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Clerical Sexual Abuse in the
Diocese of Syracuse

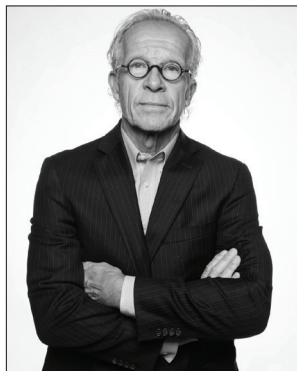
Purpose & Background

This report contains the names of clergy associated with the Diocese of Syracuse who have been accused of committing sexual offenses against minors. The vast majority of the claims against these individuals have not been evaluated in a civil court. Accordingly, the allegations should be considered just allegations and should not be considered proved or substantiated in a court of law. All individuals should be considered innocent until proven guilty. In many situations, the statute of limitations has expired preventing the cases from being heard in a court of law.

It is believed that the Diocese of Syracuse does not make available to the public the full history, knowledge and context of the sexually abusive clerics. This report is an attempt to compile information already available to the public from various sources in the public media; bishopaccountability.org; and other sources that have attempted to chronicle this information for public use. This report is intended to raise awareness about the important issue of clerical sexual abuse, provide the public with vital information including assignment histories, and provide awareness of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program available to survivors. Assignment histories are approximations and were compiled from the Official Catholic Directory, bishopaccountability.org and media reports.

Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A.

Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A. pioneered the use of civil litigation to seek justice for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Through its work, Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A. seeks to bring hope, healing, accountability and justice to survivors of child sexual abuse. The attorneys have advocated for survivor rights in New York for many decades, having filed their first lawsuit in New York on behalf of a child sex abuse survivor in approximately 1988. In addition to seeking legal accountability, the firm has supported survivors of abuse by bringing public awareness to the cause and even testified before the state legislature endorsing reforms to the statute of limitations. Recently, Attorney J. Michael Reck filed the first case alleging that a Catholic Diocese in New York was committing a public nuisance by refusing to disclose the identity and history of its sexually abusive priests.



Jeff Anderson



J. Michael Reck

The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (“IRCP”)

The Diocese of Syracuse has announced the creation of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (“IRCP”). Similar programs are already in existence in the Archdiocese of New York; Diocese of Brooklyn; and the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The IRCP is a third party administered fund that will compensate some survivors of childhood sexual abuse by priests. Survivors can keep their identity fully confidential. Currently, the IRCP is available only for survivors who previously reported their abuse. It is possible the program will be made available in the future to survivors of abuse who have not yet reported their abuse.

While the IRCP does provide some measure of justice and accountability, it is also complex and requires a survivor to waive his/her future rights if a settlement is received. A survivor participating in the IRCP can enroll in the program alone or may wish to retain an attorney to assist them. An attorney can communicate directly with the IRCP and the Diocese to shield the survivor from further trauma.

A deadline of May 16, 2018 exists for those who qualify for the IRCP in the Diocese of Syracuse.

Diocese of Syracuse

Created on November 26, 1886, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse has been responsible for Catholic children for more than a century. Consisting of seven counties in central New York State, the Diocese oversees 133 parishes, 24 schools, 257 priests and thousands of minors in CCD programs.

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham is the current leader of the Diocese of Syracuse. Bp. Cunningham was a priest and long-time Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo. Combined with his time as Bishop of Ogdensburg (2004-2009) and Vicar General of Buffalo, Bp. Cunningham oversaw numerous priests that were accused of sexually assaulted minors. Additionally, the Diocese of Syracuse has access to the Saint Luke Institute through one of its priests, Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, Ph.D., expert on clerical sexual abuse of minors and professor at Catholic University of America. www.sli.org.

Bishop Cunningham is one of a handful of Bishops that signed a Memorandums of Understanding (M.O.U.) with local law enforcement in response to the diocese previous mishandling claims of child sexual abuse. In 2015, Bishop Cunningham, along with the seven District Attorneys (Onondaga, Madison, Chenango, Oneida, Broome, Oswego, Cortland) signed a memorandum of understanding. The purpose of the document was to create a policy and reporting protocol for reporting all priests that were accused of sexually assaulting minors.

