

Fargo Diocese List and Assignment History of Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

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William Amriott

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1960

Removed from Ministry; Laicized

- 1961-1962 St. Anthony of Padua's, Fargo, ND
- 1963-1968 Cardinal Muench Minor Seminary, Fargo, ND
- 1969 St. Paul's University, Fargo, ND
- 1970-1971 Leave of Absence
- 1972- No further information

Jules Belleau

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1925

Died May 5, 1973

- 1930-1934 Sick or absent
- 1935-1947 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pembina, ND
- 1948-1956 St. Francis Xavier's, Anamoose, ND
- 1957-1972 Retired, Montreal, Canada
- 1973 Deceased

Julius Binder

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1939

Died September 30, 1991

- 1940 St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Rugby, ND
- 1941-1942 St. John's, New Rockford, ND
- 1941-1944 Held position in Deanery Directories
- 1943-1946 St. James Church, Minnewaukan, ND
- 1947-1959 Sacred Heart, Orrin, ND
- 1960-1961 St. Bernards, Oriska, ND
- 1962-1969 St. Anthony's, Selz, ND
- 1962-1966 Held position in Deanery Directories
- 1967-1969 Held position in Diocese Director Vocations
- 1970-1982 St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboror, ND
- 1970-1982 Retired, Austria
- 1984-1991 Retired, Grand Forks, ND
- 1991 Deceased

In 1989, Binder pleaded guilty to felony gross sexual imposition with a 14-year old boy in 1988. He received a one year prison sentence that was suspended.

Lucien Burque

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1926

Died March 27, 1976

- 1930 St. Joseph's, Leroy, ND
- 1931-1932 St. Lawrence's, Jessie, ND
- 1933-1934 St. James', Jamestown, ND
- 1935 The Transfiguration, Edgeley, ND
- 1936-1944 St. Louis, Dunseith, ND
- 1945-1950 Leave of Absence as noted in the Fargo Diocese directory
- 1947-1953 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Camden, NJ
- 1951 On duty outside of the diocese as noted in the Fargo Diocese directory
- 1954 St. Jean Damascene, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 1955 Church of St. Louis de France, Brownsburg, Quebec, Canada
- 1956 St. Joseph's, Upland, CA
- 1957 St. Genevieve's, Las Cruces, NM
- 1958-1961 Blessed Sacrament, Dallas, TX
- 1962-1966 Sacred Heart, Texarkana, TX
- 1967-1969 St. Joseph, Marshall, TX
- 1970 Immaculate Conception, Tyler, TX
- 1971-1976 Retired, St. Philip, Dallas, TX
- 1976 Deceased

Martin T. Cullen

Fargo Diocese

Born August 1931

Ordained 1957

Removed from ministry

- 1958-1963 St. Michael's, Grand Forks, ND
- 1964-1968 St. John's, Wahpeton, ND
- 1969 Commission for Sacred Art, Music and Liturgy
- 1969-1983 Newman Student Parish, Wahpeton, ND
- 1970-1983 State School of Science, Newman Student Center, Wahpeton, ND
- 1976 Held position with Priests' Senate
- 1984-1992 St. George's, Cooperstown, ND
- 1993-2002 Retired; 1997-1998 noted as residing in Lake Park, MN; 1999-2002 noted as residing in Fargo, ND
- 2003 No further information

Current resident search has Fr. Martin Cullen residing in Fargo, ND.

Eugene J. Fish

Fargo Diocese

Born April 1935

Ordained 1997

Removed from Ministry

- 1998 St. Francis Xavier, Anamoose, ND
- 1999-2000 St. Elizabeth's, Sykeston, ND
- 2001-2003 St. Augustine's, Fessenden, ND
- 2001-2003 St. Joseph, Bremen, ND
- 2004-2008 Retired; St. Luke's Church of Veseleyville Rectory,
Grafton, ND
- 2009-2011 Retired, Swartz Creek, MI
- 2012- No further information

Current residence search has Fr. Eugene Fish residing in Grand Blanc, MI.

Kenneth J. Gallagher

Fargo Diocese

Born October 29, 1941

Ordained 1966

Died February 14, 2010

Removed from Ministry; laicized

- 1967 Active outside Diocese; North American College, Rome, Italy
- 1968 St. Cecillia's, Harvey, ND
- 1969 St. James High School, Grand Forks, ND
- 1970-1973 Religious Education Center, Grand Forks, ND
- 1970 St. Anne's Guest Home, Grand Forks, ND
- 1971-1972 Held position with Migrant Workers Apostolate
- 1972 Held position with Continuing Education of Priests
- 1973 Holy Family, Grand Forks, ND
- 1974-1976 St. Arnold's, Milnor, ND
- 1977-1980 Cardinal Muench Seminary, Fargo, ND
- 1981-1983 St. Andrew's, Zeeland, ND
- 1983-1986 St. Alphonsus, Langdon, ND
- 1987-1989 Active outside diocese; Visitation House-Fraternity of Priests, Steubenville, OH
- 1990-1991 Active outside diocese, Drayton, ND; noted in Diocese directory c/o Elwood Schumacher
- 1992- No further information
- 2010 Deceased

Kenneth Gallagher's obituary notes that he was survived by his wife, whom he married in 1986, four sons and an adopted daughter.

James C. Jeffrey

Fargo Diocese

Born June 15, 1933

Ordained May 30, 1959

Died May 28, 2017

- 1960-1964 St. John the Evangelist, Grafton, ND
- 1961 St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Grafton, ND
- 1965 Mission work, Lima, Peru
- 1966-1975 Mission work, Chimbote, Peru
- 1976-1986 Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle, Chimbote, Peru
- 1987-1988 St. Francis Xavier, La Feria, TX
- 1989-2000 St. Bridgets, Cavalier, ND
- 1992-2001 Held position in Director Migrant Workers Apostolate
- 2000-2017 Retired
- 2001 Held Position in Apostolate for Spanish Speaking
- 2001-2002 Retired, Puerto Rico
- 2003-2009 Retired, Belleville, IL
- 2009-2011 Retired, Puerto Rico
- 2012-2017 Retired, Belleville, IL
- 2017 Deceased

Fr. James Jeffrey's obituary notes that he was pastor of St. Bridgets (Cavalier, ND), St. Nereus & Achillas (Neché, ND) and St. Thomas (St. Thomas, ND) from 1988 to 1999.

The obituary also notes that Fr. Jeffrey retired eventually to Illinois where he traveled to Hispanic communities to bring his ministry.

