

**Diocese of Gary - Priest Offenders\***

The following list contains the names of priests who have served in the Diocese of Gary who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors. We list their names, the number of allegations made against them and the subsequent actions taken.

Name	Number of Allegations	Action Taken
Richard Emerson	4	Laicized 7/30/2006
Stanley Staniszewski	2	Left the Diocese of Gary 10-20-83, removed from public ministry and died 4/2/16
Don Grass	1	Removed from public ministry in 2004 and was no longer allowed to present himself as a priest and died 7/2/10
Terrence Chase	1	Removed from public ministry and laicized 1/4/16
George Kavungal, CMI	6	Last known to be in India, removed from public ministry
Ambrose McGinnity	6	Removed from public ministry in 1993, died 2/27/00
Stephen Varga	1	Laicized 7/28/71, died 7/12/06
Louis Jeziorski	3	Died 4/6/73
Joseph Buczyna	1	Died 1/12 /76
Julian Jercha	3	Died 6/27/87

\*The above information is based upon a review of Diocesan records and will be supplemented if necessary.

RICHARD EMERSON

August 1, 1978	Assistant Pastor – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Hammond
January 25, 1983	Temporary Administrator – Cathedral of the Holy Angels, Gary
October 10, 1987	Left to serve in Diocese of Orlando, Florida
December 2, 1991	Pastor – Assumption, East Chicago
July 1, 1994	Pastor – St. Joseph, LaPorte
January 15, 1996	Pastor – St. Thomas More, Munster
July 1, 2003	Pastor – Notre Dame, Michigan City
December 18, 2004	Administrative Leave
July 30, 2006	Laicized

STANLEY STANISZEWSKI

June 1, 1974	Ordained a Priest for the Archdiocese of Warsaw
October 15, 1974	Assistant – St. Stanislaus, Michigan City
February 1, 1978	Assistant – Nativity of Our Savior, Portage
August 30, 1979	Assistant – St. Casimir, Hammond and part-time Religion Instructor at Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond
September 1, 1982	Assistant – St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville
October 20, 1983	Left the Diocese of Gary

## DON GRASS

August 31, 1962	Assistant – St. Mary of the Lake, Gary
August 26, 1965	Assistant – Queen of All Saints, Michigan City
June 29, 1967	Assistant – Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary
February 1, 1971	Temporary Administrator – Notre Dame, Michigan City
May 16, 1971	Administrator – Holy Name, Cedar Lake
August 16, 1971	Rector – Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary
January 25, 1983	Temporary Administrator – St. Elizabeth Seton, Valparaiso
August 30, 1983	Pastor – St. Mary, Crown Point
December 18, 2003	Removed from Active Ministry
July 2, 2010	Deceased

## TERRENCE CHASE

June 5, 1984	Associate Pastor – St. John Bosco, Hammond
August 1, 1984	Associate Pastor – St. Mary, Crown Point
September 13, 1988	Associate Pastor – St. Patrick, Chesterton
July 1, 1993	Associate Pastor – St. Mary, Griffith
July 1, 1994	Associate Pastor – St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville
July 1, 1997	Pastor – St. Andrew the Apostle, Merrillville
July 1, 2003	Pastor – Queen of All Saints, Michigan City
April 15, 2010	Administrative Leave
May 1, 2013	Relieved of pastorate at Queen of All Saints, Michigan City
October 12, 2016	Laicized

## AMBROSE McGINNITY

September 13, 1945	Assistant – St. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Michigan City
August 27, 1954	Assistant – St. Bridget, Hobart
July 8, 1959	Assistant – St. Peter, LaPorte
June 17, 1960	Assistant – St. Francis Xavier, East Gary
September 8, 1961	Assistant – Holy Rosary, Gary
July 10, 1964	Pastor – St. Mary, Kouts
September 14, 1966	Pastor – St. John the Evangelist, St. John
August 5, 1975	Pastor – St. Helen, Hebron
September 23, 1977	Resigned Pastorate of St. Helen, Hebron
June 20, 1984	Retired
February 27, 2000	Died

## STEPHEN VARGA

September 1947	Assistant – Alsobagod, Hungary
1950	Assistant in Cleveland, Ohio and McKeesport, Pennsylvania
1956	Assistant – St. Emeric, Gary
1957	Teacher – Bishop Noll High School, Hammond
1964	Assistant – St. Anthony-St. Emeric, Gary
August 7, 1965	Director of Religious Instruction – Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond
September 14, 1966	Administrator – Holy Trinity (Hungarian), East Chicago
September 28, 1967	Incardinated into Diocese of Gary
July 28, 1971	Laicized
July 12, 2006	Died

LOUIS JEZIORSKI

June 28, 1940	Assistant – St. John Cantius, East Chicago
October 21, 1942	Assistant – St. Mary, Hammond
January 6, 1943	Assistant – St. Adalbert, South Bend
July 5, 1944	Assistant – Sacred Heart, Gary
February 27, 1946	Assistant – St. Adalbert, Whiting
March 16, 1950	Pastor – All Saints, San Pierre
April 6, 1973	Died



## JOSEPH BUCZYNA

June 22, 1936	Assistant – St. Stanislaus, East Chicago
November 17, 1949	Pastor – Immaculate Conception, Ege, Indiana
February 17, 1953	Pastor – St. Joseph, East Chicago
June 29, 1967	Pastor – Sacred Heart, LaPorte
January 12, 1976	Died

## JULIAN JERCHA

July 5, 1950	Assistant – Holy Name, Cedar Lake
August 15, 1950	Assistant – St. Stanislaus, East Chicago
August 31, 1962	Assistant – St. Stanislaus, Michigan City
July 1, 1963	Assistant – Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Judson
January 31, 1964	Assistant – St. Paul, Valparaiso
February 14, 1966	Administrator – St. Helen, Hebron Assistant and in residence – St. Paul, Valparaiso
December 1, 1966	Assistant – Sacred Heart, LaPorte
July 30, 1968	Pastor – St. Joseph, East Chicago
November 18, 1968	Pastor – St. Mary, Otis
August 16, 1971	Pastor – Holy Name, Cedar Lake
July 12, 1977	Pastor – St. Anthony, Fish Lake
June 6, 1985	Pastor – Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Judson
June 27, 1987	Died