Unfortunately, the statements of the Diocese of Syracuse appear to convey the true culture of denial by the hierarchy in the diocese. It was reported in September 2015 that Bishop Cunningham testified in a 2011 deposition to the effect that a child victim of sexual abuse was partially to blame for the abuse. (Syracuse.com, Sept. 13, 2015)

The following names are priests connected to the Diocese of Syracuse accused of committing sexual offenses against minors.

Fr. Daniel W. Casey, Jr.



Ordination: 1975

Notes: Two civil lawsuits filed in 1992 alleged that Fr. Daniel W. Casey, Jr. sexually abused three children in the 1980s. The Diocese of Syracuse settled both lawsuits. Fr. Casey reportedly resigned from the priesthood.

Assignments:

1976-1981	Blessed Sacrament, Johnson City, NY
1982-1986	St. Mary, Cortland, NY
1986-1988	Cortland County Jail
1987-1989	St. Paul, Oswego, NY
1990-1991	St. John, Utica, NY (in residence)
1992	St. Monica, Rochester, NY (in residence)
1993-1999	Unknown
1/9/2000	Died

Fr. Felix R. Colosimo



Ordination: 1965

Notes: Fr. Felix R. Colosimo was permanently removed from ministry in 2014 in the wake of credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1965-1968	St. John the Baptist, Rome, NY
1968-1971	Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY
1971-1976	St. Bartholomew, Norwich, NY
1976-1981	St. Peter, Utica, NY
1981-1987	St. Leo, Holland Patent, NY
1987-1998	St. Anthony of Padua, Utica, NY
1998-2014	Our Lady of the Rosary, New Hartford, NY
2014-2016	Unknown
10/26/2017	Died

Fr. Donald J. Crosby



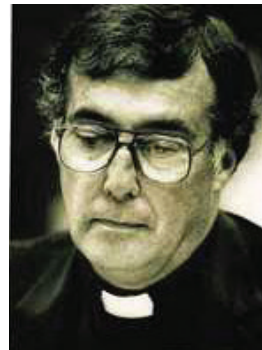
Ordination: 1963

Notes: Fr. Donald J. Crosby was accused of sexually abusing children in the 1970s. He voluntarily left the priesthood in 1975 and was laicized in 1980. He went on to work for 25 years as a guidance counselor at Soule Road Middle School in Utica, New York, but resigned in 2003 after the school learned of his alleged child sexual abuse 30 years earlier.

Assignments:

1964-1969	St. Matthew, East Syracuse, NY
1970	St. Thomas, New Hartford, NY
1971-1974	Faculty House, Utica, NY
1973-1974	Utica Catholic Academy
1975-2003	Unknown
1/2/2004	Died

Fr. Charles H. Eckermann



Ordination: 1958

Notes: Fr. Charles H. Eckermann was defrocked and sentenced to a life of prayer and penance by the Vatican in April 2014 as a result of credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1958-1963	St. Brigid, Syracuse, NY
1964	St. Cecilia, Solvay, NY
1965-1966	St. Brigid and St. Joseph, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
1967-1976	Bishop Ludden Faculty House, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
1972-1976	Bishop Ludden High School, Syracuse, NY (Principal)
1977-1984	St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY
1985	St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton, NY
1986	On sabbatical leave
1987-1988	Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
1988	Office for Planned Giving, Syracuse, NY
1989	Office for School Development, Syracuse, NY (Director)
1989-2001	St. Ann, Manlius, NY
2002-2007	Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
2002-2014	Retired
2013-2014	Presbyteral Council
2015-2018	Unknown

