been witness to how lives were changed in the moment.

What is particularly painful is knowing how lives were changed irreparably by what happened to the victims when they were young. For some there might have been the opportunity for healing, but for many there may have been a series of life choices intended to cover scars that only resulted in more pain and disappointment. Lives have been lost because of the abuse that occurred.

Victims have become our neighbors and yours. Some are business owners, teachers, politicians and inmates.

Many abusers and their victims are deceased, so some might ask “Why engage in this process?”

Publication of a list may cause harm to the legacy of accused perpetrators, but the list also may offer some long-missed consolation to victims and their families and friends. It is just one small step that might offer healing.

Many victims have never said anything publicly but have lived their lives quietly nagged by deep pain. They worked mightily to ensure their trauma did not define them. Some may have been more successful than others. Publication of names of the accused says to those quiet victims you are no longer alone -- we recognize your pain.

We are aware that across the nation the publishing of lists by dioceses or religious groups has been imperfect in some instances.

The Review Committee asked itself and the Diocese of Burlington frequently: “How do we know we

have all the pertinent records?” If it proves to be imperfect here, it will not be because of our efforts. We have made our best agreed upon judgments based on the materials presented to us.

Unfortunately, the Vermont Roman Catholic Diocese, like many dioceses across the nation, and other religions and clubs, allowed the abuse of children by priests to go on unreported for several decades. In some instances, priests were transferred to other parishes, while others were sent for treatment before returning to duty or removed from duty.

Each diocese used its own standard for their reviews. We considered several and agreed to adopt the standard used by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, NY to guide our decisions on finding a priest credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors. We believed it was the most fair to both victims and the accused.

We agreed “credible” is defined as: An allegation, based on facts of the case, that meets one or more of the following thresholds:

- a Natural, plausible and probable;
- b Corroborated with other evidence or another source, or
- c Acknowledged/admitted to by the accused

We determined there must be at least – a “fair probability” – based on the information we were given access to, that a particular priest had either sexually abused a child under the age 18 or created a “substantial risk” that the child would be sexually abused.

For the purposes of the Vermont report, a “credible allegation” is not the equivalent to a finding of “probable cause” by a judge or grand jury in a criminal case.

The Independent Review Committee agreed to consider complaints from the year 1950 to the current day -- as similarly adopted by other dioceses across the country. We were told there have been approximately 419 priests who have been assigned in the Diocese of Burlington during the years of 1950 to the present.

We began with 52 personnel files that the Diocese of Burlington said it had identified as having some kind of claim made against a specific priest. As we proceeded, more files were identified.

The file sizes ranged considerably as they included everything from academic records, to requests for vacations, parish assignments, correspondence between the priest and the Bishop of the time, as well as any documentation associated with an allegation. Some were 1,000 pages or more. Many of the allegations received went beyond the diocesan personnel records. It quickly became clear that our original target date to release the report of December 31, 2018 was unreasonable.

While the Review Committee has no law enforcement powers (compel statements, call a grand jury, issue subpoenas etc.) we did try to cross check the information we were reviewing. The Review Committee agreed it would not do interviews with victims or with witnesses. Those were seen as outside our scope.

We also reviewed files and complaints concerning priests that were assigned at the former St. Joseph Orphanage in Burlington, which has been the subject of media reports for child abuse by priests, nuns and lay people.

The Review Committee found the records maintained for priests belonging to the Diocese of Burlington were more complete, while only partial records were available for other religious orders or communities (including Edmundites, Maryknoll, Paraclete etc.) that served in Vermont parishes from time to time.

For our purposes, we developed two categories for those that will be listed. They are:

- A Priests that were assigned in Vermont and abused children here. This would include both those considered Diocesan priests and those from other Religious Orders (i.e. Edmundites, Maryknoll, Paraclete) that accepted assignment in the Diocese of Burlington.
- B Priests who have been found credibly accused in another jurisdiction and have direct or indirect connections to Vermont.

The review committee made a decision that its final public list would identify all priests we found that were credibly accused based on information or evidence we received. We agreed to include the following:

- Name
- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of ordination
- Dates of service
- Assignments
- Status as known to us (i.e. living, dead, removed from ministry etc.)

The final list reflects a finding by the committee of at least one credible allegation against each priest listed.

The committee made the decision not to identify:

- How many credible cases were filed against an individual priest;
- The location, date or any other information that might help pinpoint a minor victim.

We are aware there are other priests who are listed on the [Bishop Accountability site \(http://www.bishop-accountability.org/\)](http://www.bishop-accountability.org/), who may have a connection to Vermont or have served in Vermont. Those out-of-state files we have not seen.

MOVING FORWARD

It was apparent the Vermont Diocesan record keeping system was inadequate and incomplete. It is recommended the diocese adopt a more formal tracking system which would result in a database of reported allegations of abuse against children. It would centralize relevant information such as names of victims, the date of the complaint, the accused, date and place of allegations, outcomes of investigations and other relevant information. Going forward it would be one way to know if the complaint had been filed earlier, investigated and/or resolved.

Today we are providing the names of 40 priests whom we believe have been credibly accused. Some faced criminal charges, others were sued in civil court. Some resolved abuse cases before any lawsuit. In other cases, the time to file criminal charges or civil lawsuits had expired. We were not bound by the Statute of Limitations in making our assessments.