Alex Jene

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1942

Died February 2, 1971

- 1943 Sacred Heart, Orrin, ND
- 1944 Sick leave, Sacred Heart Sanitarium, Milwaukee, WI
- 1945-1946 St. John Nepomucene, Blumenfel, ND
- 1947 Leave of Absence
- 1948-1952 St. Vincent of Paul, Leeds, ND
- 1953-1957 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pembina, ND
- 1958-1961 St. Henry's, Alice, ND
- 1962 St. Boniface, Esmond, ND
- 1963 Sick leave, Leroy, ND
- 1964 St. Joseph's, Leroy, ND
- 1965-1971 No further information
- 1971 Deceased

Zbigniew (Gregory) Patejko

Fargo Diocese

Born November 17, 1930 in Warsaw, Poland

Ordained 1953

Died 1996

- 1953-1967 Unknown, no listings
- 1968-1971 St. Stanislaus, Trenton Diocese, Sayreville, NJ
- 1972 St. Mary's, Trenton Diocese, South River, NJ
- 1973-1979 St. Andrew's, Zeeland, ND
- 1980-1981 St. Agatha, Hope, ND
- 1982 St. Joseph's, Austin Diocese, Bryan, TX
- 1983-1985 Holy Trinity, Austin Diocese, Llano, TX
- 1986 St. Stanislaus, Austin Diocese, Chappell Hill, TX
- 1987- No further information

An independent assignment record of Fr. Patejeko shows that he was ordained in 1953 in Poland where he served from 1953-1967 before serving in New Jersey. A claim of abuse from 1976 was made against Fr. Patejeko and was settled by the Diocese in 1994.

Cletus Rausch, Deacon

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1993

Removed from Ministry

- No history is listed within the Fargo Diocese directory

John W. Roth

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1941

Died September 24, 1992

- 1942-1943 St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, ND
- 1944-1945 St. Catherine's, Valley City, ND
- 1946-1948 St. Michael's, Thorne, ND
- 1949-1981 St. John Nepomucene, Pisek, ND
- 1982-1991 St. Anthony, Selz, ND
- 1992 Deceased

Fernando Sayasaya

Fargo Diocese

Born March 1964

Ordained 1995

Removed from Ministry, Laicized, Imprisoned

- 1996-1997 St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, ND
- 1998 Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo, ND
- 1999 Special Assignment, Fargo, ND
- 2000 Absent on leave, Fargo, ND
- 2001- No further information

Two brothers came forward stating the Sayasaya had abused them from 1995-1998. Church officials removed Sayasaya from his duties in 1998. Sayasaya fled to the Philippines in 1998 before he could be formally charged with the crimes. Sayasaya was charged in 2002 in Cass County and a federal indictment was returned in 2003. Sayasaya was extradited to North Dakota where he faced these charges in 2017 and was sentenced to 20 years.

Although Sayasaya is currently serving his sentence, a current residence search has him residing at Blessed Sacrament in West Fargo, ND.

Richard W. Sinner

Fargo Diocese

Born October 12, 1925

Ordained 1952

Died January 28, 2004

Removed from Ministry

- 1953 St. Thomas Aquinas, University Chapel, Fargo ND
- 1953 St. Michael's Hospital, Grand Forks, ND
- 1953 Newman Foundation, Grand Forks, ND
- 1954 St. James Church, Jamestown, ND
- 1955-1959 St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, ND
- 1960-1969 St. Francis Church, Marion, ND
- 1961-1971 Held position in Diocesan Rural Life Conference
- 1970-1971 St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, ND
- 1972 Sacred Heart Church, Orrin, ND
- 1973-1989 Active outside diocese
- 1974 St. Benedict Church of White Earth, Crookston
Diocese, Ogema, MN
- 1979 Immaculate Conception Church, St. Cloud
Diocese, Becker, MN
- 1981 St. Pius X Parish, Tucson Diocese, Tucson, AZ
- 1982 Chaplain at State Prison in Florence, AZ
- 1983 Chaplain at Mercy Medical Center, St. Andrew's
Seminary, Denver, CO
- 1990 Retired
- 2004 Deceased

Obituary details several towns Fr. Sinner serviced that were not listed in Catholic directories; to include: Montpelier, ND from 1959-1969; Argusville and Fulda, ND; Kent, Duluth, and Ponsford, MN. Fr. Sinner returned to ND in 1983 to assist his brother's campaign for governor.

Allan Storey, Permanent Deacon

Fargo Diocese

Born November 1943

Ordained 1988

Removed from Ministry, Laicized

- 1989-2003 St. Boniface, Walhalla, ND
- 2004- No further information

Current residence search has Storey residing in Walhalla, ND.

John Tuohy

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1927

Died 1960

- 1930-1931 St. Michael's, Grand Forks, ND
- 1932-1936 St. Andrew's, Westhope, ND
- 1937-1938 St. Paul's, Tappen, ND
- 1939- No further information
- 1960 Deceased

George Vasques

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1983

Died May 2, 1989

Removed from Ministry

- 1983-1985 Unknown
- 1986-1988 St. Lawrence O'Toole, Michigan, ND
- 1989 Deceased

John Wanzek

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1950

Died August 30, 1991

- 1951-1953 St. Anthony of Padua, Fargo, ND
- 1954-1955 Transfiguration, Edgeley, ND
- 1956-1960 Holy Family, McClusky, ND
- 1961-1964 St. Anselm, Fulda, ND
- 1965-1970 St. Thomas, St. Thomas, ND
- 1971-1974 St. John's, Kensal, ND
- 1975-1984 Holy Rosary, La Moure, ND
- 1985 Sick leave, Holy Family Guest House, Carrington, ND
- 1986-1988 Sick leave, Manor of St. Joseph, Edgeley, ND
- 1989- No further information
- 1991 Deceased

David Wild

Fargo Diocese

Born March 16, 1927

Ordained 1953

Died October 26, 2008

- 1954-1960 Holy Spirit, Fargo, ND
 - 1961-1962 St. Mary's Forman, ND
 - 1963-1970 St. Bernard's, Oriska, ND
- Based upon information and belief, Fr. Wild was a Boy Scouts Troop Leader during this time
- 1965-1975 Held position with Diocesan of Catholic Youth
 - 1969-1976 Held position with Sub-commission on Art and Architecture
 - 1971-1979 St. Catherine's, Valley City, ND
 - 1980-1981 Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo, ND
 - 1982-1992 Holy Cross, West Fargo, ND
 - 1993-2002 Retired
 - 2003- No further information
 - 2009 Deceased

Abraham Anthony, Diocese Simla-Chandigarh, India

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1986; died 2010

- 1986-1999 Unknown
- 2000 Basilica of St. James Church and State Hospital,
 Jamestown, ND
- 2001- No further information
- 2010 Deceased

In 2000, Anthony was charged in Stutsman Co. for gross sexual imposition, sexual assault and disorderly conduct related to incidents with minor boys while he was at St. James. Anthony fled prior to being questioned by police and it was believed that he fled to India.