Fr. Francis J. Furfaro



Ordination: 1941

Notes: Fr. Francis J. Furfaro has been accused of sexually abusing several children. A 2003 lawsuit alleged that Fr. Furfaro sexually abused seven men or boys. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse stated that Fr. Furfaro had been permanently removed from ministry as a result of credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1942-1949	Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY
1950-1991	St. Joseph, Oswego, NY
1973-1978	Episcopal Vicars - Oswego County
1979-1996	Vicars-General - Northern Area Vicar
1984-2001	Oswego County Jail, Oswego, NY
1992-2003	Retired
1993-1996	St. Louis, Oswego, NY
1997	Vicars Forane - Northern Area Vicar
2004-2009	Unknown
3/29/2010	Died

Fr. Bernard Garstka



Ordination: 1948

Notes: Two civil lawsuits filed in the early 2000s accused Fr. Bernard A. Garstka of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1949-1953	Sacred Heart, Syracuse, NY
1954-1958	St. Ann, Binghamton, NY
1959-1960	Blessed Sacrament, Johnson City, NY
1961-1962	Holy Trinity, Utica, NY
1963-1964	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Binghamton, NY
1965-1966	St. Patrick, Taberg, NY
1967-1971	St. Stephen, Marathon, NY
1972-1982	St. Stephen, Syracuse, NY
2/28/1982	Died

Fr. John F. Harrold



Ordination: 1973

Notes: In 1983, Fr. John F. Harrold was arrested for allegedly sending child pornography through the mail. The criminal charges against him were dropped after he entered a treatment center in New Mexico. Fr. Harrold reportedly resigned from the priesthood in 1997.

Assignments:

1974-1977	St. Mary of the Assumption, Rome, NY
1978	St. Peter, Rome, NY
1979-1980	St. Catherine, Binghamton, NY
1980	Catholic Charities - Broome County Offices (Executive Administrator)
1980	Family Life Bureau - Broome County (Director)
1981-1982	St. Mary, Oswego, NY
1983	Leave of absence
1984-1986	On duty outside the Diocese - Servants of the Paraclete
1987	Absent on leave
1988-2003	On duty outside the Diocese
2004-2018	Unknown

Fr. James C. Hayes



Ordination: 1965

Notes: Fr. James C. Hayes was removed from his parish assignment in 2002 in the wake of an allegation of inappropriate behavior. In 2003, the Diocese stated that Fr. Hayes had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1966-1967	St. Mary, Binghamton, NY (in residence)
1968-1969	Faculty House, Binghamton, NY
1970-1972	Unknown
1973	St. Louis, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1974	St. John the Evangelist, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1974-1976	Oswego Catholic High School, Oswego, NY (Principal)
1977	Assistant Superintendent - Oswego County
1977-1978	Bishop Cunningham Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
1978-1984	St. Anne, Parish, NY
1979-1981	Ecclesiastical Attorneys
1984	Diocesan Pastoral Council - Northern Region
1984	Priests' Senate (Senator)
1985-1988	St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY
1989	Diocesan Cabinet - Northern Region
1989-1990	Board of Diocesan Consultors
1989-1991	Holy Family, Fulton, NY
1992-2002	Community General Hospital, Syracuse, NY (chaplain)
1993-2003	St. Michael, Onondaga Hill, NY (in residence)
1997-2003	Special assignment
1998-2002	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Warners, NY
2003-2018	Unknown

Fr. Donald J. Hebert



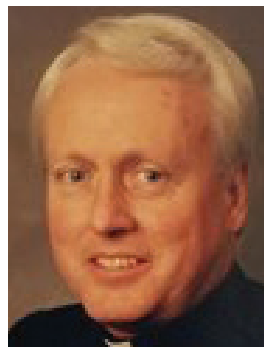
Ordination: 1981

Notes: Fr. Donald J. Hebert was a coordinator for religious activities for Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts throughout the Diocese of Syracuse. In 1990, a child alleged that Fr. Hebert sexually abused him during a camping trip. Fr. Hebert was sent to St. Luke's Institute, an out-of-state treatment facility. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Hebert was permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1982-1986	St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY
1987-1990	Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse, NY
1991	Unknown
1992-2003	St. Luke, Utica, NY
1996-1999	Special assignment
1998-2002	St. George, Utica, NY
1998-2002	St. Joseph and St. Patrick, Utica, NY
2003	Mother Marianne Cope Residence for Retired Priests, Utica, NY
2004-2007	Army National Guard (chaplain)
2008-2018	Unknown