The Review Committee also knows some victims did not come forward for whatever reason, including lack of faith in the Catholic Church or in the Vermont Criminal Justice System. It is our hope those victims may find strength now to speak.

Additional files are and will need to be reviewed as more allegations surface. Formalizing the reporting process and including independent citizen panels are steps toward ensuring these crimes are no longer

hidden. We all need to protect our children.

We would urge victims to reach out to family members, a trusted friend, a teacher or guidance counselor, coach or to one of the following resources:

Vermont State Police (Statewide reports) | Toll-free (888) 984-8626
<https://vsp.vermont.gov/>

Vermont Department for Children and Families | Toll-free (800) 649-5285
<https://dcf.vermont.gov/prevention/stepup/resources>

Vermont Attorney General's Office | (802) 828-3171
<https://ago.vermont.gov/>

Diocese of Burlington, Office of Safe Environment Programs | (802) 658-6110 x 1219

Diocese of Burlington, Victim Assistance Coordinator | (802) 855-3016
<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/>

The following list, based on diocese records, is believed to have all known primary assignments of credibly accused priests. The independent review committee is unable to include any and all temporary assignments, appointments, or committee work for each.

Credibly Accused

Category A: Priests that were assigned in Vermont and abused children here. This would include both those considered Diocesan priests and those from other Religious Orders (i.e. Edmundites, Maryknoll, Paraclete) that accepted assignment in the Vermont Diocese.

1. Robert J. Baffa

- Born: March 24, 1937 (Philadelphia)
- Ordained: March 24, 1966 (North Bennington)
- Served in Vermont: 1966-2002 (approximately 36 years)
- Assignments: North Bennington, St. John the Baptist, (Assistant), 1966; Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1966-70; Burlington, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1970-71; Shelburne "Special work with ex-offenders and alienated youth" (Crossroads Halfway House, The 1690 Group Home, Allenbrook Home for Boys), 1970-82; And Burlington, Cathedral, 1979-82; Burlington, The Catholic Center at UVM, (Chaplain), 1982-1990; Colchester, Holy Cross, (Pastor), 1990-93; North Bennington, St. John the Baptist, (Pastor), 1993-02;
- Faculties withdrawn: June 19, 2002 by Bishop Kenneth Angell
- Retired: June 19, 2002
- Died: March 23, 2013 (Norristown, Penn.)

2. Donald A. Bean

- Born: December 1, 1934 (Burlington)
- Ordained: March 30, 1963 (Burlington)
- Served: In Archdiocese of Santa Fe following his ordination (incardinated in Santa Fe until 1975);
- Served in Vermont: 1970-1994 (approximately 24 years)
- Assignments: Fair Haven, Our Lady of Seven Dolours, (Administrator), 1970-71; Rutland, Mount St. Joseph Academy (Faculty), 1971-75, (incardinated in the Diocese of Burlington, 1975); East Dorset, St. Jerome, (Administrator), 1975; West Rutland, St. Bridget, (Administrator), 1975-79; Pittsford, St. Alphonsus, (Administrator), 1979; Fair Haven, Our Lady of Seven Dolours, (Administrator), 1980; Hinesburg, St. Jude, (Pastor), 1980-86; Essex Junction, St. Lawrence, (Pastor), 1986-94;
- Retired: Dec. 1, 1994 (ill health), residence at Michaud Manor, Derby Line with restricted faculties
- Died: Nov. 29, 2005 (Hanover, N.H.)
 - Also credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor in the Santa Fe Archdiocese.

3. James E. Beauregard

- Born: May 5, 1941(Burlington)
- Ordained: May 23, 1970 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1970-1999 (approximately 29 years)
- Assignments: Rutland, Immaculate Heart of Mary, (Assistant), 1970-72; Barre, St. Monica, (Assistant), 1972-73; St. Johnsbury, St. John the Evangelist, (Assistant), 1973-74; Winooski, St. Stephen, (Assistant),1974-75; Rutland, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1975-76; Rutland, Mount St. Joseph Academy (Faculty), 1976-81; Middletown Springs, St. Anne, (while continuing on MSJ Faculty) 1979-81; South Burlington, Rice Memorial High School, (Faculty), with residence in Hinesburg, St. Jude, 1981-82; Middletown Springs, St. Anne, (Pastor), 1982-85; Marshfield, North American Martyrs, (Pastor), 1985-88; Lyndonville, St. Elizabeth, (Pastor), 1988-94; Readsboro, St. Joachim, (Pastor), 1994-99; Graniteville, St. Sylvester, (Pastor), 1999; Medical leave 1999; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant), 2000-2002;
- Retired: Jan. 11, 2002 (Health reasons) with residence at Birchwood Manor, Burlington;
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Sept. 11, 2013 by Bishop Salvatore Matano
- Died: July 28, 2015 (Burlington)

4. Conrad A. Bessette

- Born: December 29, 1942 (Burlington)
- Ordained: March 24, 1973 (Winooski)
- Served in Vermont: 1973-1990 (approximately 17 years)
- Assignments: Barre, St. Monica, 1973; Springfield, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1973-74; St. Albans, St. Mary, (Assistant),1974-75; Rutland, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1976-83; Burlington, St. Joseph, (Assistant),1984-87; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant), 1987-89; Graniteville, St. Sylvester, (Pastor),1989; Milton, St. Anne, (Assistant), 1989-90;