Theophane Gonnely, Benedictine (OSB)

Fargo Diocese

Born February 14, 1921

Ordained 1947

Died January 26, 2005

- 1948-1952 Evansville Diocese, Indiana
- 1953-1957 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 1958-1961 St. Michael's Indian Mission, St. Michael, ND
- 1961 Fort Totten Reservation, St. Michael, ND
- 1962-1968 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 1969-1979 St. Ann's, Turtle Mountain Reservation, Belcourt, ND
- 1976-1979 St. John the Baptist, St. John, ND
- 1980-1986 Held position in Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls, SD
- 1987-2005 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Sioux Falls, SD
- 1988-1989 No listings in Directory
- 2005 Deceased
- Of note, obituary online notes Fr. Gonnely being a resident at a facility in Jemez Springs, NM and went to a hospital in Missouri when the facility in NM closed. Fr. Gonnely died in the St. Louis, MO hospital on January 26, 2005.

Gonnely's obituary notes him as residing in his final years in Jemez Springs, NM with the Servants of the Paracletes, known for housing priests that have been removed due to sexual misconduct.

Patrick Hagarty, Archdiocese of Omaha

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1941

- 1941-1943 Unknown
- 1944 In index in Omaha, NE, not listed in Diocese
- 1945-1951 Chaplain US Army
- 1952-1969 Absent on Sick leave, Omaha Diocese, NE
- 1970- No further information

Luke Odor, Diocese Aba, Nigeria

Fargo Diocese

Born December 8, 1948

Ordained 1980

- 1980-1989 Unknown
- 1990-1991 St. Agnes, Archdiocese of St. Paul/MPLS, St. Paul, MN
- 1992-1995 Unknown
- 1996 Sacred Heart Church, Fargo Diocese, Grand Forks, ND
- 1997 St. George's Church, Fargo Diocese, Cooperstown, ND
- 1998-1999 Unknown
- 2000 Holy Family Church, Burlington Diocese, Essex Junction, VT
- 2000 Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington Diocese, Burlington, VT
- 2001-2003 Unknown
- 2004-2006 Military Services Dept of Veteran Affairs Hospital and Chaplains, Cincinnati, OH
- 2007 Unknown
- 2008 Military Services Dept of Veteran Affairs Hospital and Chaplains, Cheyenne, WY
- 2009 Unknown
- 2010-2012 Military Services Dept of Veteran Affairs Hospital and Chaplains, Nigeria
- 2013 St. Isidore, Archdiocese of Boston, Stow, MA

Odor was investigated for allegations of 'boundary violations with minors' when he was in the Archdiocese of St. Paul Minneapolis and the Diocese of Fargo.

Laurent Picard, Archdiocese of Grouard- McLennan, Canada

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1969

Died 1989

- No information found

James Reilly, Benedictine (OSB)

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1944

Died 1990

- 1945 St. John the Baptist, Bismarck Diocese, Odense, ND
- 1946-1947 St. Martia's, Bismarck Diocese, Huff, ND
- 1948-1956 St. Stephen, Bismarck Diocese, Lefor, ND
- 1957-1969 Assumption Abbey, Bismarck Diocese, Richardson, ND
- 1970-1977 Our Lady of Lourdes, Great Falls Diocese, Great Falls, MT
- 1978-1990 Assumption Abbey, Bismarck Diocese, Richardson, ND
- 1984-1986 St. Thomas, Bismarck Diocese, Gladstone, ND
- 1990 Deceased

Peter Schwartz, Benedictine (OSB)

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1962

Died 2003

- 1963-1964 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 1965-1966 St. Ann's, Turtle Mountain Reservation, Fargo Diocese, Belcourt, ND
- 1967-1969 Immaculate Conception, Sioux Falls Diocese, Stephan, SD
- 1969-1970 St. John's Chapel for the Indians, Sioux Falls, Diocese, Pierre, SD
- 1969-1970 Government Indian School, Sioux Falls Diocese, Pierre, SD
- 1969 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 1971-1977 Seven Dolores Indian Mission, Fargo Diocese, Fort Totten, ND
- 1978 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 1979 St. Paul's Indian Mission, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marty, SD
- 1980-1981 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 1982-1984 Immaculate Conception, Sioux Falls Diocese, Stephan, SD
- 1982 Government Indian School, Sioux Falls Diocese, Pierre, SD
- 1985-1987 Seven Dolores Indian Mission, Fargo Diocese, Fort Totten, ND
- 1988-2003 Blue Cloud Abbey, Sioux Falls Diocese, Marvin, SD
- 2003 Deceased

John (Brendan) Smyth, Norbertines (O. Praem)

Fargo Diocese

Born June 8, 1927

Ordained 1951

Died August 22, 1997

Imprisoned

- 1952-1965 Unknown
- 1966-1968 Our Lady of Mercey, Providence Diocese, East Greenwich, RI
Name is listed as Brendan Smyth
- 1969-1980 Unknown
- 1981-1982 St. Alphonsus, Fargo Diocese, Langdon, ND
Name is listed as John G. B. Smyth
- 1983- No further information
- 1997 Deceased

Smyth was a prolific child molester. Born in Ireland, Smyth abused children there and in the United States. Smyth was arrested in the 1990's, fled to Ireland, was extradited to the United States, and ultimately was sent to prison where he died one month into his 12-year sentence.

Br. Raimond Rose, Brothers of the Midwest

Fargo Diocese

Ordained N/A

Died 2015

- Pre 1968 Unknown
- 1968-1972 Cretin-Duram Hall, Archdiocese of St. Paul, St. Paul, MN
- 1972-1975 Unknown
- 1976-1980 Shanley High School, Fargo Diocese, Fargo, ND
- 1981-2002 Unknown
- 2002 Chicago
- 2003- Unknown
- 2015 Deceased

No information for Br. Raimond Rose was found within Catholic Directory, this information was taken from

<https://www.andersonadvocates.com/PriestList/53/Brother-Charles-Anthony-Raimond-Rose.aspx>

Dennis Bouche, Diocese of Green Bay

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 1945

Died 1995

- 1946 St. Luke, Green Bay Diocese, Two Rivers, WI
- 1947-1949 St. John the Baptist, Green Bay Diocese, Coleman, WI
- 1950 St. Vincent de Paul, Green Bay Diocese, Oshkosh, WI
- 1951 St. Francis Seraph, Green Bay Diocese, Hollandtown, WI
- 1952-1956 St. Paul, Green Bay Diocese, Manitowoc, WI
- 1957-1965 St. Peter, Green Bay Diocese, Oconto, WI
- 1966 St. John the Baptist, Green Bay Diocese, Coleman, WI
- 1967 Sick Leave
- 1968-1969 On duty outside the Diocese
- 1970 Sacred Heart, Green Bay Diocese, Shawano, WI
- 1971 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Green Bay Diocese, Spruce, WI
- 1972 Villa St. Vincent, Green Bay Diocese, New London, WI
- 1973 Sick Leave
- 1974 St. Stanislaus, Lacrosse Diocese, Stevens Point, WI
- 1975-1985 On sick leave
- 1986- Retired
- 1995 Deceased

