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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. Many of the cases have been acknowledged by the archdiocese, which published its [own list](#) in 2011. The list below also includes [70 visiting clerics](#) and members of religious orders who were not named by the archdiocese.

Guilty priests can face criminal penalties. They can also face punishment from the church, including being dismissed from the clergy or assigned to a life of prayer and penance. Some accused priests have been laicized, "a process whereby the cleric voluntarily requests that he be separated from the clerical state," according to the archdiocese. Laicization does not involve a determination of guilt. | [Glossary of terms](#) | [Globe coverage of clergy sex abuse crisis](#) |

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. Each of the clerics spent time in the archdiocese, and many were accused of abuse that allegedly occurred while they were assigned here. Some have faced accusations from when they were assigned elsewhere.

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	Bocciarelli	-	1945	Accused on BishopAccountability.org, citing church records	N
Paul J.	Bolduc	1934	1960	Deceased 2009	Y
Barry F.	Bossa	-	1981	Deceased - lawsuit settled	N
Clarence R.	Boucher	1913	1940	Deceased 2001	Y
Bro. Leonard	Boulanger	-	-	Deceased - accused in lawsuit	N
Raymond	Boulanger	-	1951	Deceased - denied accusation	N
Ronald L.	Bourgault	-	1963	Found unsubstantiated - Not restricted - Senior Priest	Y
Real or Ray	Bourque	-	1954	Admitted abuse in archdiocese records	N
James E.	Braley	1949	1975	Administrative Leave - Case in Process	Y
Philippe C.	Breton	1909	1936	Deceased 1984	Y
Andrew	Brizzolara	-	1975	Resigned pastorship after accusation	N
Anthony L.	Buchette	1932	1957	Dismissed 2005	Y
Myron F.	Bullock	1928	1953	Deceased 2007	Y
Richard A.	Buntel	-	1971	Found unsubstantiated - Restricted - Senior Priest	Y
Bro. Robert	Burgess	-	-	Lawsuit settled - referred to Suffolk County District Attorney	N
Robert M.	Burns	-	1975	Sentenced to prison	N
William L.	Butler	1934	1961	Administrative Leave - Case in process	Y
Joseph F.	Byrne	1943	1969	Found unsubstantiated - Deceased 2014	Y
George J.	Callaghan	-	1956	Deceased - accusation settled	N
Alan E.	Caparella	-	-	Deceased - accusation settled	N
Michael J.	Carew	1920	1949	Laicized 1971	Y
John P.	Carroll	1928	1953	Administrative Leave - Case in process	Y
Frederick J.	Cartier Jr.	1936	1963	Laicized 2010	Y
Guido	Caverzan	-	1950	Deceased - accused in archdiocese records	N
John C.	Chaisson	-	1966	Found unsubstantiated - Restricted - Senior Priest	Y
Edmund P.	Charest	1931	1960	Administrative Leave - Case in process	Y
Joseph K.	Coleman	1953	1981	Laicized 2005	Y
Jeremiah J.	Collins	1910	1939	Deceased 1982	Y
John K.	Connell	1940	1965	Laicized 2005 - Deceased 2007	Y
James E.	Connelly	1917	1943	Deceased 1985	Y
Denis A.	Conte	1949	1975	Laicized 2004	Y
John M.	Cotter	1934	1960	Deceased 1989	Y
Richard T.	Coughlin	1924	1953	Permanently Restricted	Y

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SOURCES: Globe review of archdiocesan records, court documents, news coverage, material provided by [plaintiff attorneys](#), and information from [BishopAccountability.org](#)