- Relieved of duties in diocese: June 14, 1990 by Bishop John A. Marshall;
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: December 14, 2004 by Bishop Kenneth Angell;
- Laicized: June 10, 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI
- Living

5. Paul M. Bresnahan

- Born: July 11, 1928 (Proctor)
- Ordained: June 5, 1954 (Burlington)
- Served: 1954-2002 (approximately 48 years)
- Assignments: Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1954-56 and Cathedral High School (Assistant Principal), 1955-56; Bennington, Sacred Heart, (Assistant), and Bennington Catholic High School, (Assistant Principal), 1956-57; Enosburg Falls, St. John the Baptist, (Temporary Administrator), 1957; Washington, D.C., Catholic University, Social Services, 1957-59; Burlington/Rutland, Vermont Catholic Charities, (Assistant Director), 1959-66 and Colchester, Camp Tara (Director), 1959-62; Burlington, Vermont Catholic Charities, (Director), 1966-1983 and St. Joseph Child Center, (Chaplain), 1966-77; Malletts Bay, Holy Cross, (Assistant), 1977-1983; Middlebury, St. Mary, (Assistant & Pastor), 1983-96; Proctor, St. Dominic (Pastor), 1996-2002;
- Retired: May 15, 2002
- Died: July 23, 2003 (Rutland)

6. Donald A. Bruneau

- Born: January 2, 1929 (Winooski)
- Ordained: June 5, 1954 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1954-94 (Approximately 40 years)
- Assignments: Essex Junction, Holy Family, (Assistant), 1954-59; St. Albans, Holy Angels, (Assistant), 1959-61; Burlington, St. Anthony, (Assistant), 1961-65; Gilman, St. Theresa, (Pastor), 1965-68; Island Pond, St. James, (Pastor), 1968-75; Underhill Center, St. Thomas, (Pastor), 1975-81; Burlington, St. Anthony, (Pastor), 1981-94;
- Died: June 2, 1994 (Burlington)

7. James J. Campbell

- Born: July 26, 1913 (Boston, Mass.)
- Ordained: May 28, 1942 by Paraclete Fathers (Washington, D.C.)
- Served in Vermont: 1962-65 (approximately 3 years)
- Assignments: Came to Burlington Diocese from St. Cloud (Minn.) Diocese in July 1962; Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1962-64; Montpelier, St. Augustine, (Assistant), 1964-65; Suspended and ordered to return to Paraclete Fathers in Minnesota;
- Left diocese March 25, 1965;
- Left priesthood; married in 1968;
- Presumed dead

8. Leo J. Courcy Jr.

- Born: July 10, 1935 (Syracuse, N.Y.)
- Ordained: May 19, 1962 (Syracuse, N.Y.)
- Served in Vermont: 1962-February 1965; February 1966-December, 1966; 1971 (January-May) – (approximately 3½ years)
- Assignments: Burlington, St. Anthony, 1962-February 1965; “Leave of absence for health reasons” until February 1966; Burlington, Don Bosco Home, February 1966 - September 1966; Winooski, St. Francis Xavier, September 1 - September 10, 1966; Burlington, St. Mark, September 11- December 1966; Sent by Burlington Diocese to Servants of the Paraclete in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., January 1967 to June 1970; Amarillo, Texas, June 1970 to December 1970; South Burlington, St. John Vianney, (Assistant), January 1971- March 1971; Cambridge/Johnson, St. Mary, (Assistant), March 1971-May 1971; Ottawa Archdiocese May 1971 to (unknown date). No other known assignments within Vermont.
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Feb. 19, 1993 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell while Courcy was assigned to St. Augustine Parish, New York City;
- Laicized: June 20, 2009 By Bishop Salvatore Matano and Pope Benedict XVI
- Living
 - Also credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor in the Santa Fe Archdiocese

9. Robert E. Devoy

- Born: August 10, 1876 (St. Leonard, Que.)
- Ordained: November 29, 1903 (Sherbrooke, Que.)
- Served in Vermont: 1903-1955 (approximately 52 years)
- Assignments: St. Albans, Holy Angels, St. Albans Bay, (Assistant), 1903-04; St. Albans Bay, Our Lady of the Lake, (Pastor), 1904-12; Sheldon Springs, St. Anthony, (Pastor), 1912-14; Waterbury, St. Andrews, (Pastor), 1914-1935; Burlington, St. Joseph Orphanage, 1935-1955;
- Died: March 4, 1955 (Burlington)
 - Allegation of abuse first received in 1996, approximately 41 years after his death.