Fr. Thomas F. Keating



Ordination: 1966

Notes: Four women came forward in the early 2000s and accused Fr. Thomas F. Keating of sexually abusing them as children in the 1980s. He was removed from ministry and stripped of his privileges in 2004, and his case was sent to the Vatican.

Assignments:

1967-1968	Our Lady of Angels, Endwell, NY
1969	St. Mary, Cortland, NY
1970-1973	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott, NY (in residence)
1973	Seton Catholic High School, Endicott, NY
1974-1978	St. James, Johnson City, NY
1979-1981	Our Lady of Angels, Endwell, NY
1982-1993	St. Mary, Cortland, NY
1985-1986	Priests' Senate - Executive Committee (Senator)
1989-1995	Cortland County Jail, Cortland, NY
1994-2004	Most Holy Rosary, Maine, NY
2004	Pastoral Examiners
2005-2015	Unknown
11/17/2016	Died

Fr. William A. Lorenz



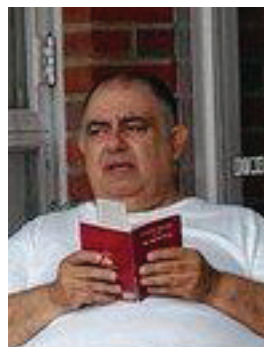
Ordination: 1963

Notes: Fr. William A. Lorenz resigned from ministry in 2002 after admitting to sexually abusing a child. The survivor contacted the Diocese of Syracuse in the 1990s and Fr. Lorenz was sent to St. Luke Institute, a treatment facility, before being returned to ministry. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Lorenz had been permanently removed from ministry due to allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1964-1965	St. James, Syracuse, NY
1966-1967	St. Andrew the Apostle, Syracuse, NY
1968-1970	St. Peter, Utica, NY
1971	St. Mary, Oswego, NY
1972	Unknown
1973-1975	St. Paul, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1973-1976	Oswego Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
1977-1979	Bishop Cunningham Catholic High School, Oswego, NY (Principal)
1979	Assistant Superintendent for Oswego County
1980-1993	St. Anne, Whitesboro, NY (in residence)
1980-1992	Notre Dame High School, Utica, NY (Principal)
1985-1986	Priests' Senate (Senator)
1994	Absent on sick leave
1995	Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica, NY
1996-1997	Unknown
1998-2002	St. Joseph, Oneida, NY
2003-2018	Unknown

Fr. Chester Misercola



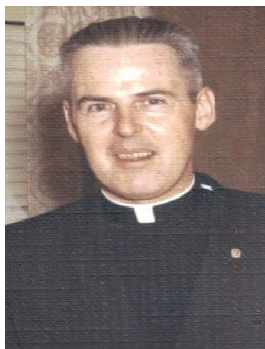
Ordination: 1964

Notes: A 2002 civil lawsuit alleged that Fr. Chester Misercola sexually abused a child. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Misercola had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1965	Our Lady of the Rosary, New Hartford, NY
1966-1968	St. Anthony of Padua, Utica, NY
1969	St. Anthony, Cortland, NY
1970	Immaculate Conception, Fulton, NY
1971-1974	St. Joseph, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1973-1976	Oswego Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
1977-1992	Bishop Cunningham Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
1980	St. Peter, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1981-1998	St. John the Evangelist, Oswego, NY (1981-1998: In residence; 1989: Administrator)
1999-2003	St. Pius X Home, Inc., Syracuse, NY (in residence)
2002-2003	Retired
2004-2018	Unknown

Fr. Thomas E. Neary



Ordination: 1954

Notes: In 2003, a man accused Fr. Thomas E. Neary of sexually abusing him as a child. Several others reportedly told the man that they, too, had been abused by Fr. Neary as children.

