

New Orleans clergy sex abuse crisis: List of accused; see letter from Archbishop Aymond

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Archbishop Gregory Aymond is interviewed about his list of clergy who served in New Orleans who the church removed from ministry after receiving a credible claim of child sex abuse in New Orleans, Friday, Nov. 2, 2018.

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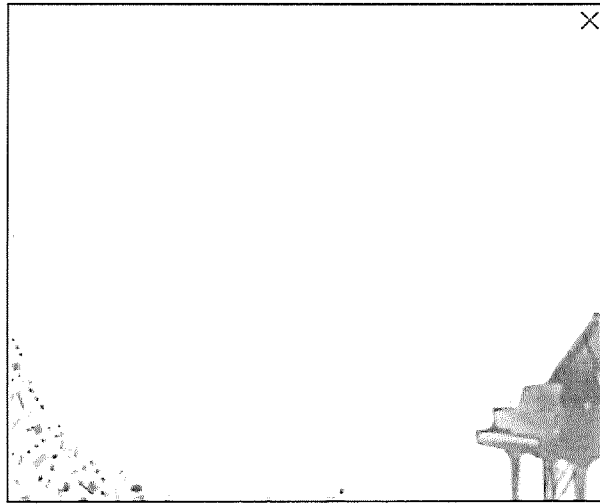
Archbishop Gregory Aymond on Friday released the names of 30 diocesan priests, 25 religious order priests and two deacons who, in the last century, were removed from ministry after accusations that they sexually abused minors were deemed credible. This is the first time in the history of the Archdiocese of New Orleans that a Catholic archbishop has attempted to provide an accounting of the identities of the alleged abusers in church ranks.



See names, more about 57 New Orleans-area clergy members on archdiocese's official sex abuse list

Aymond's list was compiled after a team of 10 people, including staff members and outside legal counsel, reviewed 2,432 personnel files. The archbishop has provided the complete work histories of diocesan priests, but only the New Orleans assignments of religious order priests, claiming the archdiocese does not have complete records for those men. He also did not provide the years that clergy worked in different schools or parishes.

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The list does not include employees of the church, or any other religious -- such as nuns or brothers -- who may have been accused. Clergy accused of sexually abusing a minor can try to clear their names through church tribunals, the outcomes of which are secret.

The biographies below combine information provided by the archbishop with information found in media reports, court documents and interviews.

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The names of Archdiocese of New Orleans clergy who are alive and have been accused of sexually abusing a minor which led to their removal from ministry. In each case, the cleric remains out of ministry.

GEORGE BRIGNAC (DEACON)

Date of Birth: 1935

Ordination: 1976

Estimated Timeframe of Abuse: late 1970s; early 1980s

Allegation Received: 1977

Removed from Ministry: 1988

Pastoral Assignments

Cabrini High School, New Orleans

Our Lady of the Rosary, New Orleans

St. Frances Cabrini School, New Orleans

St. Louise de Marillac School, Arabi

St. Matthew the Apostle School, River Ridge

PAUL CALAMARI

Date of Birth: 1944

Ordination: 1980

Estimated Timeframe of Abuse: 1970s

Allegation Received: 2003

Removed from Ministry: 2003

Pastoral Assignments

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Belle Chasse

Our Lady of the Rosary, New Orleans, in residence

St. Stanislaus School, Bay St. Louis, MS

St. Raphael, New Orleans

St. Rita, New Orleans, in residence

Holy Cross Church, Dover, DE

St. Mary of the Assumption, Hockessin, DE

St. Peter the Apostle, New Castle, DE

MICHAEL FARINO

Date of Birth: 1942

Ordination: 1969

Estimated Timeframe of Abuse: 1970s and 1980s

Allegation Received: 1990

Removed from Ministry: 1990

Pastoral Assignments

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette

St. Benilde, Metairie

St. Maurice, New Orleans

MICHAEL FRASER

Date of Birth: 1949

Ordination: 1975

Estimated Timeframe of Abuse: 1980s; 1990s

Allegation Received: 1998

Removed from Ministry: 2004

Pastoral Assignments

Sts. Peter and Paul, Pearl River

St. Raphael the Archangel, New Orleans

St. Rita Church, New Orleans

The Visitation of Our Lady, Marrero

THOMAS GASPARD GLASGOW

Date of Birth: 1938

Ordination: 1969

Estimated Timeframe of Abuse: late 1970s

Allegation Received: 2007

Removed from Ministry: 2008

Pastoral Assignments

Mater Dolorosa, New Orleans

St. Brigid, New Orleans

St. Gabriel, New Orleans

St. James Major, New Orleans

St. John the Baptist, Edgard

St. Philip the Apostle, New Orleans

St. Simon Peter, New Orleans

LAWRENCE HECKER

Date of Birth: 1931

Ordination: 1958

Estimated Timeframe of Abuse: late 1960s; 1970s

Allegation Received: 1996

Removed from Ministry: 2002

Pastoral Assignments

Christ the King, Terrytown

Holy Family, Luling

Holy Rosary, New Orleans

Our Lady of Lourdes, New Orleans

St. Anthony, Luling

St. Bernadette, Houma

St. Charles Borromeo, in residence

St. Frances Cabrini, New Orleans

St. Francis Xavier, Metairie

St. Joseph, Gretna

St. Louise de Marillac, Arabi

St. Mary, New Roads

St. Theresa of Child Jesus, New Orleans

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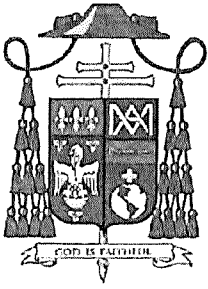
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In conjunction with the list, Aymond released a letter to the public.

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To the People of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

To the victims and survivors of sexual abuse, my heart and prayerful support go out to you that you may know God's healing and compassion. Anyone who is a victim or survivor of sexual abuse, please know of my willingness to meet with you so that I may walk with you in healing.

After much prayer and consultation with many people, including the Priests' Council and lay leadership, I have decided to publish the names of Archdiocesan clergy (priests and deacons) who have been removed from ministry for an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. This report also includes deceased Archdiocesan clergy and religious order priests.

I have received many calls and emails asking me to publish the names. I have also received many calls and emails suggesting not to publish the names. I believe it is the right thing to do in order to foster the healing of victims, in a spirit of transparency, and in the pursuit of justice. Jesus reminds us, "The truth will set you free" (*John 8:32*).

For those against whom the accusation came after their death, a very careful examination took place in order to justify the reporting of the person's name. The more recent cases were and continue to be presented to the Archdiocesan Review Board, an independent board made up of lay experts, who review the cases and make recommendations. For earlier cases, the way in which allegations were reported and investigated varied. This is a weakness that was corrected by the bishops in 2002 with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

A team of more than ten women and men that included staff and outside legal professionals reviewed the files of 2,432 priests who have served in the Archdiocese of New Orleans since 1950. For priests with accusations received after their death, additional people reviewed the file to ensure accuracy to the extent that is possible after death. Of the 2,432 priests who have served in the Archdiocese of New Orleans since 1950, the review identified 57 who are included in this report. This entire list has been given to the Orleans Parish District Attorney and will be made available to any other District Attorney.

Some will be surprised to see the name of a priest who served in your parish or who you personally knew very well. As you experience this disappointment, I raise you to the Lord and ask him to give you comfort and his peace.

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