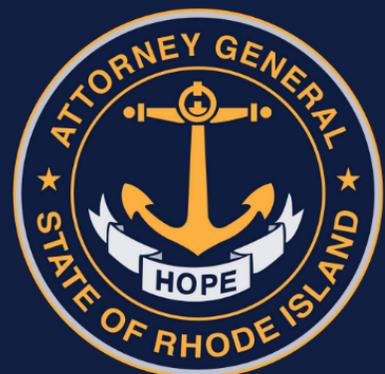


Appendix C

Clergy Credibly Accused by Another Diocese or Religious Order



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The following list identifies priests who served in the Diocese of Providence, and who have been publicly identified as credibly accused of child sexual abuse by another diocese or religious order (rather than the Diocese of Providence). Unless otherwise noted, this Office is unaware at the time of the publication of this Report of any allegation that the priests listed below committed child sexual misconduct in Rhode Island. Additionally, this Office did not conduct any independent review of, or make any determinations regarding, the allegations against the priests listed here.

1. Father Edward Byington (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1939
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Diocese of Fall River
- **Credibly Accused List:** Diocese of Fall River - Credibly Accused Clergy List
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1994 – 1995 Diocese’s Consistory
 - 2006 – 2020¹ St. Augustine Church, Providence (residence)
 - 2006 – 2020² St. Joan of Arc, Cumberland
 - 2006 – 2020³ St. Joseph Church and School, West Warwick

2. Father Geoffrey Chase⁴ (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1931
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Order of Saint Benedict - English Benedictine Congregation
- **Credibly Accused List:** Portsmouth Abbey publicly identified him as credibly accused in a report following a third-party investigation conducted by a law firm hired by the Abbey.
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1960 – 2002 Portsmouth Abbey, Portsmouth

3. Father Aaron Joseph Cote, O.P. (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1951
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Dominican Friars Province of St. Joseph
- **Credibly Accused Lists:** Dominicans Friars Province of St. Joseph - Friars Permanently Removed from Public Ministry; Archdiocese of Washington

¹ Exact dates unknown.

² Exact dates unknown.

³ Exact dates unknown.

⁴ The abuse reportedly occurred in Rhode Island at Portsmouth Abbey, but this Office was unable to independently verify the allegations.

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- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 2003 – 2005 St. Pius V Church, Providence

4. Father Brian Gallagher, S.S.C. (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1926
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Missionary Society of St. Columban
- **List(s):** Missionary Society of St. Columban, U.S. Region - list of names of Columban priests whom the Review Board has concluded were the subject of credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1995 – 1997 Columban Fathers, Bristol

5. Father Bede Gorman⁵ (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1911
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Order of Saint Benedict – English Benedictine Congregation
- **Credibly Accused List:** Portsmouth Abbey publicly identified him as credibly accused in a report following a third-party investigation conducted by a law firm hired by the Abbey.
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1944 – 1985 Portsmouth Abbey, Portsmouth

6. Father Louis Hamm, O.F.M. (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1901
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Franciscan Friars Holy Name Province
- **Credibly Accused List:** Franciscan Friars Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Friars restricted from public ministry
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - Dates unknown St. Francis Chapel, Providence

7. Father Joseph B. Hanrahan (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1930
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Missionary Society of St. Columban
- **Credibly Accused List:** Missionary Society of St. Columban, U.S. Region - list of names of Columban priests whom the Review Board has

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- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1964 St. Mark Church, Cranston
 - 1972 St. Joseph Church, Newport
 - 1972 – 1973 St. Mary Church, Providence

8. Father Francis Keaney, S.S.C. (deceased)

- **Year of Birth:** 1934
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Missionary Society of St. Columban
- **Credibly Accused List:** Missionary Society of St. Columban, U.S. Region - list of names of Columban priests whom the Review Board has concluded were the subject of credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1998 – 2003 Columban Fathers, Bristol
 - 1998 – 2003 Rhode Island Veteran's Home, Bristol
 - 1998 – 2003 Parish supply priest, Bristol area

9. Father George Lally

- **Year of Birth:** 1942
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Diocese of San Diego
- **Credibly Accused List:** Diocese of San Diego Priests with Credible Allegations
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1968 – 1970 St. Francis of Assisi Church, Wakefield
 - 1973 – 1977 Blessed Sacrament Church, Providence
 - 1977 – 1978 St. Mary Church, West Warwick
 - 1978 Leave of absence

10. Father Donald Messier

- **Year of Birth:** 1937
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Diocese of Fall River
- **Credibly Accused List:** Diocese of Fall River List of Credibly Accused Priests
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1973 – 1975 Immaculate Conception Church, Cranston
 - 1975 – 1977 St. Theresa's Church, Providence

11. Father Dennis Paul Murphy

- **Year of Birth:** 1948
- **Order/Diocese of Incardination:** Diocese of Richmond

- **Credibly Accused List:** Diocese of Richmond List of all Clergy With Credible and Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors
- **Assignments in the Diocese of Providence:**
 - 1996 – 2002 Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, Providence