Timothy Conlon, Crosier

Fargo Diocese

Born March 23, 1949

Ordained 1979

Removed from Ministry, dismissed from Crosiers

- 1980-1985 Immaculate Conception Monastery, Lincoln Diocese, Hastings, NE
- 1986-2000 Crosier, Archdiocese of New York, New Rochelle, NY
- 1996-2000 All Saints, Archdiocese of New York, Borough of Manhattan, NY
- 1999-2000 St. Angela Merici, Archdiocese of New York, Borough of Bronx, NY
- 2001-2007 Crosier Community of Phoenix, Phoenix Diocese, Monroe, AZ
- 2008-2011 Sacred Heart, Phoenix Diocese, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012-2015 Crosier Provincial House, Province of St. Odilia, Phoenix Diocese, Phoenix, AZ
- 2015 Deceased

Steven Dougherty, Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLTs)

Fargo Diocese

Ordained 2003

Removed from Ministry, criminal conviction

- 2004-2011 Robstown, SOLTs, Corpus Christi Diocese, Corpus Christi, TX
- 2012- No further information

In June 2016, Dougherty was arrested and indicted by a grand jury for felony sexual assault of a child. Dougherty pled not guilty.

Bismarck Diocese List and Assignment History of Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

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Earl Becwar

Bismarck Diocese

Born July 18, 1918

Ordained December 21, 1944

Died September 5, 1991

- 1945-1950 St. Leo's, Minot, ND
- 1951 St. Mary's Central High School, Bismarck, ND
- 1952 St. Alexius Hospital, Bismarck, ND
- 1953-1958 St. Ignatius, Wing, ND
- 1955-1983 Held position as Pro-Synodal Judge
- 1955-1974 St. Mary's Central High School, Bismarck, ND
- 1959-1983 Held position as Diocesan Consultor
- 1959-1960 St. Hildgarde, Menoken, ND
- 1971-1974 St. Vincent de Paul, Crown Butte, ND
- 1975-1984 Held positions of Religious Instruction and Schools within the Diocese
- 1975-1988 Ascension, Bismarck, ND
- 1989-1991 Retired
- 1991 Deceased

Norman J. Dukart

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained June 2, 1967

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed: March 20, 2002

- 1968-1970 St. Patrick's Church, Dickinson, ND
- 1971-1973 St. Joseph's Church, Mandan, ND
- 1974-1976 St. Leo Church, Minot, ND
- 1977-1978 St. Gertrude's Church, Raleigh, ND
- 1979-1986 St. Mary's, Foxholm, ND
- 1987-1999 St. Joseph, Williston, ND
- 1997-1999 Held position with Priest's Personnel Board
- 2000 Unknown, not listed in Diocese registry or index
- 2001-2002 St. Patrick Church, Crosby, ND
- 2003- Retired

Under the Bismarck Diocese's zero tolerance policy, Dukart was removed from ministry in 2002 due to allegations of sexual abuse of several boys three decades before. Parishioners in the Crosby church that Dukart serviced when he was removed were aware of Dukart's past and made safeguards so that Dukart would not be alone with children.

Current residence search shows Dukart currently living in Dickinson, ND.

Robert Feeney

Bismarck Diocese

Born June 15, 1930

Ordained May 21, 1956

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed April 17, 2002

Died April 3, 2006

- 1957-1958 St. Joseph's, Mandan, ND
- 1957-1967 Held position as Editor of Diocesan Paper
- 1959-1960 St. Mary's Central High School, Bismarck, ND
- 1959-1966 St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Bismarck, ND
- 1960-1967 Bismarck Junior College, Bismarck, ND
- 1962-1970 Held position as lay volunteer
- 1967 St. Vincent, Crown Butte, ND
- 1968 On duty outside of Diocese, Venezuela
- 1969 On duty outside of Diocese, Graduate studies
- 1970 Minot Teachers College, Minot, ND
- 1971-1982 Dickinson Trinity High School, Dickinson, ND
- 1972-1973 St. Thomas the Apostle, Gladstone, ND
- 1974-1988 Queen of Peace Church, Dickinson, ND
- 1989 St. Anne School, Bismarck, ND
- 1990 St. Agnes School, Kenmare, ND
- 1991-2000 St. Joseph, Mandan, ND
- 1999 St. Vincent, Crown Butte, ND
- 2001 Unknown, no listing
- 2002-2006 Retired
- 2006 Deceased

Theodore F. Gustin

Bismarck Diocese

Born December 4, 1931

Ordained June 2, 1957

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed June 18, 2002

Died December 27, 2006

- 1958-1963 St. Joseph's, Mandan, ND
- 1964 Our Lady of Mercey, Belmont, MA
- 1965-2000 Held various positions within the Diocese, to include: 1965-1978 Vice Officialis, 1979-1985 Officialis, 1971-1974 Priest Mutual Aid Assc., 1982-1983 and 1989-1996 Diocesan Consultors, 1983-1985 Due Process Board, 1985-1986 Defensor Vinculi, 1984-2000 Pro-Synodal Judges, 1986-1995 Parish Priest Consultors, 1989 Propagation of the Faith, 1989-1994 Presbyterial Council, 1990-1999 Permanent Diaconate, 1991-1992 Judicial Victor, 1991-1997 Diocesan Finance Council, 1992-1997 Diocesan Corporate Board
- 1965-1974 Sacred Heart, Wilton, ND
- 1975-1989 St. Mary's, Bismarck, ND
- 1990 St. Henry, Regent, ND
- 1991-2000 Sacred Heart, Wilton, ND
- 2001 Retired
- 2002 Faculties removed
- 2006 Deceased

Eugene Haspert

Bismarck Diocese

Born September 20, 1921

Ordained May 27, 1947

Died July 3, 1979

- 1948-1950 St. Mary's, Hague, ND
- 1951-1952 St. Joseph's, Dickinson, ND
- 1953 St. James, Power Lake, ND
- 1954-1956 St. Pius, New Salem, ND
- 1957-1968 St. Gertrude's, Raleigh, ND
- 1969-1979 St. Bernard's, Belfield, ND
- 1979 Deceased

Donald Hill

Bismarck Diocese

Born June 24, 1941

Ordained May 25, 1967

Died November 21, 2004

- 1968-1974 St. Mary's, Bismarck, ND
- 1975-1986 St. Hildegard Church, Menoken, ND
- 1986 St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, ND
- 1987-1993 Mercy Hospital, Williston, ND; 1988 no information in Diocese directory or index
- 1994-1999 Army National Guard Chaplain, Washington DC
- 2000-2004 Army National Guard, Alexandria, VA
- 2004 Deceased