Assignments:

1955-1962	St. John the Evangelist, New Hartford, NY
1963-1964	St. Michael, Onondaga Hill, NY
1965-1970	St. Mary of the Lake, Skaneateles, NY
1971-1972	Our Lady of the Rosary, Hannibal, NY
1973-1980	St. Francis, Durhamville, NY
1980-1981	Ecclesiastical Attorney
1981-1984	St. Paul, Norwich, NY
1985-1986	St. Patrick, Jordan, NY
1987-1997	Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
1994-2002	Retired
9/17/2001	Died

Fr. Robert A. Ours



Ordination: 1980

Notes: In 2014, Fr. Robert A. Ours was arrested and criminally charged with possession of child pornography. Fr. Ours subsequently pleaded guilty, received 10 years' probation, and was ordered to register as a sex offender. A 2017 lawsuit accused Fr. Ours of sexually abusing a child before Fr. Ours was ordained a priest.

Assignments:

1981	St. Peter, Utica, NY (in residence)
1982-1986	St. Vincent de Paul, Binghamton, NY
1987	St. John the Evangelist, Binghamton, NY
1988-1998	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott, NY (1993-1998: in residence)
1990-2011	Seton Catholic Central High School of Broome County, Binghamton, NY
1996-2012	Special assignment
1999-2004	St. Patrick, Binghamton, NY (in residence)
2005-2006	St. Rita, Chenango Forks, NY
2007-2010	St. Christopher, Binghamton, NY
2010-2012	St. Joseph, Endicott, NY (In residence)
2013-2018	Unknown

Fr. Albert J. Proud



Ordination: 1968

Notes: In 2002, Fr. Albert J. Proud was removed from ministry and sent to St. Luke Institute, a treatment facility, after being accused of child sexual abuse. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Proud had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1969	Faculty House, Utica, NY
1970	St. John the Evangelist, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1971	Immaculate Conception, Fulton, NY
1972-1976	Christ the King, Liverpool, NY
1977-1979	St. Daniel, Syracuse, NY
1980-1982	Bishop Ludden Faculty House (in residence)
1980-1987	Bishop Ludden High School, Syracuse, NY
1983-1986	St. Brigid and St. Joseph, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
1987-1989	Priests' Senate - Senator
1987-1998	St. Patrick, Jordan, NY
1999-2002	Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills, NY
2003	On duty outside the diocese (8901 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Springs, MD 20903)
2004-2018	Unknown

Fr. James F. Quinn



Ordination: 1958

Notes: In 2003, Fr. James F. Quinn was placed on leave in the wake of an allegation of child sexual abuse. Fr. Quinn's accuser brought a civil lawsuit in 2003. In 2004, the Diocese of Syracuse cleared Fr. Quinn and reinstated his priestly duties after finding insufficient evidence to support the allegation. In 2016, a second man came forward and alleged that Fr. Quinn sexually abused him as a child.

Assignments:

1959	St. Patrick, Syracuse, NY
1960-1971	St. Agnes, Utica, NY
1967-1971	St. John & St. Joseph Home CYO, Utica, NY (Director)
1969-1971	Bethlehem Day Camp, Utica, NY (Director)
1972-1975	St. Paul, Rome, NY
1973	Oneida Co. Home, Rome, NY (Chaplain)
1976-1978	St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Munnsville, NY
1976-1978	New York State Agriculture and Technical College, Morrisville, NY (Chaplain)
1979-1988	St. Paul, Whitesboro, NY
1989-1994	St. James, Syracuse, NY
1995-2000	Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
1996-2003	Special assignment
2001-2004	St. Ann, Manlius, NY (in residence)
2004-2005	Absent on leave
2005	Tommy Coyne Residence Dillon Hall, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
2006-2007	St. Peter, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
2008	Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY
2009-2011	Sacred Heart, Cicero, NY
2012-2013	Retired
2/1/2013	Died

