

## **List of Paulist Fathers with Credible Claims of Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, The Paulist Fathers, was founded in 1858. The Paulist Fathers have served in the United States, Canada, South Africa, and Italy in our 160 year history.

This list of Paulist Fathers, living, deceased, and departed, with credible claims of sexual abuse of a minor, dating to 1943, is being published as part of our on-going commitment to transparency and accountability.

Since the revelations of clergy sexual abuse in Boston in 2002, there has been significant effort to reform and change how the Church and the religious communities like ours handle claims of sexual abuse. While even one case is abhorrent, it is important to note that safeguards have been put in place to create safe environments in our ministries for everyone.

This list contains the names of Paulist Fathers who are or were members of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle against whom a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor (under the age of 18) or a vulnerable adult has been made. The list also includes Paulist Fathers listed by other archdiocese or diocese.

Inclusion in this list does not imply that the claims are true and correct or that the accused individual has been found guilty of a crime or liable for civil claims. In some instances, the claims were made several years or decades after the alleged events and were not capable of an investigation and determination.

Some claims were received after an accused priest was deceased. In those instances, the accused was unable to defend himself or deny the charges. The Society was unable to undertake a thorough investigation.

While we attempted to be as thorough and accurate as possible in compiling the list, the Paulist Fathers will continue to undergo a review of our files. If additional cases of Paulists with credible claims of abuse are identified, we will release those names as well.

We encourage anyone who has felt victimized by a Paulist Father to contact Rev. John Behnke, Safety Officer of the Paulist Fathers or Antonia Nedder, Paulist Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 212 757-8072, as well as appropriate law enforcement and child-protective agencies.

## PAULIST FATHERS WITH CREDIBLE CLAIMS

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### **Thomas Joseph Dove, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth:

Date of Ordination: 05/01/61

Suspended from Ministry: 11/2014

Current Residence: San Francisco, CA, Safety Plan

#### Assignments:

|                        |  |           |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| Boston Arch.           | Park Street Center                                 | 1961-1962 |
| Salt Lake City Diocese | St. Rose of Lima Church                            | 1962-1965 |
| Los Angeles Arch.      | St. Paul the Apostle Church/<br>Information Center | 1965-1975 |
| New York Arch.         | Paulist Press                                      | 1975-1976 |
| Toronto, Canada        | Paulist Information Centre                         | 1976-1985 |
| Notre Dame University  | Sabbatical   | 1985      |
| Chicago Archdiocese    | Old St. Mary's Parish                              | 1985-1992 |
| Memphis Diocese        | St. Patrick's Church                               | 1992-1994 |
| San Francisco Arch.    | Old St. Mary's Cathedral                           | 1992-2014 |
| San Francisco Arch.    | In residence                                       | 2014-     |

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle, 1975

Reported: November 2014

### **Robert Paul Michele, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 12/21/1927

Date of Ordination: 05/03/1955

Current Residence: Mt. Angel, OR, Nursing Home

#### Assignments:

|                     |                              |           |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| San Francisco Arch. | Old St. Mary's Cathedral     | 1955      |
| Austin Diocese      | St. Austin's Church          | 1955-1958 |
| New York Arch.      | St. Paul the Apostle Church  | 1958-1961 |
|                     | Missions                     | 1961-1963 |
| Mobile, AL, Arch.   | Paulist Information Ctr.     | 1963-1964 |
| Portland, OR, Arch. | St. Philip Neri Parish       | 1964-1968 |
| Vancouver Arch.     | Paulist Information Ctr.     | 1968-1972 |
| Portland Arch.      | St. Philip Neri Parish       | 1972-1973 |
| Boston Arch.        | St. Ann's Parish             | 1973-1979 |
| Toronto Arch.       | St. Peter's Church           | 1979-1981 |
| San Francisco Arch. | Old St. Mary's Cathedral     | 1981-1986 |
| Baltimore Arch      | Johns Hopkins Univ. Ministry | 1986-1989 |
| Austin Diocese      | St. Austin's Church          | 1989-1991 |
|                     | Senior Ministry              | 1991-2011 |

Portland Arch.                      Nursing Home                      2011-

Allegation Location/Date: St. Philip Neri Church, Portland, 1964  
Reported: 2005.