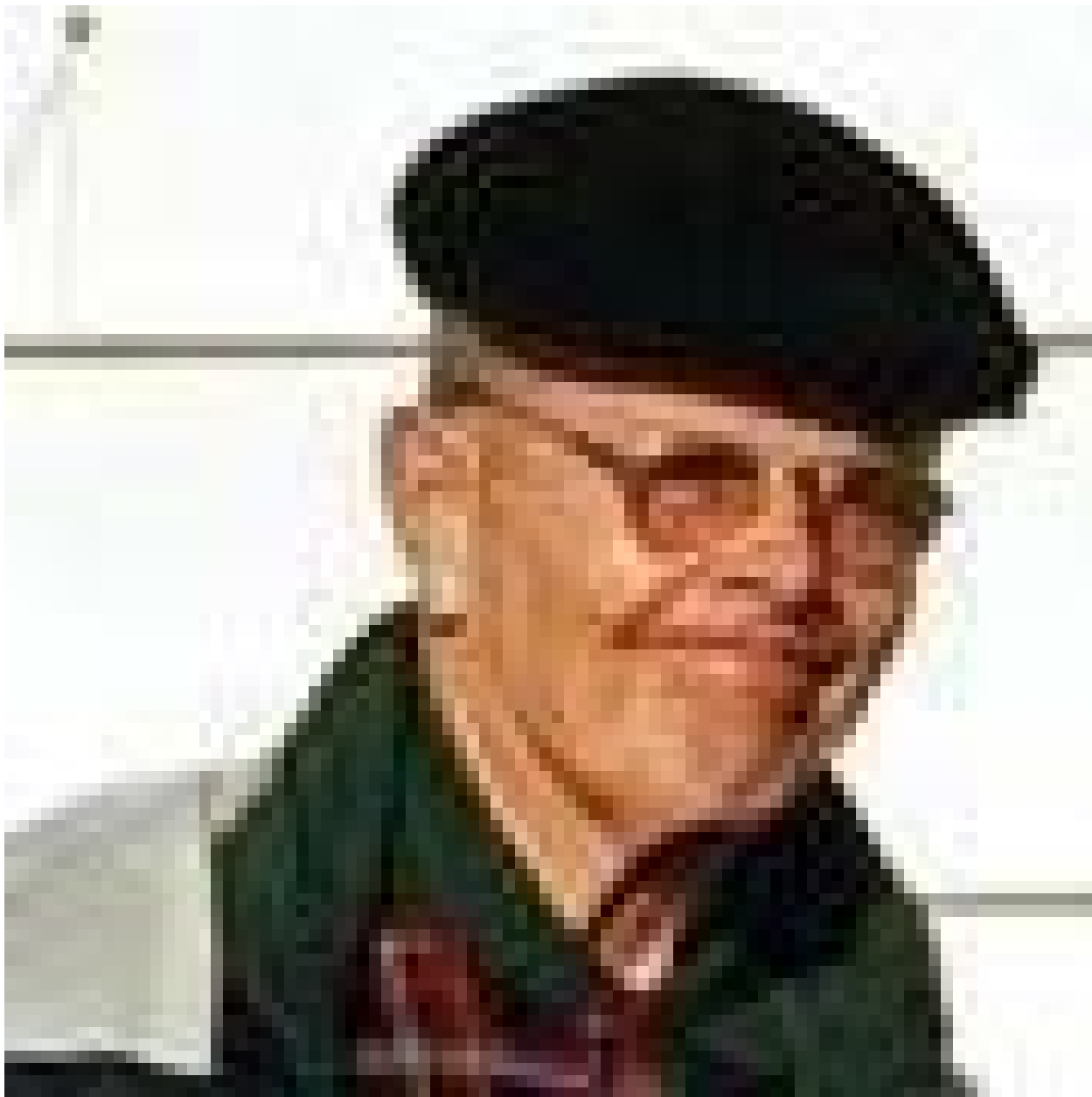
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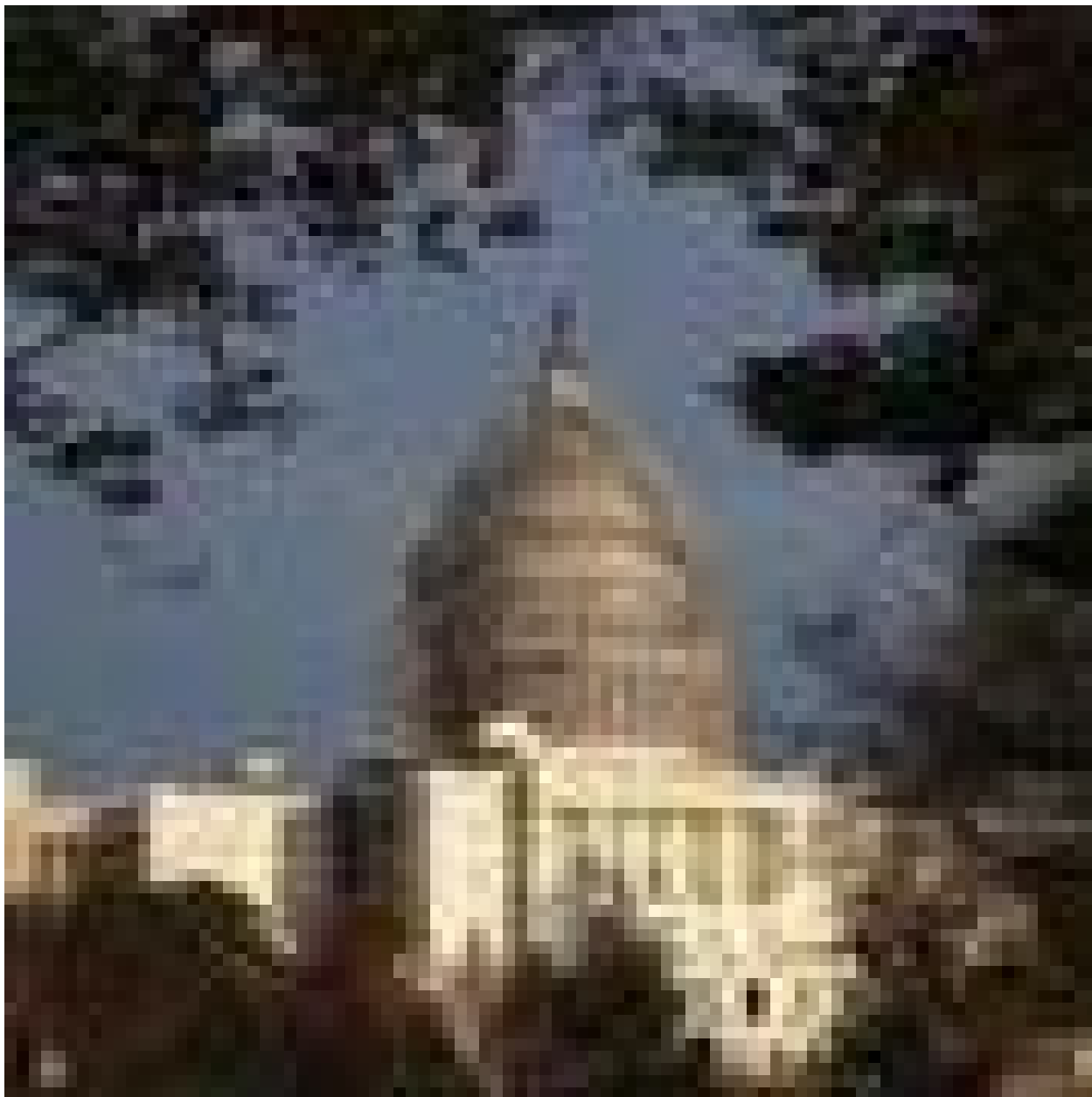
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