

Diocese of Gary - Priest Offenders*

The following list contains the names of priests who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in the Diocese of Gary. We list their names, the number of allegations made against them and the subsequent actions taken.

Name	Number of Allegations	Action Taken
<u>Joseph Buczyna</u>	1	Died 01/12/1976
<u>Terrence Chase</u>	1	Removed from public ministry and laicized 01/04/2016
<u>Richard Emerson</u>	4	Laicized 07/30/2006
<u>Don Grass</u>	1	Removed from public ministry in 2004 and was no longer allowed to present himself as a priest and died 07/2/2010
<u>Julian Jercha</u>	3	Died 06/27/1987
<u>Louis Jeziorski</u>	3	Died 04/06/1973
<u>George Kavungal, CMI</u>	6	Last known to be in India, removed from public ministry
<u>Ambrose McGinnity</u>	6	Removed from public ministry in 1993, died 02/27/2000
<u>Stanley Staniszewski</u>	2	Left the Diocese of Gary 10/20/1983, removed from public ministry and died 04/02/2016
<u>Stephen Titko</u>	1	Restricted from public ministry
<u>Stephen Varga</u>	1	Laicized 1970, died 07/12/2006

* The above information is based upon a review of Diocesan records and will be supplemented if necessary.

JOSEPH BUCZYNA

June 22, 1936	Assistant - St. Stanislaus, East Chicago
November 17, 1949	Pastor - Immaculate Conception, Ege, Indiana
February 17, 1953	Pastor - St. Joseph, East Chicago
June 29, 1967	Pastor - Sacred Heart, LaPorte
January 12, 1976	Died

TERRENCE CHASE

June 5, 1984	Associate Pastor - St. John Bosco, Hammond
August 1, 1984	Associate Pastor - St. Mary, Crown Point
September 13, 1988	Associate Pastor - St. Patrick, Chesterton
July 1, 1993	Associate Pastor - St. Mary, Griffith
July 1, 1994	Associate Pastor - St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville
July 1, 1997	Pastor - St. Andrew the Apostle, Merrillville
July 1, 2003	Pastor - Queen of All Saints, Michigan City
April 15, 2010	Administrative Leave
May 1, 2013	Relieved of pastorate at Queen of All Saints, Michigan City
October 12, 2016	Laicized

RICHARD EMERSON

August 1, 1978	Curate - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Hammond
January 25, 1983	Temporary Administrator - Cathedral of the Holy Angels, Gary
August 30, 1983	Administrator/Chaplain - Hoosier Boys' Town, Schererville
October 10, 1987	Granted Leave of Absence to serve in the Diocese of Orlando, Florida
December 2, 1991	Pastor - Assumption, East Chicago
July 1, 1994	Pastor - St. Joseph, LaPorte
January 15, 1996	Pastor - St. Thomas More, Munster
July 1, 2003	Pastor - Notre Dame, Michigan City
December 18, 2004	Administrative Leave
July 30, 2006	Laicized

DON GRASS

August 31, 1962	Assistant - St. Mary of the Lake, Gary
August 26, 1965	Assistant - Queen of All Saints, Michigan City
June 29, 1967	Assistant - Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary
February 1, 1971	Temporary Administrator - Notre Dame, Michigan City
May 16, 1971	Administrator - Holy Name, Cedar Lake
August 16, 1971	Rector - Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary
January 25, 1983	Temporary Administrator- St. Elizabeth Seton, Valparaiso
August 30, 1983	Pastor - St. Mary, Crown Point
December 18, 2003	Removed from Active Ministry
July 2, 2010	Deceased

JULIAN JERCHA

July 5, 1950	Assistant - Holy Name, Cedar Lake
August 15, 1950	Assistant - St. Stanislaus, East Chicago
August 31, 1962	Assistant - St. Stanislaus, Michigan City
July 1, 1963	Assistant - Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Judson
January 31, 1964	Assistant - St. Paul, Valparaiso
February 14, 1966	Administrator - St. Helen, Hebron Assistant and in residence - St. Paul, Valparaiso
September 14, 1966	Chaplain - Beatty Memorial Hospital, Westville
December 1, 1966	Assistant - Sacred Heart, LaPorte
June 29, 1967	Chaplain - Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Dyer
July 30, 1968	Pastor - St. Joseph, East Chicago
November 18, 1968	Pastor - St. Mary, Otis
August 16, 1971	Pastor - Holy Name, Cedar Lake
July 12, 1977	Pastor - St. Anthony, Fish Lake
June 6, 1985	Pastor - Ss. Cyril and Methodius, North Judson
June 25, 1986	Residence - St. Francis Xavier, Lake Station
June 27, 1987	Died