Michael Krank

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained June 2, 1952

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed March 11, 2004

Died November 28, 2010

- 1953-1954 St. Leo's, Minot, ND
- 1955 St. Joseph's, Dickinson, ND
- 1956-1959 St. Mary's, Bismarck, ND
- 1956-1961 St. Mary's Central High School, Bismarck, ND
- 1960-1966 St. Vincent de Paul, Crown Butte, ND
- 1967-1973 St. Aloysius Church, Hague, ND
- 1967-1982 Emmons Central High School, Strasburg, ND
- 1974-1978 St. Mary's, Hague, ND
- 1975-1995 Held various positions within the Diocese, to include: 1975-2003 Pro-Synodal Judges, 1979-1985 Deans, 1984-1985 Diocesan Consultors, 1986-1995 Parish Priest Consultors, 1987 Priest Mutual Aid Association, 1988-1995 Priest Benefit Assc.
- 1979-1986 St. Michael's, St. Michael, ND
- 1986-1990 St. Joseph School, Dickinson, ND
- 1991-1997 St. Henry Church, Regent, ND
- 1998-2004 Retired
- 2005-2009 Emmaus Place, Bismarck, ND
- 2010 Deceased

John H. Kuhn

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained November 23, 1943

Died March 15, 2006

- 1944-1945 St. Anthony's, Linton, ND
- 1945-1946 St. Joseph, Dickinson, ND
- 1947 St. Leo's, Minot, ND
- 1948-1951 Our Lady of Consolation, Alexander, ND
- 1952-1994 Held various positions within the Diocese, to include: 1952 and 1987 Priests' Mutual Aid Fund, 1981-1987 Advocates, 1988-1994 Priests' Benefit Assc
- 1952-1957 St. Luke, Noonan, ND
- 1958-1967 St. Joseph's, Williston, ND
- 1968-1970 Our Lady of Grace, Minot, ND
- 1971-1986 Christ the King, Mandan, ND
- 1984-1990 St. Hildegard, Menoken, ND
- 1991-2003 Retired
- 2004-2006 Homes for Aged, Bismarck, ND
- 2006 Deceased

Hugh C. McGovern

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained July 26, 1950

Died July 22, 1988

- 1951-1954 St. Leo's, Minot, ND
- 1955-1956 St. Joseph's, Williston, ND
- 1957 Blessed Trinity, Hettinger, ND
- 1958-1961 Holy Cross, Douglas, ND
- 1962-1967 St. Bonaventure, Underwood, ND
- 1968-1970 Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Stanely, ND
- 1971 St. Therese Little Flower, Minot, ND
- 1972 Bishop Ryan High School, Minot, ND
- 1973-1974 Epiphany, Watford City, ND
- 1975 St. Jerome's, Mohall, ND
- 1976 Holy Trinity, Hettinger, ND
- 1977 St. Boniface, Grenora, ND
- 1978-1987 Unknown, no listings
- 1988 Trinity Nursing Home, Minot, ND
- 1988 Deceased

Maruice McNeely

Bismarck Diocese

Born June 7, 1930

Ordained June 7, 1958

Incarnated into Diocese of Honolulu 1982

Died July 29, 2017

- 1959 St. Joseph's, Mandan, ND
- 1960 Christ the King, Mandan, ND
- 1961 St. Leo's, Minot, ND
- 1962-1963 St. Vincent de Paul, Mott, ND
- 1964-1965 St. Bridget, Parshall, ND
- 1966-1968 Immaculate Heart of March, Marmarth, ND
- 1969-1979 On duty outside of Diocese, U.S. Army
- 1979-1982 On leave
- 1983-1986 Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, Honolulu
Diocese, Honolulu, HI
- 1987 Our Lay of the Mount, Honolulu, HI
- 1988-2001 Holy Famliy, Honolulu, HI
- 2002 Unknown
- 2003-2017 Retired
- 2017 Deceased

Fredric Nelson

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained May 29, 1950

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed February 20, 1984

Died August 13, 1988

- 1951 St. Mary's, New England, ND
- 1952-1953 St. Joseph's, Mandan, ND
- 1954-1970 St. James, Powers Lake, ND
- 1971-1979 Notre Dame Academy, Powers Lake, ND
- 1980-1982 On leave
- 1983-1988 Unknown, no listings
- 1988 Deceased

John J. Owens

Bismarck Diocese

Born 1929

Ordained June 4, 1960

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed April 13, 2010

- 1961-1962 St. Therese the Little Flower, Minot, ND
- 1963-1964 St. Joseph's, Mandan, ND
- 1965-1967 St. Joseph's, Willston, ND
- 1968-1999 Held various positions within the Diocese, to include: 1968-1988 Radio and Television, 1972-1992 Newspaper "Dakota Catholic Action", 1983-1996 Respect Life, 1989-1999 Communications Office, 1997-1999 Pro-Life
- 1968-1971 St. John the Baptist, New Leipzig, ND
- 1972-1974 Holy Cross, Douglas, ND
- 1975-1990 Sacred Heart, Wilton, ND
- 1991-1999 St. Hildegard, Menoken, ND
- 2000-2010 Retired
- 2010 No further listings

Current residence search has Owens living in Forest Lake, MN.

A report was made in 2002 to the Bismarck Diocese that Owens had engaged in sexual misconduct toward a minor. Owens had retired in 1999 to Forest Lake, MN and was providing temporary assistance in parishes. Upon this report, Owens' priestly faculties were removed by the Bismarck Diocese but Owens continued to fill-in as a priest in MN until 2004. Owens is also included in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis list of clergy with substantiated claims.

James W. Pommier

Bismarck Diocese

Born April 1, 1925

Ordained June 7, 1954

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed December 19, 1977

Dismissed from Clerical State December 21, 2007

Died January 28, 2012

- 1955 St. Patrick's, Dickinson, ND
- 1956-1957 St. Vincent de Paul, Mott, ND
- 1958-1961 St. John the Baptist, New Leipzig, ND
- 1962 Immaculate Conception, Max, ND
- 1963 SS. Peter and Paul, Fallon, ND
- 1964-1970 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Carson, ND
- 1971-1974 St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, ND
- 1975- No further listings
- 2012 Deceased

Pommier is not listed in the index for the years 1967, 1968, 1969, or 1970 but is still listed in the Diocese Directory at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Bismarck.