10. Joseph H. Dussault

- Born: March 22, 1908 (Cloquet, Minn.)
- Ordained: May 26, 1934 (Montreal)
- Served in Vermont: 1934-1978 (approximately 44 years)
- Assignments: Burlington, St. Joseph Church, (Curate), 1934-1941; Underhill, St. Thomas, (Pastor), 1941-1944; Graniteville, St. Sylvester, (Pastor), 1944-1960; Derby Line, St. Edward, (Pastor), 1960-1967; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Pastor), 1967-1978;
- Retired: June 22, 1978
- Died: Dec. 11, 1987 (St. Johnsbury)

11. John F. Eastman

- Born: December 20, 1914 (Montreal)
- Ordained: June 15, 1946 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1946-53 (approximately 7 years)
- Assignments: Winooski, St. Stephen, (Assistant), 1946-50; Brattleboro, St. Michael, (Assistant), 1950-51; St. Albans, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1951; White River Junction, St. Anthony, (Assistant), 1951; Bennington, St. Francis de Sales, (Assistant), 1952-53;
- Suspended August 1953; Sent to Archdiocese of Santa Fe – Jemez Springs, N.M., 1953-55;
- Relocated to Diocese of Monterrey-Fresno, Ca., 1955-67 (approximate dates); Tried for re-instatement in Vermont, denied, 1989;
- Presumed dead

12. James F. Foley

- Born: June 12, 1919 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
- Ordained: June 11, 1949 (Burlington)
- Served: 1949-79 (approximately 30 years)
- Assignments: White River Junction, (Assistant), St. Anthony, 1949; Montpelier, St. Augustine, (Assistant), 1949-53; Poultney, St. Raphael, (Assistant), 1953-54; Burlington, St. Mark, (Assistant), 1954-60; Fairfield, St. Patrick, (Pastor), 1960-66; Montgomery Center, St. Isadore, (Pastor), 1966-70; Rochester, New York, “on loan” to St. Bernard’s Seminary of Theology, 1970-74; White River Junction, St. Anthony, 1974-75; Northfield, St. John the Evangelist, (Temp. Assistant), 1975, Washington, St. Cecilia, (Temp. Assistant), 1975; Orwell, St. Paul, (Pastor), 1975-77; Montpelier, St. Augustine, (Assistant) 1977-79; Burlington, St. Joseph Home for the Aged, 1979-84;
- Retired: Dec. 1, 1984
- Died: Nov. 27, 2002 (Burlington)

13. Edward C. Foster

- Born: February 12, 1925 (Rutland)
- Ordained: April 11, 1951 (Burlington)
- Served: In Vermont: 1951-67 and 1990-91 (approximately 17 years);
- Assignments: Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1951-55; Burlington, St. Joseph Orphanage, 1955-58; Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1958-63; West Pawlet/Middletown Springs, St. Francis Cabrini/St. Anne, (Pastor), 1963-67; New York City, Assistant National Secretary Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1967-86; Deputy Director of External Affairs for Catholic Relief Services, 1986-90; Burlington, Director of Development for the Diocese, April 1990-July 1991; Washington, D.C. Executive Director for The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), 1991-93; Holy Childhood Association, (Assistant Director), 1993-94;
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: May 11, 1994 by Bishop Kenneth Angell
- Retired: June 22, 1994
- Died: April 14, 2000 (Kensington, MD)

14. William P. Gallagher

- Born: June 9, 1939 (Rutland)
- Ordained: May 21, 1965 (Rutland)
- Served in Vermont: 1965-2002 (approximately 37 years)
- Assignments: Barre, St. Monica, (Assistant), 1965-66; Rutland, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1966-70; St. Johnsbury, St. John the Evangelist, (Assistant), 1970-72, Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1972-75; Island Pond, St. James, (Pastor), 1975-1981; Woodstock, Our Lady of the Snows, (Pastor), 1981-2002; (and) Killington, Our Lady of the Mountains, 2001-2002;
- Administrative leave: May 22, 2002 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell; Withdrawn May 28, 2002 when resignation requested;
- Resigned: As Pastor on May 31, 2002
- Retired: June 19, 2002
- Died: October 13, 2003 (Lebanon, N.H.)

15. Edward J. Gelineau

- Born: April 11, 1915 (Burlington)
- Ordained: May 30, 1942 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1942-1990 (approximately 48 years)
- Assignments: Rutland, Immaculate Heart of Mary, (Assistant), 1942-45; Fair Haven, Our Lady of Seven Dolors, (Assistant), 1945; Winooski, St. Francis Xavier, (Assistant), 1945-50; St. Albans, Our Lady of the Lake, (Assistant & Pastor), 1950-57; Burlington, Vermont Catholic Charities, (Director), 1957-66; Burlington, Christ the King, (Pastor), 1966-76; Charlotte, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, (Pastor), 1976-90;
- Retired: June 20, 1990
- Died: June 18, 2010 (Burlington)

16. John A. Guischard

- Born: February 28, 1916 (Philadelphia)
- Ordained: March 30, 1968 (Rome)
- Served in Vermont: 1968 -1991 (approximately 23 years)
- Assignments: Fair Haven, St. Mary, (Part-time Assistant) and Green Mountain and Castleton Teachers Colleges (Chaplain) 1968-70; (and) Director of Seminarians, 1969-70; Burlington, con't as Director of Seminarians/Vocations, and also Director of Propagation of Faith & Holy Child Organization, 1970-74 and Champlain College, (Chaplain & Faculty), 1970-73; Vergennes, St. Peter, (Temp. Administrator), 1973; Underhill, St. Thomas, (Pastor), 1973-75; Castleton, St. John the Baptist, (Pastor), 1975-85; Wilmington, Our Lady of Fatima, (Pastor), 1985-91;
- Retired: June 19, 1991 (con't in campus ministry at St. Joseph College, Rutland)
- Died: May 15, 2007 (Rutland)