Allegation Location/Date: St. Philip Neri Church, Portland, 1964-1968  
Reported: 2018

**DECEASED AND FORMER PAULIST FATHERS WITH CREDIBLE CLAIMS**

*Some claims were received after an accused priest was deceased or departed the Society. In those instances, the accused was unable to defend himself, deny the charges, or be reached. The Society was unable to undertake a thorough investigation. Deceased and former individuals are included in this list based upon the fact that an accusation was reported and found credible.*

**Ronald Francis Burt, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 10/13/1921  
Date of Ordination: 05/01/1951  
Date of Death: 10/24/1994

Assignments:

|                           |                                 |            |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| New York Archdiocese      | St Paul the Apostle Church      | 1951-1955  |
| Los Angeles Archdiocese   | St. Paul the Apostle Church     | 1955-1962  |
| Johannesburg, S.A.        | Blessed Sacrament Parish        | 1962-1963  |
| New York Archdiocese      | Good Shepherd Parish            | 1963-1986  |
| Palm Beach Diocese        | Paulist Residence, Vero Beach   | 1987-1992  |
| Cherry Valley, California | Guadalupe Care & Retreat Center | 1992- 1994 |

Incident Location/Date: Good Shepherd Parish, 1973-79.

Date Reported: 1986, 2018

**David Paul Chandler**

Date of Birth: 12/6/1946  
Date of Ordination: 05/17/75  
Departed Paulist Fathers: 12/17/82  
Living: Current Location Unknown

Assignments:

|                   |                             |           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Austin Diocese    | (Deacon) St. Austin         | 1974-1975 |
| Los Angeles Arch. | St. Paul the Apostle Church | 1975-1978 |
| Tucson Diocese    | St. Cyril's Parish          | 1978-1981 |
| Leave of Absence  |                             | 1981-1982 |

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1982

Reported: 1986, 2004

**Vincent Francis Holden, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 04/21/1911

Date of Ordination: 01/29/1937

Date of Death: 08/23/1972

Assignments:

|                      |                              |             |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| New York Archdiocese | Good Shepherd Parish         | Summer 1937 |
| Washington Arch.     | St. Paul's College           | 1937-1939   |
| Austin Diocese       | St. Austin's/Campus Ministry | 1939-1942   |
| New York Archdiocese | St. Paul the Apostle         | 1942-1943   |
|                      | Mission Band                 | 1943        |
|                      | Information Center           | 1943-1949   |
| Detroit Archdiocese  | Paulist Mission Band         | 1949-1952   |
| New York Archdiocese | Paulist Archives             | 1952-1956   |
| Patterson Diocese    | Paulist Novitiate            | 1956-1965   |
| New York Archdiocese | Mission Band                 | 1965-1972   |

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle, New York City, 1943

Reported: 2010, 2019

**Stephan Leslie Johnson**

Date of Birth: 01/04/1953

Date of Ordination: 05/16/1981

Departed Paulist Fathers: 07/12/1996

Living: Current Address Unknown

|                   |                                 |           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Los Angeles Arch  | St. Mark's University Parish    | 1981-1983 |
|                   | Goleta, California              |           |
| Norwich Diocese   | St. Thomas Aquinas Univ. Parish | 1983-1987 |
|                   | Storrs, CT                      |           |
| Los Angeles Arch. | Indult of Exclaustration        | 1987-1989 |
|                   | DeSales Hall,                   | 1989-1990 |
|                   | Bellflower, CA                  |           |
|                   | St. John Bosco High School      | 1990-1991 |
|                   | Bellflower, CA                  |           |
| Columbus Diocese  | St. Thomas More Newman Ctr.     | 1991-1995 |
|                   | Leave of Absence                | 1995-1996 |

Allegation Location/Date: East Catholic High School, , Manchester, CT  
Ashford Motel, Ashford, CT 1985-1987

Reported: 2018

**Thomas Reon Paul Marshall, Jr., C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 10/30/1928

Date of Ordination: 05/01/1959  
Date of Death: 12/24/2012

**Assignments:**

|                    |                             |           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Boston Archdiocese | Park Street Center          | 1959-1960 |
| Los Angeles Arch.  | St. Paul the Apostle Church | 1960-1962 |
| Chicago Arch.      | Old St. Mary's Church       | 1962-1966 |
| Toronto Arch.      | St. Peter's Church/Missions | 1966-2002 |
|                    | Senior Ministry             | 2002-2009 |
|                    | Nursing Home                | 2009-2012 |

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, 1959-1960  
Reported: 2002

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, 1960-1962  
Reported: 2003

Allegation Location/Date: St. Mary of the Lake, Lake George NY 1956,56 & 59.  
Reported: 2008