James E. Reardon

Bismarck Diocese

Born 1935

Ordained March 13, 1965

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed April 16, 2002

Died March 11, 2007

- 1966 St. John the Apostle, Minot, ND
- 1967 St. Mary's, Bismarck, ND
- 1968 Christ the King, Mandan, ND
- 1969 St. Joseph's, Dickinson, ND
- 1970-1972 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND
- 1973-1978 St. Martin's, Huff, ND
- 1973-1978 State Industrial School, Huff, ND
- 1974-1991 Held various positions within the Diocese, to include: 1974-1981 and 1987 Priest Mutual Aid Assc., 1988-1990 Priests' Benefit Assc., 1991 Priests' Personnel Board
- 1979 St. Gertrude's, Raleigh, ND
- 1980-1982 St. Bridget's, Parshall, ND
- 1983-1994 St. Martin's, Center, ND
- 1991-1998 St. Martin's, Hazen, ND
- 1995-1999 St. Joseph's, Beulah, ND
- 2000 St. Vincent, Mott, ND
- 2001 Unknown, no listing
- 2002-2007 Retired
- 2004-2006 Home for the Aged- Emmaus Place, Bismarck, ND
- 2007 Deceased

Armour R. Roberts

Bismarck Diocese

Born March 23, 1928

Ordained June 4, 1965

Died December 8, 1989

- 1956 St. Joseph's, Marquette Diocese, Sault St. Marie, MI
- 1957-1959 St. John the Baptist, Marquette Diocese, Garden, MI
- 1959 Marygrove Retreat House, Marquette Diocese, Garden, MI
- 1960-1961 St. Mary's, Marquette Diocese, Norway, MI
- 1962 Sacred Heart, Marquette Diocese, L'Anse, MI
- 1963 St. Joseph's, Marquette Diocese, Lake Linden, MI
- 1964 Holy Name of Mary, Marquette Diocese, Sault St. Marie, MI
- 1965 Newman's Clubs, North Michigan College of Education, College of Mining and Technology
- 1966-1969 Absent on Leave; index notes Roberts is in Bismarck, ND
- 1970 Hildegard, Menoken, ND
- 1971-1972 St. Vincent de Paul, Mott, ND
- 1973-1983 St. Philomena, Glenburn, ND
- 1979-1989 Held various positions within the Diocese, to include: 1979-1989 Diocesan Tribunal Advocates, 1988-1989 Pastoral Planning, 1988-1989 Priest Personnel Board,
- 1984-1987 St. Wencelslaus, Dickinson, ND
- 1989 Deceased

Aloysius P. Simon

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained May 29, 1950

Faculties for Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed June 18, 1985

Died October 31, 1991

- 1951 St. Leo's Church, Minot, ND
- 1952-1957 St. Mary's Church, Bismarck, ND
- 1958-1966 Our Lady of Consolation Church, Alexander, ND
- 1967-1976 St. Bridget's Church, Parshall, ND
- 1977-1980 On leave
- 1981-1991 Unknown, no further listings
- 1991 Deceased

Laurence R. Talty

Bismarck Diocese

Born March 31, 1919

Ordained November 30, 1945

Died August 22, 1989

- 1946-1947 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND
- 1948 St. Joseph's, Williston, ND
- 1948 General Hospital, Williston, ND
- 1949-1953 St. Michael's, Sentinel Butte, ND
- 1950-1958 Director of Catholic Boy Scouts, Donnybrook, ND
- 1954-1959 St. Anthony's, Donnybrook, ND
- 1960-1961 Catholic Chapel, Riverdale, ND
- 1962-1967 St. John's Mission, Riverdale, ND
- 1968-1969 Unknown, no listing
- 1970-1974 St. Edwin Church, Washburn, ND
- 1975-1981 St. Martin's, Center, ND
- 1982-1985 St. Mary's, Hague, ND
- 1986-1987 Unknown, no listing
- 1988-1989 Homes for the Aged-Emmaus Place, Bismarck, ND
- 1989 Deceased

Talty was listed several times between the years of 1957-1982 as a Camp Director at Camp Dominic Savio in Riverdale, ND.

Stephen R. Zastoupil

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained May 20, 1961

Faculties of Priestly Ministry Permanently Removed March 20, 2002

Died July 2, 2018

- 1962 St. Joseph's, Mandan, ND
- 1963 St. Therese the Little Flower, Minot, ND
- 1967-1970 St. Mary's, New England, ND
- 1971-1973 St. Ann's, Berthold, ND
- 1974-1978 St. Mary's, Foxholm, ND
- 1979-1987 Held position in the Diocese as an Advocate
- 1979-2002 Corpus Christi, Bismarck, ND
- 1983 Held position in the Diocese in the Council of Priests
- 2003 Retired, Emmaus Place
- 2004-2010 Retired, Little Knife Cottage Site

Zastoupil presented a letter of confession and resignation in 2002 to his congregation at Corpus Christi for 'transgressions with minors' 31 years ago.

Victor Heinen, OSB

Bismarck Diocese

Born May 26, 1909

Ordained June 6, 1936

Died June 24, 1953

- 1936-1943 Unknown, no listings
- 1944-1951 St. Philomena, Selfridge, ND
- 1952-1953 Unknown, no further listings
- 1953 Deceased

Charles Meyer, CPPS

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained May 14, 1931

Died 1997

- 1932-1933 SS. Peter and Paul, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- 1934-1936 St. Anthony, Diocese of Detroit, Detroit, MI
- 1937 St. James, Lincoln Diocese, Curtis, NE
- 1938-1939 Church of the Resurrection, Nashville Diocese, Cleveland, TN
- 1940-1943 St. Aloysius, Hague, ND
- 1944-1948 Chaplain, U.S. Army
- 1949-1951 St. Mary's, Wichita Diocese, Garden City, KS
- 1952-1955 St. Joseph's, Diocese of Alexandria, Colfax, LA
- 1956-1965 St. Anthony's, Linton, ND
- 1966 St. Rose Convent, La Crosse Diocese, La Crosse, WI
- 1967-1985 St. Lawrence, St. Cloud Diocese, Perham/Rush Lake, MN
- 1969-1970 Held position within the Diocese in the Pastoral Council
- 1986-1992 Unknown, no listings
- 1993-1994 Most Precious Blood, Superior Diocese, Glidden, WI
- 1995 Unknown, no listing
- 1996-1998 St. Charles Seminary, Cincinnati Diocese, Carthagen, OH

Michael Spegele, CPPS

Bismarck Diocese

Born May 29, 1915 in Germany

Ordained June 14, 1941

Died March, 16, 1998

- 1942-1944 St. Joseph's, Killdeer, ND
- 1945-1946 St. Anthony's, Linton, ND
- 1947-1951 St. Peter Canisius, Grassy Butte, ND
- 1952-1953 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cleveland Diocese, Cleveland, OH
- 1952-1953 Mission House, Fathers of the Precious Blood, Cleveland Diocese, Cleveland, OH
- 1954-1958 Holy Cross (Hungarian), Detroit Diocese, Detroit, MI
- 1959 St. Mary's Novitiate of the Society of the Precious Blood, Cincinnati Diocese, Burketsville, OH
- 1960 St. Joseph's School, Cincinnati Diocese, Cincinnati, OH
- 1961-1963 St. John the Baptist, Superior Diocese, Rib Lake, WI
- 1964-1967 Holy Trinity, Kansas City Diocese, Urich, KS
- 1968 St. Agnes Hospital, Milwaukee Diocese, Fon Du Lac, WI
- 1969 St. Francis' Hospital, La Crosse Diocese, La Crosse, WI
- 1970-1973 St. Ann's, Boise Diocese, Arco, ID
- 1974-1976 St. Mary's, Boise Diocese, Arco, ID
- 1977-1978 Blessed Sacrament, Boise Diocese, Aberdeen, ID
- 1979-1992 St. Theresa's, Boise Diocese, Orofino, ID