Fr. Henry C. Sewall



Ordination: 1960

Notes: After he was accused of child sexual abuse in 2002, Fr. Henry C. Sewall admitted that he had "engaged in sexual misconduct" while he was a high school principal. Three lawsuits filed in 2002 accused Sewall of child sexual abuse. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse stated that Fr. Sewall had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1961-1963	Our Lady of the Rosary, New Hartford, NY
1964	Unknown
1965-1971	Utica Catholic Academy, Utica, NY
1972-1976	Utica Faculty House, Utica, NY
1977-1979	Notre Dame High School, Utica, NY
1980-1982	Special assignment (Episcopal Vicar for Eastern Region)
1983-1990	Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica, NY
1991-1994	Utica, NY
1995	Unknown
1996	On duty outside the Diocese
1997	On duty outside the Diocese (St. Peter Church)
1998-1999	On duty outside the Diocese
2000-2001	Unknown
2002-2003	Absent on sick leave
2004-2014	Unknown
7/11/2015	Died

Fr. Thomas Trane



Notes: A civil lawsuit alleged Fr. Thomas Trane sexually abused a child from approximately 1988 to 1989 while he was working as parish priest at St. Adam's Parish in Oswego, New York, and Director of Religious Education at St. Adam's Academy in Oswego, New York.

Assignments:

