

Summary of Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection

The Archdiocese of Washington has had a written Child Protection Policy since 1986, a Child Protection Review Board primarily consisting primarily of lay experts since 1993 (reorganized as the Child Protection Advisory Board in 2002), and a fully staffed Office of Child Protection and Safe Environment since 2002.

The Office of Child Protection and Safe Environment releases an independently audited report annually to parishioners on the status of Archdiocesan child protection activities. The St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council undertook a thorough review of 14 annual reports; accounting for activities in the Archdiocese between June 1, 2003 and June 30, 2017.

All 14 ADW annual reports are available to the public at the following website:
<https://adw.org/about-us/policies-and-resources/child-protection/advisory-board/>

The Parish Pastoral Council will publish a four-part summary of these reports for the Parish:

- Part I (October 20/21, 2018): Education & Prevention
- Part II (October 27/28, 2018): Reporting
 - Reference to list of former Archdiocese of Washington clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors; including Fr. James J. Powderly
- Part III (November 3/4, 2018): Healing & Auditing
- Part IV (*ASAP*): 2017-18 ADW Child Protection Advisory Board Annual Report

Clergy Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse of Minors in the Archdiocese of Washington

On October 15, 2018, the Archdiocese of Washington voluntarily posted the names of 28 former Archdiocesan clergy (1 auxiliary bishop, 26 priests, and 1 permanent deacon) and 3 religious-order priests credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors since 1948. The full list of names may be found on the Archdiocesan website: <https://adw.org/about-us/policies-and-resources/accused-clergy/>

Credible Accusations Against Fr. James J. ("Jake") Powderly

Only one clergyman named on the Archdiocesan list was ever assigned to residence here at St. Mary's Catholic Church: Fr. James J. ("Jake") Powderly. Fr. Powderly was ordained in 1958, resided at St. Mary's from 1975 to 1997, and retired in 1997. In 1997, the Archdiocese received its first report of abuse against Fr. Powderly. Fr. Powderly retired without the privilege of priestly faculties in the Archdiocese; effectively removing him from good standing and from all public ministry in the Archdiocese. Fr. Powderly died in 2004.

The St. Mary's Clergy and Parish Pastoral Council contacted the Archdiocese for additional accurate information on the credible allegations against Fr. Powderly; including the total number of credible claims and when they were reported to the authorities. As of the printing of this report on Friday, October 26, we await a response from the Archdiocese.

Reporting Suspected Misconduct to the Authorities

The Parish Pastoral Council joins the St. Mary's Clergy in urging anyone aware of suspected sexual misconduct by any clergy, employee, or volunteer to report it to Child Welfare Division and Montgomery County Police Department Family Crimes Division: 240-777-4417 or 240-773-5400 (answered 8:30 AM-Midnight, then answered by the Crisis Center, 240-777-4000, 24 hours). Please also report to Courtney Chase, LCSW-C, LICSW, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection & Safe Environment: 301-853-5328.

PART II: REPORTING

Key Principles

- Immediate, mandatory reports made to civil authorities, as appropriate to jurisdiction:
 - Montgomery County, Maryland
 - Child Welfare Division; Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) Family Crimes Division; Crisis Center
 - Prince George's County, Maryland
 - Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services; Crisis Center; Police Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Unit
 - Calvert County, Maryland
 - Department of Social Services, in conjunction with Maryland State Police and Calvert County Sheriff's Office; Child Abuse Referral Service
 - Charles County, Maryland
 - Department of Social Services; Charles County Sheriff's Office
 - St. Mary's County, Maryland
 - Department of Social Services, Child Protection Division; Police Control Center, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
 - District of Columbia
 - Metropolitan Police Youth and Preventative Services Division; D.C. Department of Child Protective Services
- Support for victims in pursuing criminal prosecution.
- Office of Child and Youth Protection staff can be contacted by telephone, e-mail, or fax, 24 hours a day, to receive allegations of current or past suspected abuse.
 - The Office immediately reports such allegations to civil authorities.
- Prompt, thorough investigation; and, if credible, permanent removal from ministry.

History of All Reported Allegations in the Archdiocese of Washington Between June 1, 2003 and June 1, 2017

Below is a summary of all reported allegations (credible and otherwise) made in the Archdiocese of Washington from June 1, 2003 through June 30, 2017 against clergy, lay employees, and volunteers. In each case, civil and internal reporting requirements of the Child Protection Policy were followed. All allegations were reported to civil authorities. Appropriate civil and pastoral services were offered to those who came forward

Two (2) Allegations against Archdiocesan Priests in Active Ministry
BOTH ALLEGATIONS WERE DEEMED NON-CREDIBLE
July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

- One (1) allegation was insufficient to establish the identity of the accused.

July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

- One (1) allegation involving conduct occurring in the past has been deemed not credible based on the information available to date despite extensive efforts to investigate.