- 1993-1999 Retired
- 1996 St. Mary's, Boise Diocese, Saint Maries, ID
- 1999 Deceased

Robert Wuest, CPPS

Bismarck Diocese

Ordained April 21, 1940

Died March 26, 1988

- 1941 No information but index notes Cincinnati Diocese Springfield, OH
- 1942-1943 St. Augustine's, Cincinnati Diocese, Minster, OH
- 1944 No information but index notes Cincinnati Diocese, Minster, OH
- 1945 St. Mary's, Cincinnati Diocese, Piqua, OH
- 1946 No information but index notes Cincinnati Diocese, Piqua, OH
- 1947 St. Joseph's, Cincinnati Diocese, Hamilton, OH
- 1948 St. John the Evangelist, Lansing Diocese, Jackson, MI
- 1949 No information but index notes Lansing Diocese, Jackson, MI
- 1950-1951 St. Mary's Church, Lincoln Diocese, Nebraska City, ND
- 1952 St. Henry's Church, Cincinnati Diocese, St. Henry, OH
- 1953-1959 St. John the Baptist, Superior Diocese, Rib Lake, WI
- 1960-1963 St. Paul's Church, Halliday, ND
- 1964-1974 St. Martin's, Hazen, ND
- 1975-1978 St. Mary's and St. Benedict's, Lincoln Diocese, Nebraska City, NE
- 1979-1981 St. Mary's Church, Hague, ND

- 1982-1984 Unknown, no listings
- 1985-1988 St. Charles Seminary, Cincinnati Diocese,
Carthagen, OH
- 1988 Deceased

Bishops of Fargo Diocese

John Shanley (1889–1909)

James O'Reilly (1910–1934)

Aloisius Joseph Muench (1935–1959), appointed Apostolic Nuncio and
Titular Archbishop (elevated to Cardinal in 1959)

Leo Ferdinand Dworschak (1960–1970)

Justin Albert Driscoll (1970–1984)

James Stephen Sullivan (1985–2002)

Samuel Joseph Aquila (2002–2012), appointed Archbishop of Denver

John Thomas Folda (2013–present)

Reverend John Shanley, D.D., ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1874; ordained Bishop on December 27, 1889; died July 16, 1909.



Photo from Wikipedia

Most Reverend James O'Reilly, D.D., ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 24, 1880; ordained Bishop on May 19, 1910; installed on June 1, 1970; died December 19, 1934.



Photo from Wikipedia, noted 1959

His Eminence Aloisius Cardinal Muench, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 8, 1913; appointed Bishop of Fargo on August 10, 1935; ordained Bishop on October 15, 1935; installed on November 6, 1935; appointed Apostolic Visitor for Germany on July 8, 1946; granted the personal title of Archbishop on November 1, 1950; appointed Papal Nuncio to Germany on March 10, 1951; created Cardinal Priest and elevated to Roman Curia on December 14, 1959; died February 15, 1962.



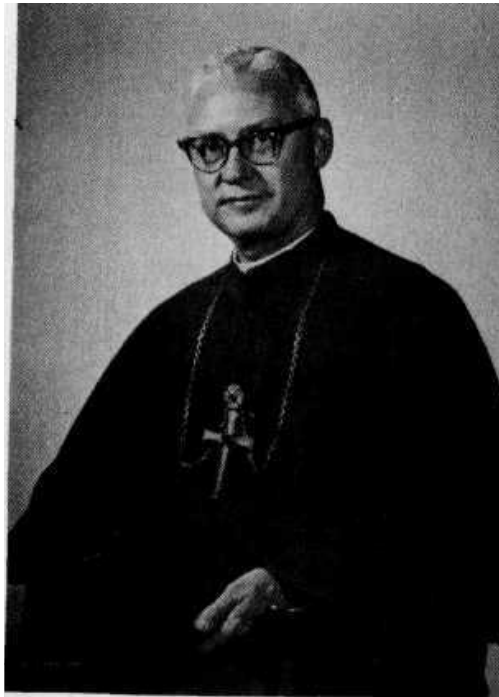
Photo taken from Fargo Diocese website

Most Reverend Leo F. Dworschak, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 29, 1926; appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Rapid City on June 23, 1946; ordained Bishop on August 22, 1946; appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Fargo on April 10, 1947; installed as Bishop of Fargo on May 10, 1960; resigned and retired on September 8, 1970; died November 5, 1976.



Photo from Fargo Diocese website

Most Reverend Justin A. Driscoll, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on July 28, 1945; appointed Bishop of Fargo on September 8, 1970; ordained Bishop of Fargo and installed on October 28, 1970; died November 19, 1984.



Taken from St. Anne's Church Centennial Book

Most Reverend James S. Sullivan, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 4, 1955; ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Lansing on September 21, 1972; appointed Bishop of Fargo on April 2, 1985; installed on May 30, 1985; retired March 18, 2002; died June 12, 2006.

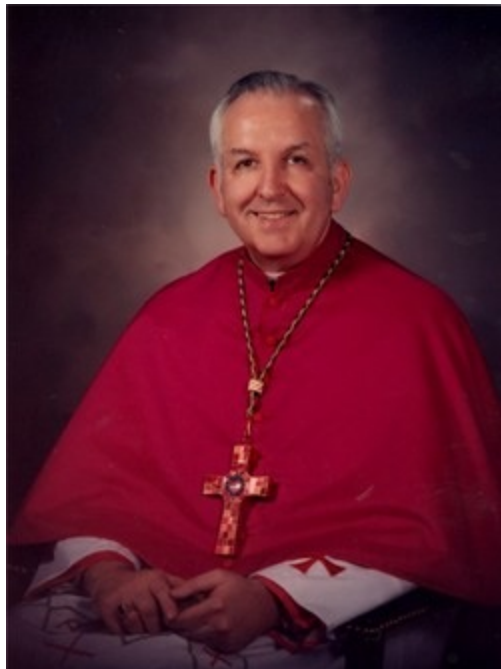


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Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 5, 1976; appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Fargo on June 12, 2001; ordained August 24, 2001; succeeded to the See on March 18, 2002; appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Denver on May 29, 2012, and installed on July 18, 2012.