17. John B. “Jack” Kenney
- Born: December 10, 1927 (Burlington)
 - Ordained: May 30, 1957 (Burlington)
 - Served in Vermont: 1957-1966 and 1994-1997 (approximately 12 years)
 - Assignments: Bellows Falls, St. Charles, (Assistant), 1957-62; Burlington, St. Joseph, (Assistant), 1962-65; Island Pond, St. James, (Assistant), 1965-66; Released for U.S. Air Force service, (Chaplain), 1966-92; U.S. Army (Chaplain), 1992-94; Hinesburg, St. Jude, (Assistant), 1994; Essex Junction, St. Lawrence, (Pastor), 1994-96; Stowe, Blessed Sacrament, (Pastor), 1996-97; Vergennes, St. Peter, (Temporary Administrator), 2002.
 - Retired: July 1, 1997
 - Living
18. Dennis J. LaRoche
- Born: March 10, 1946 (East Highgate)
 - Ordained: May 18, 1974 as Maryknoll priest (Ossining, N.Y.)
 - Served: As missionary in Philippines and East Africa (dates unknown)
 - Served: In Texas at Our Lady of Fatima, Galena Park and at St. Cyril of Alexandria, Houston (complete service dates unknown). Left Texas in 1987
 - Served in Vermont: 1987-1992 (approximately five years)
 - Assignments: Burlington, St. Joseph, (Assistant), November 1987-June 1989; South Burlington, St. John Vianney, (Assistant), June 1989 - August 1992 (Assignment “terminated” and returned to Maryknolls)
 - Left ministry by February 1, 1993
 - Living
 - Also credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor in Houston Diocese
19. Michael K. Madden
- Born: August 31, 1942 (Waterbury, Conn.)
 - Ordained: May 23, 1970 (Hartford, Conn.)
 - Served in Vermont: 1970-1988 (approximately 18 years)
 - Assignments: Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1970-74; St. Johnsbury, St. John the Evangelist, (Assistant), 1974-76; Bronx, N.Y., Fordham University, (Studies), summer 1976; Colchester, Our Lady of Grace, (Temp. Administrator), September-November 1976; Stowe, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, (Assistant) November 1976-77; Waitsfield, Our Lady of Snows, (Pastor), 1977-85; Barton, St. Paul, (Pastor), 1985-88
 - Public Priestly faculties revoked: Issued April 18, 1988 by Bishop John A. Marshall;
 - Resignation: As Pastor July 12, 1988;
 - Died: Sept 10, 2000 (Warren) Reportedly died while vacationing in Austria

20. Charles G. Many

- Born: March 12, 1947 (Colchester)
- Ordained: Jan. 26, 1974 as member of the Society of Saint Edmund (Colchester)
- Assignments: Quebec, Canada, St. Mary, Greenfield Park, 1974-78; Groton, Conn., and Noank, Conn. 1978-81, Essex Junction St. Lawrence, 1981-86; Burlington, Edmundite Generalate, 1986-94;
- Removed from ministry by Edmundites in 1986
- Left the priesthood: July 22, 1994
- Laicized: July 25, 1995 by Pope John Paul II
- Living
 - Also credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor in Connecticut

21. James J. McShane Jr.

- Born: November 11, 1940 (Worcester, Mass.)
- Ordained: May 28, 1966 (Cambridge, Mass.)
- Served in Vermont: 1966 - 2002 (approximately 36 years), including as the Chaplain for both the Boy Scouts 1967-93 and Vermont Army National Guard 1969-95;
- Assignments: St. Albans, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1966-71; Vergennes, St. Peter, (Assistant), 1971-73; South Burlington, St. John Vianney, (Assistant), 1973-76; Burlington, Diocesan Youth Director and Chaplain at Camp Holy Cross, 1976-82 (with residences at St. Jude in Hinesburg starting 1976, at St. Michael's College starting 1977 and Sisters of Mercy Convent starting in 1979); Fairfield, St. Patrick, (Pastor), 1982-87; Pittsford, St. Alphonsus, (Pastor), 1987-92; Bellows Falls, St. Charles, (Pastor), 1992-98; Rutland, Immaculate Heart of Mary, (Pastor), 1998-2002;
- Public Priestly faculties revoked and Administrative leave: May 24, 2002 by Bishop Kenneth Angell
- Resignation: As Pastor Jan. 20, 2003
- Living

22. Brian E. Mead

- Born: June 15, 1942 (Port Chester, N.Y.)
- Ordained: May 17, 1969 (Port Chester, N.Y.)
- Served in Vermont: 1969-2002 (approximately 31 years)
- Assignments: Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), June - September 1969; Barre, St. Monica, 1969-71; Rutland, St. Peter, (Assistant), 1971-73; Underhill, St. Thomas, (Assistant), and Vocations Office (Part-time Assistant Director), 1973-74; Brandon, St. Mary, (Temp. Administrator), 1974; Springfield, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1974-76; Rutland, Vermont Catholic Charities, (Associate Director), 1976-88; Colchester, Our Lady of Grace, (Pastor), 1986-98; Bellows Falls, St. Charles, (Pastor), 1998-02;
- Administrative leave: May 24, 2002 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Resignation: As Pastor Jan. 17, 2003
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Dec. 6, 2004 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Living