LOUIS JEZIORSKI

June 28, 1940	Assistant - St. John Cantius, East Chicago
October 21, 1942	Assistant - St. Mary, Hammond
January 6, 1943	Assistant - St. Adalbert, South Bend
July 5, 1944	Assistant - Sacred Heart, Gary
February 27, 1946	Assistant - St. Adalbert, Whiting
March 16, 1950	Pastor - All Saints, San Pierre
March 18, 1969	Retired
April 6, 1973	Died

George Kuvungal -Service while in the Diocese of Gary

January 10, 1978	St. Thomas More
August 7, 1981	Sts. Peter & Paul
August 1, 1984	St. Mary of the Lake
November 1985	Returned to India

AMBROSE McGINNITY

September 13, 1945	Assistant - St. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Michigan City
July 7, 1949	Chaplain- U.S. Navy
August 27, 1954	Assistant - St. Bridget, Hobart
February 5, 1956	Chaplain - Boy Scouts, Crown Point Deanery
February 25, 1958	Chaplain (reappointed) - Boy Scouts, Crown Point Deanery (New Diocese of Gary)
July 8, 1959	Assistant - St. Peter, LaPorte
June 17, 1960	Assistant - St. Francis Xavier, East Gary
September 8, 1961	Assistant - Holy Rosary, Gary
July 10, 1964	Pastor - St. Mary, Kouts
September 14, 1966	Pastor - St. John the Evangelist, St. John
August 5, 1975	Pastor - St. Helen, Hebron
September 23, 1977	Resigned Pastorate of St. Helen, Hebron
October 1, 1977	In Residence - Sacred Heart, Whiting
October 6, 1978	Chaplain - St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City
June 20, 1984	Retired
February 27, 2000	Died

STANLEY STANISZEWSKI

June 1, 1974	Ordained a Priest for the Archdiocese of Warsaw
October 15, 1974	Assistant - St. Stanislaus, Michigan City
February 1, 1978	Assistant - Nativity of Our Savior, Portage
August 30, 1979	Assistant - St. Casimir, Hammond and part time Religion Instructor at Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond
September 1, 1982	Assistant - St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville
October 20, 1983	Left the Diocese of Gary

Stephen Titko

August 18, 1979	Ordained a priest
August 30, 1979	Assistant - Nativity of Our Savior, Portage
November 11, 1984	Parochial Vicar - St. Patrick, Chesterton
December 4, 1984	Marquette High School - Michigan City while continuing as Parochial Vicar, St. Patrick, Chesterton
June 12, 1985	Instructor, Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond while in Residence, Blessed Sacrament, Gary. Residence then changed to St. Stanislaus, East Chicago
September 9, 1986	In Residence, St. Catherine of Sienna, Hammond while continuing as Instructor, Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond
September 13, 1988	In Residence, St. Michael, Schererville, while continuing as Instructor at Bishop Noll Institute
September 25, 1990	Chaplain, St. Mary Medical Center, Hobart while in Residence, St. Bridget, Hobart; in addition he will help the Eparchy of Parma (of the Ruthenians)
November 1990	In Residence, St. Adalbert, Whiting
May 23, 1991	Administrator, St. John the Evangelist, St. John
August 16, 1992	Pastor, St. John the Evangelist, St. John
June 4, 2001	Associate Pastor, St. Thomas More, Munster
September 9, 2002	Leave of Absence with no ministry
March 21, 2005	Holy See decision - Restrictions for Limited Ministry
October 17, 2005	Byzantine Eparchy of Parma (of the Ruthenians) with Restrictions for Limited Ministry with residency in Ohio
May 26, 2018	No ministry in the Eparchy of Parma (of the Ruthenians)
2020	Further ministry restrictions
2024	<u>Holy See upholds further ministry restrictions</u>

STEPHEN VARGA

September 1947	Assistant - Alsobagod, Hungary
1950	Assistant in Cleveland, Ohio and McKeesport, Pennsylvania
1956	Assistant - St. Emeric, Gary
1957	Teacher-Bishop Noll High School, Hammond
1964	Assistant - St. Anthony, St. Emeric, Gary
August 7, 1965	Director of Religious Instruction - Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond
September 14, 1966	Administrator - Holy Trinity (Hungarian), East Chicago
September 28, 1967	Incardinated into Diocese of Gary
July 28, 1971	Laicized
July 12, 2006	Died