Allegation Location/Date: St. Teresa Parish, Buffalo, 1982  
Reported: 2018

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, 1961-62  
Reported: 2018

**John Dennis Mitchell, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 05/30/1909  
Date of Ordination: 02/24/1938  
Date of Death: 12/18/1996

**Assignments:**

|                         |                                  |           |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Nashville Diocese       | Good Shepherd Parish, Winchester | 1938      |
| Salt Lake City Diocese  | St. Paul the Apostle, Vernal     | 1938-1941 |
| Charleston, SC, Diocese | St. Andrew's, Clemson            | 1941      |
| New York Archdiocese    | St. Paul the Apostle/Mission     | 1941-1942 |
| Nashville Diocese       | Missions                         | 1942      |
| Detroit Archdiocese     | Wayne State Campus Ministry      | 1942-1943 |
| Salt Lake City Diocese  | St. Olaf Parish, Bountiful UT    | 1943-1946 |
| Minneapolis/St. Paul    | St. Lawrence Church              | 1946-1952 |
| Toronto Archdiocese     | St. Peter's Church               | 1952-1956 |
| New York Arch.          | Paulist General Offices          | 1956-1964 |
|                         | Good Shepherd Parish             | 1961-1964 |
| Los Angeles Arch        | St. Paul the Apostle             | 1964-1970 |
| San Francisco Arch      | Paulist Res./Special Assignment  | 1970-1971 |
| New York Arch           | Hosp. Chaplaincy/Calvary Hosp.   | 1971-1978 |
| San Diego               | Hosp. Chaplain/Mercy Hosp.       | 1978-1980 |
| New York Archdiocese    | Paulist House/Senior Ministry    | 1980-1996 |

Allegation Location/Date: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, 1968  
Reported: 1994

**Rocco Francis Perone, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 05/01/1920

Date of Ordination: 05/03/1949

Date of Death: 05/05/1992

Assignments:

|                        |                         |           |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Chicago Archdiocese    | Old St. Mary's Church   | 1949-1950 |
| Portland OR Arch.      | St. Philip Neri Church  | 1950-1956 |
| Salt Lake City Diocese | St. Rose of Lima Church | 1956-1957 |
| Austin Diocese         | St. Austin's/Missions   | 1957-1988 |
| Toronto Archdiocese    | St. Peter's Church      | 1988-1989 |
| Austin Diocese         | Senior Ministry         | 1989-1992 |

Allegations Location/Date: St. Philip Neri, Portland, 1950-1956, multiple cases  
Reported: 2002

Allegation Location/Date: Casper, WY, 1956

Reported: 1956, 2002

Allegation Location/Date: St. James the Greater Church, Oklahoma City, OK, 1958-1962

Reported: 2018

Allegation Location/Date: Beaumont, TX, 1965-1975 (2 Cases)

Reported: 2019

**Edward Augustine Sheehy, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 07/30/1912

Date of Ordination: 05/18/1940 (Diocese of Portland, Maine)

Date of Reception into Paulist Fathers: 09/08/1952

Date of Death: 10/03/1988

Assignments:

|                    |                             |           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Boston Arch.       | Park Street Center          | 1953-1955 |
| San Francisco      | Old St. Mary's Cathedral    | 1955-1957 |
|                    | Missions                    | 1957-1958 |
| Johannesburg, S.A. | Blessed Sacrament Church    | 1958-1962 |
| San Francisco      | In Residence (sick leave)   | 1962-1963 |
| Los Angeles        | Missions                    | 1963-1964 |
| New York           | St. Paul the Apostle Church | 1964-1968 |
| Baltimore          | St. Peter's Minor Seminary  | 1968-1969 |
| New York           | St. Paul the Apostle        | 1969-1984 |
|                    | Senior Ministry Status      | 1984-1988 |