23. Walter D. Miller

- Born: October 11, 1934 (Boston)
- Ordained: February 2, 1961 (Salem, Mass.)
- Served in Vermont: 1961-1966; 1974-2004 (approximately 35 years)
- Assignments: Burlington, St. Joseph, (Assistant), 1961-62; Bellows Falls, St. Charles, (Assistant), 1962-66; Burlington, St. Mark, 1966; Roslindale, Mass., Sacred Heart, (Sick Leave), 1966-68; Puerto Rico, Secretary/Master of Ceremonies to the Archbishop of Puerto Rico, 1968-71; Rome, Studies in Church Law, January 1972 to July 1974; Burlington, Tribunal Office, with residence at Shelburne, St. Catherine, 1974-76; Burlington, St. Anthony, 1977-78; Burlington, Diocesan Tribunal and Master of Ceremony, St. Joseph Home for the Aged, 1978-79; Continuing both jobs, but moved to St. Joseph Church rectory, 1979-1984; Burlington, Cathedral, 1984-86; Hinesburg, St. Jude, (Pastor), 1986-97; Continues as Judicial Vicar, Secretary to Bishop, Vice Chancellor, Master of Ceremonies; Burlington, Diocesan Consulter, Chancellor, Diocese of Burlington, 1998-2000; Burlington, Judicial Vicar, 2000; Burlington, Chancellor, 2001-04;
- Resigned several posts including Chancellor, Secretary to Bishop, Judicial Vicar, Dec. 17, 2004
- Retired: Dec. 17, 2004
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Jan. 7, 2005 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Died: Jan. 2, 2014 (Wakefield, Mass.)

24. Joseph Maxime Mooney

- Born: July 21, 1886 (Bloomfield)
- Ordained: December 31, 1916 (Quebec)
- Served in Vermont: 1917-1956 (approximately 39 years)
- Assignments: St. Johnsbury, Notre Dame, (Assistant), 1917-22; Burlington, St. Joseph Church, (Assistant), 1922-26; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant), 1926-28; Lowell, St. Ignatius, (Administrator), 1928-39; North Troy, St. Vincent de Paul, (Pastor), 1939-47; Essex Jct., Holy Family, (Pastor), 1947-56;
- Retired (ill health): March 9, 1956
- Died: Dec. 31, 1965 (Quebec City)

25. George O. Murtagh

- Born: July 8, 1926 (Montpelier)
- Ordained: June 3, 1950 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1950-1958; 1963-87 (approximately 33 years)
- Assignments: Windsor, St. Francis of Assisi, (Assistant), 1950; Middlebury, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1950-51; Burlington, Don Bosco Home, 1951-52; St. Johnsbury, St. Aloysius, (Assistant), 1952-53; Barton, St. Paul, (Assistant), 1953-55; Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1955-58; U. S. Air Force, 1958-63; Shelburne, St. Catherine, (Temp. Administrator), May-August 1963; Marshfield & Danville, North American Martyrs/Queen of Peace, (Pastor), 1963-69; Pittsford, St. Alphonsus, (Pastor), 1969-72;

Shelburne, St. Catherine, (Pastor),1972-76; St. Albans, St. Mary, (Pastor), 1976-1981;
Bristol, St. Ambrose, 1981-87;

- Resigned: As Pastor on Oct. 4, 1987 and transferred to Hartford, Conn., Institute of Living and Cathedral of St. Joseph, 1987-91;
- Retired: Nov. 1, 1991
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Dec. 17, 1992 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell;
- Died: Dec. 7, 2011 (Ocala, Fla.)

26. Stephen J. Nichols

- Born: January 30, 1960 (Burlington)
- Ordained: February 1, 1986 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1986-2007 (approximately 21 years)
- Assignments: Rutland, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1986-89; St. Johnsbury, St. John the Evangelist, (Assistant), 1989-91; St. Albans, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1991- 93; Troy, Sacred Heart, (Administrator), 1993-96; Troy, Sacred Heart, and Lowell, St. Ignatius, (Pastor), 1996-2000; Lyndonville, St. Elizabeth and Danville, Our Lady Queen of Peace, (Pastor), also Chaplain at Lyndon State College, 2000-2007; Also Island Pond, St. James the Greater Parish and Norton, St. Bernard mission, (Administrator), 2003-07
- Leave of absence: April 3, 2006 by Bishop Salvatore Matano;
Resigned as Pastor: June 7, 2007; remained on leave;
- Laicized: Jan. 23, 2015 by Pope Francis
- Living

27. Edward O. Paquette

- Born: December 2, 1928
- Ordained: Feb. 2, 1957 (Fall River, Mass.)
- Served in Vermont: 1972-78 (approximately 6 years)
- Assignments: Rutland, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1972-74; Montpelier, St. Augustine, (Assistant), 1975-76; Burlington, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1976-78;
- Laicized: Jan. 31, 2009 by Bishop John Michael D'Arcy (Fort Wayne-South Bend) and Pope Benedict XVI
- Living
 - Credibly accused of abuse of a minor in Fall River (Mass.) Diocese
 - Credibly accused of abuse of a minor in Fort Wayne-South Bend (Indiana) Diocese

28. George A. Paulin

- Born: July 22, 1943 (Montague City, Mass.)
- Ordained: March 21, 1970 (Bellows Falls)
- Served in Vermont: 1970-2003 (approximately 33 years)
- Assignments: Burlington, St. Joseph Church, (Assistant), 1970-73; and Trinity College (Faculty), 1972-73; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant), 1973-76; Canaan, Church of the Assumption, (Pastor),1976-83; North Troy, St. Vincent DePaul, (Pastor),