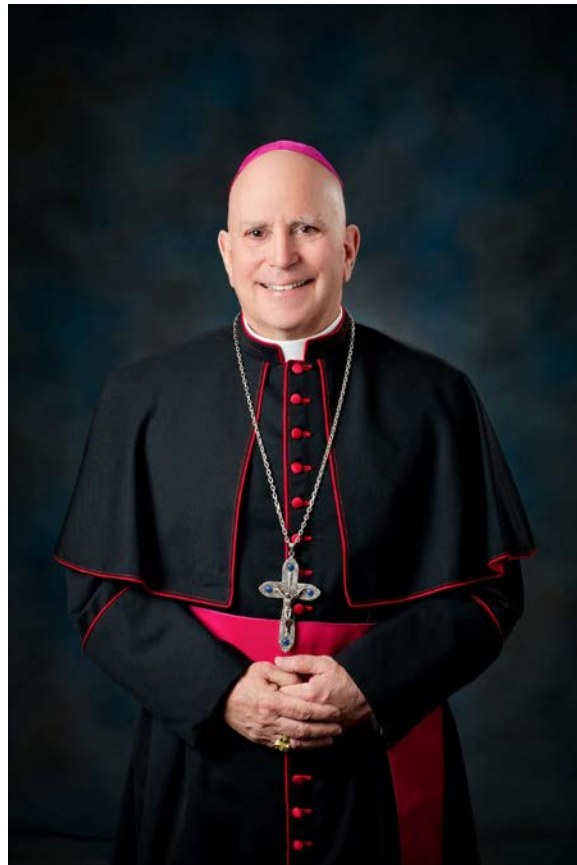


Photo from Archdiocese of Denver website

Most Reverend John T. Folda, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 27, 1989; appointed Bishop of Fargo on April 8, 2013; ordained Bishop of Fargo and installed on June 19, 2013.



Photo taken from Fargo Diocese website

Bishops of Bismarck Diocese

John Baptist Vincent de Paul Wehrle, O.S.B. (1910–1939)

Vincent James Ryan (1940–1951)

Lambert Anthony Hoch (1952–1956), appointed Bishop of Sioux Falls

Hilary Baumann Hacker (1956–1982)

John Francis Kinney (1982–1995), appointed Bishop of Saint Cloud

Paul Albert Zipfel (1996–2011)

David D. Kagan (2011–Present)

Most Reverend Vincent de Paul Wehrle O.S.B., D.D.,
appointed April 9, 1910; consecrated May 19, 1910; retired December
11, 1939; died November 2, 1941.

Most Reverend Vincent J. Ryan, D.D., L.L.D., appointed
March 19, 1940; consecrated May 28, 1940; died November 10, 1951.

Most Reverend Lambert A. Hoch, D.D., L.L.D.,
appointed January 23, 1952; consecrated March 25, 1952; transferred
to Sioux Falls, S.D., December 5, 1956; died June 27, 1990.

Most Reverend Hilary B. Hacker D.D., appointed December 29, 1956; consecrated February 27, 1957; retired June 28, 1982; died November 6, 1990.



Photo taken from Christ The King Church & School, Bismarck Diocese website

Most Reverend John F. Kinney, J.C.D., D.D., appointed June 28, 1982; installed August 23, 1982; transferred to St. Cloud, Minn. July 6, 1995; died September 27, 2019.



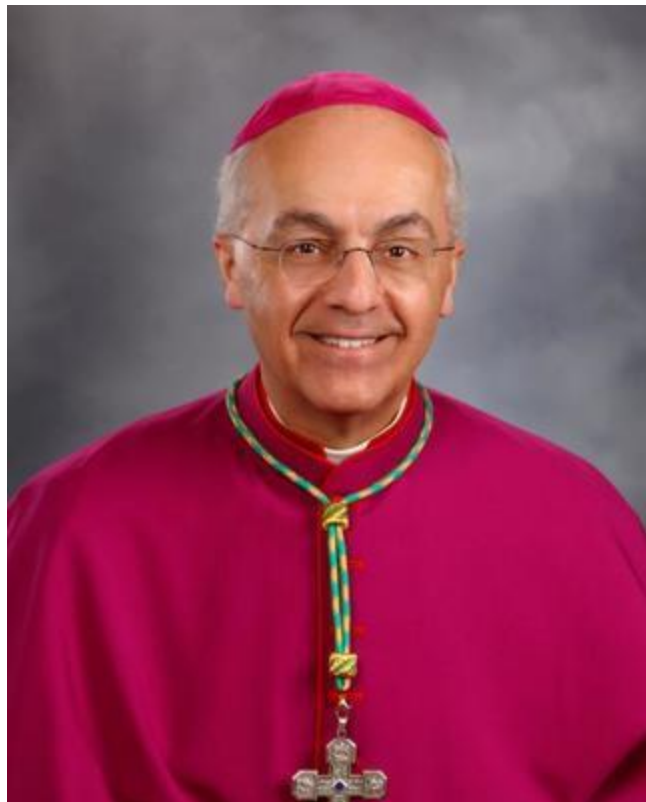
Photo from Diocese of St. Cloud website

Most Reverend Paul A. Zipfel, D.D., appointed December 31, 1996 by Saint John Paul II; installed February 20, 1997, retired October 19, 2011; died July 14, 2019.



Bishop Paul Zipfel 2010

Most Reverend David D. Kagan, D.D., P.A., J.C.L.,
appointed October 19, 2011 by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; ordained
and installed November 30, 2011.



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RE: Diocese of Fargo

Dear Ms. Anderson:

I am writing in reference to the recent disclosure of the list of priests from the Diocese of Fargo that had credible accusations of sexual abuse of minors. While it is admirable that the Diocese has disclosed this information and is seeking transparency, the list is deficient as is and the disclosure lacks steps to moving forward.

Survivors deserve to know where these offending priests have been assigned. A complete list of the assignments of each priest would allow survivors some small sense of acknowledgment and recognition that the abuse they endured was real and is being validated by the organization that for so long minimized or ignored their suffering.

Parishioners and survivors deserve to be notified relative to which offending priests came through their parish doors. Parishioners and survivors deserve a town hall meeting to have their questions answered and their fears and concerns heard by church officials.

As counsel for the Diocese of Fargo, I ask that this letter be considered by your office and forwarded on to the appropriate contact in the Diocese. I want to implore the Diocese of Fargo to do what is right by the survivors and the loyal Catholics they serve to provide them full disclosure and an avenue to have their voices heard.

Very truly yours,

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Response to Release from Dioceses of Fargo and Bismarck

We commend the Dioceses of Fargo and Bismarck on finally releasing lists of priests that were in ministry in their Dioceses with substantiated allegations of sexually abusing minors. The dioceses very recently released these lists, but this information has been available to them for a very long time. In 2002, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops established the Office of Child Protection, which conducted audits of dioceses across the country. North Dakota diocese officials said at that time, the same audits would be made within the dioceses. It does not appear that the information obtained in the audits were ever made public.

This list is atypical in that it does not provide the parishes and assignments of these clergy with substantiated allegations of abusing minors. The list also does not identify where the offenders that are alive are currently residing.

Through experience, we question how many other clergy should be on the list and expect to work towards the release of any additional names.

We call on the Diocese of Fargo and Bismarck to release of the files of the clergy that have substantiated allegations of abuse and we call to North Dakota legislators to open up the statute of limitations so that offenders can no longer be shielded from civil remedies .

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