Allegation Location/Date: San Diego, 1955-57

Reported: 2003

**Francis Michael Sweeney, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 07/30/1934

Date of Ordination: 05/01/1961

Date of Death: 08/30/2013

Assignments:

|                   |                                       |           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| New York Arch.    | Good Shepherd Parish                  | 1961      |
| Boston Arch.      | Park Street Center                    | 1961-1962 |
| Minneapolis Arch. | St. Lawrence Church                   | 1962-1964 |
| Los Angeles Arch. | St. Paul the Apostle Church           | 1964-1967 |
| Washington Arch.  | Studies                               | 1967-1971 |
| Columbus Diocese  | Newman Center                         | 1971-1972 |
| Baltimore Arch.   | Johns Hopkins Campus Min.             | 1972-1976 |
| Los Angeles Arch  | St. Marks University Parish UCSB      | 1976-1978 |
| Washington Arch   | St. Paul's College/Vocations          | 1978-1982 |
| Baltimore Arch    | Univ. of Maryland Base Comm./Relay MD | 1982-1994 |
| New York Arch.    | In Residence/Unassigned               | 1994-1995 |
| Boston Arch.      | In Residence/Unassigned               | 1995-2004 |
| New York Arch.    | In Residence/Unassigned               | 2004-2013 |

Allegations Location/Date: University Base Community at Relay, MD, 1970.

Reported: 1994.

Allegation Location/Date: University Base Community at Relay, MD, Unknown date

Reported: 2018

**Thomas Fergus Tierney, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 07/28/1899

Date of Ordination: 09/20/1924

Date of Death: 12/24/1972

Assignments:

|                        |                             |           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Rome, Italy            | Santa Susanna Church        | 1924-1926 |
| New York Arch.         | St. Paul the Apostle Church | 1926-1927 |
| Portland OR Arch.      | St. Philip Neri Church      | 1927-1938 |
| New York Arch.         | St. Paul the Apostle Church | 1938-1940 |
| Charleston, SC Diocese | St. Andrew Church, Clemson  | 1940-1941 |
| Austin Diocese         | St. Austin's Church/Campus  | 1941-1950 |
| Boston Arch.           | St. Ann's Church            | 1950-1951 |
| Toronto, Canada Arch.  | St. Peter's Church          | 1951-1952 |
| Austin Diocese         | St. Austin's Church         | 1952-1953 |
| New York Arch.         | St. Paul the Apostle Church | 1953-1956 |

|                    |                            |           |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Charleston Diocese | St. Andrew Church, Clemson | 1956-1963 |
| Washington Arch.   | St. Paul's College         | 1963-1964 |
| Tucson Diocese     | Spiritual Director         | 1964-1970 |
| Toronto Arch.      | St. Joseph's College       | 1970-1972 |
|                    | St. Peter's Church/retired | 1972.     |

Allegation Location/Date: Austin, Texas 1943.  
Reported: 1993

### **DECEASED AND FORMER PAULIST FATHERS NAMED IN DIOCESAN LISTINGS**

*Some Catholic Dioceses have previously published lists of accused clergy. In these instances, The Paulist Fathers did not have the opportunity to conduct an independent review. In addition, these claims were received after an accused priest was deceased and thus was unable to defend himself or deny the charges. Consequently, The Paulist Fathers now re-publishes those lists of names already in the public domain.*

#### **Rudolph Thomas Vorisek, C.S.P.**

Date of Birth: 11/01/1928  
Date of Ordination: 05/03/1956  
Date of Death: 05/18/2011

#### Assignments:

|                      |                                     |                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Boston Arch.         | Park Street Center                  | 1956 (June-Sept) |
| Washington Arch.     | St. Paul's College                  | 1956-1957        |
| Baltimore Arch.      | St. Peter's Minor Seminary          | 1957-1968        |
| Los Angeles Arch.    | St. Mark's Univ. Parish-UCSB        | 1968-1976        |
| Grand Rapids Diocese | Catholic Information Center         | 1976-1984        |
| New York Arch.       | St. Paul the Apostle/Hospital Chap. | 1984-1992        |
|                      | Senior Ministry                     | 1992-2011        |

Allegation Location/Date: St. Mark's University Parish, Goleta, CA, 1970.  
Reported: 2013, by Archdiocese of Los Angeles

#### **Anthony Joseph Wilhelm**

Date of Birth: 10/11/1924  
Date of Ordination: 05/01/1954  
Departed Paulist Fathers: 8/20/1975  
Date of Death: 7/7/1999

#### Assignments:

|                    |                          |           |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| San Francisco Arch | Old St. Mary's Cathedral | 1954-1957 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|



|                           |                                |           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Minneapolis/St. Paul Arch | St. Lawrence Church            | 1957-1966 |
| San Francisco Arch        | Old St. Mary's Cathedral       | 1966-1968 |
| Oakland Diocese           | Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish | 1968-1975 |

Allegation Location/Date: Minneapolis, 1964.

Reported: 2017 as part of the Minnesota Child Victims Act.