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Database of accused clergy in Boston Archdiocese

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At least 271 clergy — a mix of permanent and visiting priests, pastors, chaplains, deacons, religious order clerics, and nuns — have been publicly accused of child sex abuse in the Boston archdiocese, according to a Globe review.

Accusations have led to criminal charges, lawsuits, and reviews by church officials. Priests have been convicted, sentenced to jail, and stripped of their religious duties. In some cases, they've been cleared by the courts and the church.

The archdiocese in 2011 published a [list](#) of accused clergy, naming a total of 159 clerics, but it declined to release the names of 91 others, most of whom were dead and, at least as of then, had not been accused publicly. The [Globe later revealed](#) that the archdiocese list excluded the names of 70 religious order clerics who had been accused.

The archdiocese's list has now grown to 166, still without including the religious order clerics, but a spokesman for the church said this week it has not changed the [policy](#) of withholding some cleric's names.

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The Globe's review considered not only church records, but court records, news coverage, material from [attorneys](#), and information from [BishopAccountability.org](#), which has closely researched and documented the clergy sex abuse crisis.



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"We acknowledge the terrible crimes committed by clergy against children and the failure of many leaders within the church to deal appropriately with these crimes," archdiocese spokesman Terrence Donilon said in a statement. "That said, the Church is committed to the protection of children while at the same time providing support to survivors and all people who have suffered as a result of clergy

sexual abuse.”

He said the archdiocese has taken “aggressive steps” to bolster training and screening of priests, staff, and volunteers.

“In an effort to heal and rebuild trust, the church knows it will be judged by its actions — not just its words — and the implementation of vigorous policies that serve the entire community,” he said.

The church was first rocked by the sex abuse crisis in 2002. The scandal has since spread across the country — and the world. The Boston Globe investigative team’s role in exposing the abuse is the subject of the new movie “Spotlight.”

A year after the scandal broke, the Boston archdiocese tallied 815 victims. Now it says that about 1,000 people have stepped forward.

Nationally, more than 17,500 victims have made accusations of clergy abuse that church officials have determined to be credible, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

Many of the allegations were made by adults reporting years-old abuse from when they were children. But other allegations have come from children reporting current abuse by clergy.

Between 2004 and 2014, more than 100 children nationwide reported sex abuse allegations that were determined by church officials to be credible, according to the bishop’s conference.

“While substantive progress has been made, it should not be concluded that the sexual abuse of minors is a problem of the past that has been adequately addressed,” said a report published by the conference in March. “There are still instances where dioceses fall short.”

Clergy accused of sexual abuse in the Boston Archdiocese

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The following is a list of priests and other clerics who have faced at least one public allegation of child sex abuse, even if the accusation did not result in criminal charges, a lawsuit, or settlement. Note: The list of parishes and other assignments for each cleric covers the cleric's entire career. It should not be read as a list of places where alleged abuse occurred. To look up a priest, parish, or town by name, use the search bar on the upper-right corner of the table. Click the green plus symbol to see where the cleric served.

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First	Last	Born	Ordained	Note	Acknowledged by Archdiocese
John H.	Acres	-	1983	Accused in lawsuit - referred to Suffolk County District Attorney	N
Richard J.	Ahern	-	1954	Deceased - lawsuit settled	N
Joseph	Angeli	-	1942	Deceased - accusation settled	N
John T.	Atwater	1926	1963	Deceased 2006	Y
Charles E.	Aubut	1914	1941	Deceased 2002	Y
Leonard	Bacigalupo	-	1930	Deceased - accused in archdiocese records	N
Eugene J.	Bailot	1906	1937	Deceased 1983	Y
Gary E.	Balcom	1946	1972	Laicized 1998 - Deceased 2002	Y
Frederick L.	Barr	1950	1976	Administrative Leave - Case in process	Y
Robert E.	Barrett	1936	1963	Assigned to Life of Prayer and Penance 2004 - Deceased 2008	Y
Richard	Barry	-	1978	Accused in church records - referred to Middlesex County District Attorney	N
Septimo	Basso	-	1941	Deceased - accused in lawsuit	N
Sydney H.	Bayers	1905	1937	Deceased 1979	Y
Robert P.	Beale	1941	1970	Laicized 2010	Y
Leon F.	Beauvais	1936	1962	Deceased 1997	Y
George C.	Berthold	1935	1963	Administrative Leave - Case in process	Y
Joseph E.	Birmingham	1934	1960	Deceased 1989	Y
John	Boswell	1945		Accused in Bishop Accountability	N

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SOURCES: Church, court records; news coverage; material from [plaintiff attorneys](#) and [BishopAccountability.org](#)

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