1983-2001; Ludlow, Church of the Annunciation, and Proctorsville, Holy Name of Mary, (Pastor), both 2001-2002

- Administrative leave/suspended: May 24, 2002 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: May 24, 2002 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Resigned: As Pastor Jan. 1, 2003
- Living

29. Raymond C. Provost

- Born: July 13, 1908 (Winooski)
- Ordained: June 6, 1936 (Montreal)
- Served in Vermont: 1936-1975 (approximately 39 years)
- Assignments: Alburgh, St. Amadeus, (Assistant), 1936; Graniteville, St. Sylvester, (Assistant), 1936-37; Springfield, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1937; Rutland, St. Peter, (Assistant), 1937; Barton, St. Paul, (Assistant), 1938-40; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant), 1940-42; Sheldon Springs, St. Anthony, (Pastor), 1942-68; Bristol, St. Ambrose, (Pastor), 1968-75;
- Retired (Health reasons): Nov. 28, 1975; but continued to help in both Winooski parishes until about 1995;
- Died: Aug. 13, 1998 (Burlington)
 - Allegation of abuse first received in 2005, approximately 7 years after his death.

30. Daniel F. Roberts

- Born: July 19, 1909 (Jersey City, N.J.)
- Ordained: December 22, 1945 (Hartford, Conn.)
- Served in Vermont: 1946-1980
- Assignments: White River Junction, St. Anthony, (Assistant), 1946-49; Burlington, Mount St. Mary Academy (Chaplain), 1949; St. Albans, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1949-51; Brattleboro, St. Michael, (Assistant), 1951-56; Forestdale, St. Monica, (Administrator) and Brandon State School (Chaplain), 1956; Bridport, St. Bernadette and Shoreham, St. Genevieve, (Administrator), 1956-60; Underhill Center, St. Thomas, (Pastor), 1960-65; Milton, St. Ann, (Pastor), 1965-69; Windsor, St. Francis of Assisi, (Pastor), 1969-75; Hinesburg, St. Jude, (Pastor), 1975-80;
- Retired: October 1, 1980
- Died: Dec. 12, 1981 (Windsor)
 - Allegation of abuse first received in 2002, approximately 21 years after his death.

31. Forrest W. Rouelle

- Born: December 5, 1927 (Montpelier)
- Ordained: April 7, 1956 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1956-98 (approximately 42 years,
- Assignments: Randolph, Our Lady of the Snows home for girls, (Chaplain), 1956; Burlington, Don Bosco Home for Boys, 1956-57; Barton, St. Paul, (Assistant), 1957-62; Windsor, St. Francis of Assisi, (Assistant), and Vermont State Prison (Chaplain), 1962-65; Winooski, St. Xavier, (Assistant), 1965-68; South Hero, St. Rose of Lima,

(Administrator & Pastor), 1968-70; Bethel, St. Anthony, (Pastor), 1970-75; Windsor, St. Francis of Assisi, (Pastor), 1975-88; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Pastor), 1988-98;

- Retired: January 1998
- Died: March 25, 1998 (South Hero)

32. Emile W. Savary

- Born: January 16, 1917 (Center Falls, R.I.)
- Ordained: June 12, 1954 (Providence, R.I.)
- Served in Vermont: 1954-66 (approximately 12 years)
- Assignments: Orleans, St. Theresa, 1954-55; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant) 1955-59; Burlington, Cathedral, (temporary Assistant) 1959; Richford, All Saints, (Assistant), 1959-61; Burlington, St. Joseph Orphanage, (Chaplain,) and Vermont Catholic Charities (Assistant Director), 1961-62; South Burlington, St. John Vianney, (Assistant), 1962-65; Underhill Center, St. Thomas, (Pastor), January 1965-until his death in 1966
- Died: June 8, 1966 (Colchester)
 - Allegation of abuse first received in 1996, approximately 30 years after his death

33. Ronald A. Soutiere

- Born: June 5, 1937 (Winooski)
- Ordained: May 18, 1974 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1974-83 and 1999-2002 (approximately 12 years)
- Assignments: Barre, St. Monica, (Assistant), 1974-78; South Burlington, Rice Memorial High School, (Faculty) June 1978 - February 1983; Barre, St. Monica, (Assistant), March 1983 to July 1983; Released to U.S. Navy, 1983-99; Graniteville, St. Sylvester, (Administrator), 1999-2000; Milton, St. Ann, (Pastor), 2000-02;
- Resigned: As Pastor April 2002
- Administrative leave: June 2002
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Nov. 2, 2004 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Living

34. Richard E. Thompson

- Born: February 14, 1941 (South Weymouth, Mass.)
- Ordained: May 11, 1968 (Rockland, Mass.)
- Served in Vermont: 1968-84 (approximately 16 Years)
- Assignments: Bennington, St. Francis de Sales, (Assistant), 1968-1971; Burlington, St. Mark, (Assistant), 1972-75; East Dorset, St. Jerome, (Pastor), 1975-77; Middletown Springs, St. Anne, (Pastor), 1977-79; Montpelier, St. Augustine, (Assistant), 1979-82; Brattleboro, St. Michael, (Assistant), 1982-84;
- Suspended from duties Aug. 1, 1984 by Bishop John A. Marshall.
- Died: Sept. 23, 2006 (South Yarmouth, Mass.)