Unknown

Fr. John M. Zeder



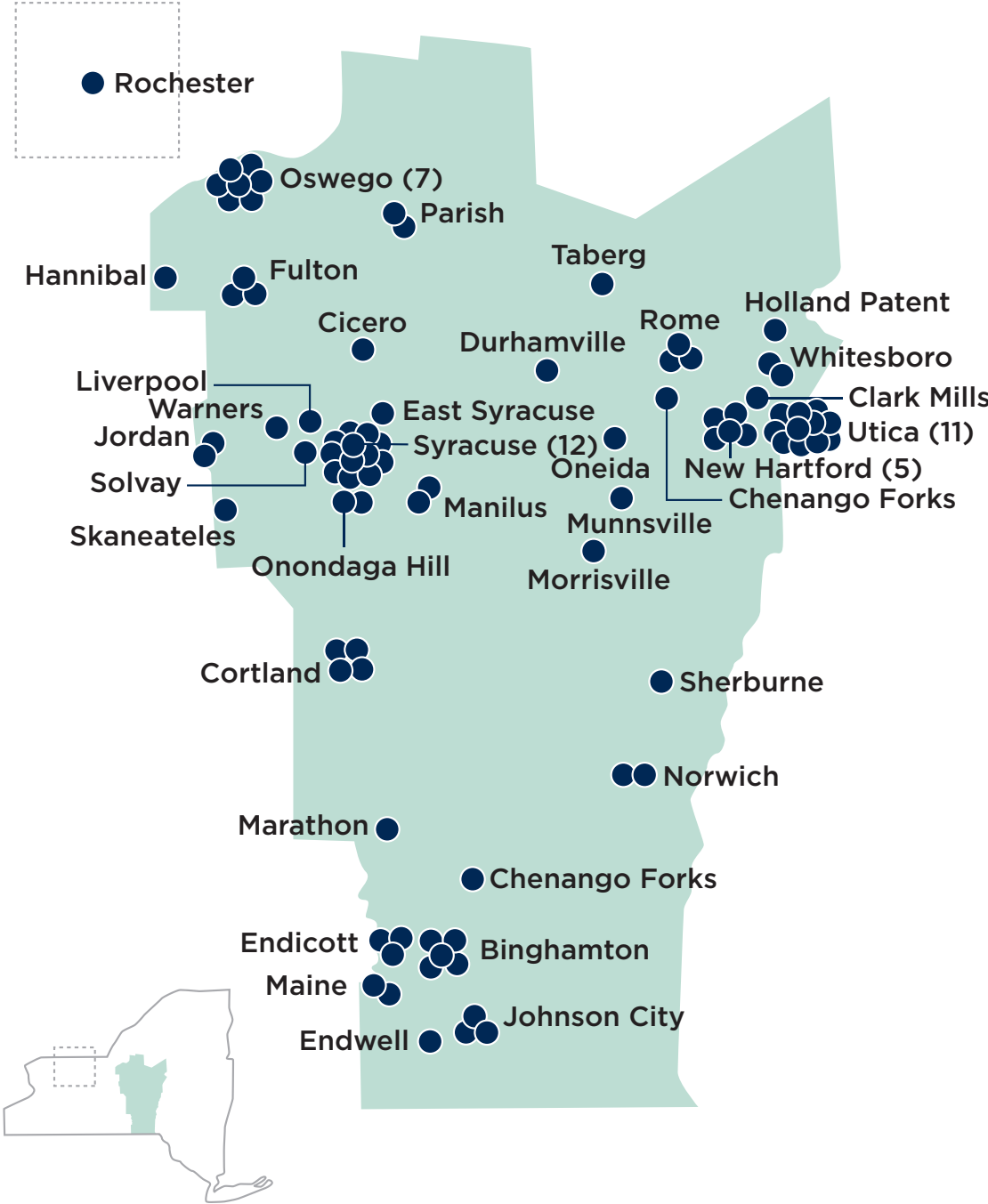
Ordination: 1954

Notes: In 2003, a woman filed a civil lawsuit alleging that Fr. John M. Zeder raped her between 1978 and 1981. Later in 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse stated that Fr. Zeder had been permanently removed from ministry due to a credible allegation of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:

1955-1959	St. Ambrose, Endicott, NY
1960-1967	Holy Rosary, Maine, NY (in residence)
1960-1967	Seton High School, Endicott, NY (Principal)
1968	Unknown
1969	On duty outside the Diocese
1970	St. Patrick, Chittenango, NY
1971-1978	On duty outside the Diocese
1979-1981	St. Mary, Cortland, NY
1982-1987	St. Malachy, Sherburne, NY
1988-1992	On duty outside the Diocese
1990-1992	Mater Dei Institute, Spokane, WA
1993-1997	St. Ann Church, Parish, NY
1998-1999	Unknown
2000	Retired
2001-2018	Unknown

Locations of Perpetrators in the Diocese of Syracuse



Important Documents for the Diocese of Syracuse

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
AND THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OF MINORS BY CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS**

I. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding is a working agreement between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse and the elected District Attorneys of the seven (7) counties within the geographical jurisdiction of the Syracuse Diocese. The purpose of this document is to create and implement a consistent policy and reporting protocol with regard to sexual misconduct and abuse of minors by all members of the clergy and religious under the auspices of the Syracuse Diocese. The undersigned, hereby understand and agree to all terms and conditions contained in this document.

II. Terms and Conditions of Understanding

- A. Sexual abuse of a minor is a crime. The age of consent in the State of New York is 17 years of age. Minors under the age of 17 cannot give consent. Whenever a complaint is received by a Diocesan official that a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, has sexually abused a minor, regardless of the age of the incident, the complainant will be strongly urged to report the complaint immediately and directly to the appropriate District Attorney's Office.
- B. When a Diocesan official has learned or has reason to suspect that a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, has sexually abused a minor, the Diocese will immediately refer the matter to the appropriate District Attorney's Office for investigation, regardless of the age of the allegation or whether or not the clergy member or religious is active.
- C. If the Diocese has reason to suspect that a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, has sexually abused a minor, it will make efforts to preserve any evidence of the incident and will coordinate with the District Attorney's Office with respect to the preservation and collection of that evidence.
- D. The Diocese shall not do its own independent investigation of a complaint prior to reporting it to the District Attorney's office, other than a preliminary inquiry to establish that there is an allegation that consists of conduct that rises to a sexual offense. If there is a question as to the criminality, the Diocese shall consult with the appropriate District Attorney's Office



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