35. Charles A. Towne

- Born: December 4, 1903 (Morrisville)
- Ordained: May 30, 1931 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1931-1972 (approximately 41 years)
- Assignments: Burlington, Cathedral, (Assistant), 1931; Montpelier, cared for missions in Orange County, 1931; Graniteville, St. Sylvester, 1931-32; Burlington, Cathedral, 1932; Montpelier, missions in Orange County, 1932; Burlington, Cathedral, 1932-40; Burlington, Bishop DeGoesbriand Hospital, (Chaplain); Burlington, Christ the King, (Founding Pastor), 1940-57; Winooski, St. Stephen, (Pastor), 1957-1970; Orleans, St. Theresa (Pastor), 1970-72
- Retired: Aug. 23, 1972
- Died: February 15, 1982 (Newport)

36. Raymond D. Walsh

- Born: July 11, 1927 (Rutland)
- Ordained: June 5, 1954 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1954-98 (approximately 48 years)
- Assignments: Middlebury, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1954-59; Poultney, St. Raphael, (Assistant), 1959-62; Burlington, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1962-65; Hardwick, St. Norbert, (Temporary Administrator), 1965; Montgomery Center, St. Isadore, (Pastor), 1965-66; Fairfield, St. Patrick, (Pastor), 1966-71; Wallingford, St. Patrick, (Pastor), 1971-76; West Rutland, St. Bridget, 1976-98; Rutland, Loretto Home (Chaplain), 1998;
- Retired: June 1998
- Died: June 24, 2019 (Rutland)

37. Donal D. Ward

- Born: February 16, 1933 (New York City)
- Ordained: March 30, 1963 (Rome)
- Assignments: Rutland, Christ the King, (temp. Assistant), 1963; Middlebury, St. Mary, (Assistant), 1963-67; South Bend, Indiana, University of Notre Dame (post-grad studies), 1967-68; Rutland, Mount St. Joseph Academy (Faculty) with residence at College of St. Joseph the Provider, 1968-69; South Bend, Indiana, University of Notre Dame, (con't studies), 1969-75; Marshfield, North American Martyrs, 1976-85; Barre, St. Monica, (Pastor), 1985-1991; Vergennes, St. Peter, (Pastor), 1991-2002;
- Administrative Leave: May 24, 2002
- Resignation: Oct. 2, 2002
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: Oct. 4, 2002
- Died: Feb. 20, 2018 (St. Albans)

38. Alfred Willis (No known middle initial)

- Born: July 17, 1944 (Patchogue, N.Y.)
- Ordained: June 18, 1976 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1976-81 (approximately 5 years)

- Assignments: Montpelier, St. Augustine, (Assistant), 1976-79; Milton, St. Ann, (Assistant), 1979-80
- Suspended by Bishop John A. Marshall 1980; Request to lift suspension to transfer to Seattle denied Feb. 3, 1982; Second request denied July 14, 1983; Also denied chance for admission to Brooklyn Diocese.
- Laicized: Ordered dismissed from clerical state by Diocese Tribunal Aug. 16, 1985, later Vatican affirmed the reduction from priest to lay person.
- Living

39. Benjamin D. Wysolmerski

- Born: August 4, 1926 (West Rutland)
- Ordained: June 3, 1950 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1950-93 (Approximately 43 years)
- Assignments: Bellows Falls, Sacred Heart, (Assistant), 1950-56; Burlington, Christ the King, (Assistant), 1958-1962; Barre, St. Monica, (Assistant), 1962-63; Bridport, St. Bernadette, (Pastor), 1963-66; St. Albans Bay, Our Lady of the Lake, (Pastor) and Central Catholic High School (Faculty), 1966-71; Bennington, St. Francis de Sales, (Assistant), 1971; Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea, (Assistant), 1971; Middletown Springs, St. Anne, (Pastor), 1971-77; Pittsford, St. Alphonsus, (Pastor), 1977-87; Bellows Falls, St. Charles, (Pastor), 1987-93;
- Resigns: June 15, 1993
- Public Priestly faculties revoked: June 17, 1993 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell
- Died: Oct. 11, 1994 (Rutland)

Category B: Priests who have been found credibly accused in another jurisdiction and have direct or indirect connections to Vermont.

1. Mark L. Quillen (Also known as Andrew Quillen)

- Born: May 10, 1951 (Greeley, Col.)
- Ordained: June 2, 1990 (Burlington)
- Served in Vermont: 1990-1994 (approximately 4 years)
- Assignments: Brattleboro, St. Michael, (Assistant), 1990-94; Essex Junction, St. Lawrence, (Temporary Administrator), March 3, 1994 - December 7, 1994;
- Released: To join Benedictine Monks residing at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, Mass. on Jan. 1, 1995
- Public Priestly faculties removed: Unknown date by Archdiocese of Boston
- Living
 - In 2001, Diocese in Davenport, Iowa listed Quillen as credibly accused of sexual abuse for incident which took place in Davenport in 1977 while M. Quillen was a member of Franciscan Brothers of Christ the King.
 - The Vermont Committee is unaware of any allegation that Father Quillen sexually abused a minor during the period he served as a priest in the Burlington Diocese (1990-94).