One (1) Allegation against Archdiocesan Permanent Deacon in Active Ministry

July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

- One (1) allegation against a permanent deacon that dated to the 1990s. He had been removed from ministry in December 2007 following a charge involving a family member that dated back several decades. He will not be returned to ministry. He entered a guilty plea for both charges, was sentenced to 20 years, and, at the time of the 2007-2008 reporting period, will not be eligible for consideration for parole for 5 years.

Eight (8) Allegations against Lay Employees and Contract Workers with Active Status

June 1, 2003-May 30, 2004

- One (1) credible allegation of child sexual abuse was made against a contract worker at an Archdiocesan school for an incident that allegedly occurred in January 2004. The person's employer had a contract to provide custodial services for the school. This person was immediately removed from his position and was being prosecuted.
- One (1) allegation that a school employee had spanked a kindergarten child was reported. The actions were confirmed, and the employee was dismissed from employment.

June 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

- One (1) allegation of inappropriate contact was made against a school employee. The allegation was reported to authorities and the employee was placed on leave during an investigation by the authorities, but the authorities declined to prosecute.

July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006

- One (1) allegation of inappropriate behavior was found not credible.

July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

- One (1) allegation involving a school employee. The allegation involved conduct occurring in 2012. The employee was subsequently arrested following an investigation.

July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

- One (1) allegation of inappropriate sexual conduct against a parish employee whose work did not involve children. Law enforcement was immediately notified, and the employee was placed on administrative leave. The employee was terminated.

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

- One (1) allegation reported against a parish employee whose work involved children. Employee was placed on administrative leave. After the investigation, employee was terminated from the parish, arrested, and entered a guilty plea.

- One (1) allegation reported against a school employee. Employee was placed on administrative leave. After the investigation, the employee was terminated from the school.

Thirty-Seven (37) Allegations against Archdiocesan Priests No Longer in Ministry at Time of Allegation [i.e. Retired, Removed, Laicized, Deceased]

June 1, 2003-May 30, 2004

- Two (2) credible reports of child sexual abuse were made to the Office of Child Protection against former priests of the Archdiocese. The alleged incidents occurred in the 1970s. Neither has been in ministry for a number of years.
- Two (2) other, anonymous allegations of past child sexual abuse by priests who are either deceased or no longer in ministry were made. However, the individuals making the report were either unwilling or unable to provide sufficient information for any action to be taken and the information was so sketchy, uncertain and uncorroborated that it was impossible to determine a basic level of credibility.

June 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

- One (1) allegation against a priest not in ministry and dating back many years was received, but was quickly determined by the authorities not to be credible.

July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006

- Three (3) allegations involving two (2) former priests, one of whom had been convicted previously; the other was charged as a result of the allegations received this year.
- Three (3) allegations against deceased priests, including allegations by siblings involving a relative.
- One (1) allegation against a priest out of ministry; credibility could not be determined because the person making the allegation did not provide adequate information.

July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007

- One (1) allegation involved a former priest who was convicted in the mid-1990's on charges brought by other victims.
- Two (2) allegations involved a former priest who was awaiting trial on charges brought by two (2) victims who came forward during the previous reporting period.

July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

- Two (2) allegations involved two (2) separate, deceased priests, against whom there had been no prior allegations.
- Two (2) allegations involved a single former priest who has not been in ministry for over 20 years, was accused in an earlier reporting period, entered a plea, served his sentence and, at the time of the reporting period, was on probation.

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

- Three (3) allegations against one (1) deceased priest. A civil lawsuit for money involving two (2) of these allegations against the deceased priest was filed in Delaware on June 24,

2009. The Archdiocese learned of the allegations from media reports of the civil suit. There was no prior contact with the Archdiocese of Washington.

- One (1) allegation could not be substantiated, despite efforts by the Archdiocese to do so, based on the information provided. The identity of the priest could not be determined.

July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

- Six (6) allegations were made against five (5) priests:
 - Four (4) of the clergy are deceased.
 - One (1) was deceased at the time the abuse was alleged to have occurred.
 - One (1) of the clergy could not be identified based on the information provided; the person making the allegation declined requests to provide more information.

July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

- One (1) allegation involving a priest who had been previously accused and removed from ministry in 1996. The allegation was made by a relative of the deceased victim, with the alleged conduct occurring in 1962-1963.

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

- One (1) allegation involving a priest who had been previously accused, removed from ministry, and is deceased. The allegation, which was made by a relative of the victim, alleged conduct occurring in 1971-1972.

July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

- Two (2) allegations involving a priest who had been previously accused, removed from ministry, and is deceased.
 - One (1) allegation made by the victim, alleging the conduct occurred in 1963-1964.
 - One (1) allegation reported by a relative of the victim, alleging the conduct occurred between 1971-1972.
- One (1) allegation involved a priest who had not been previously accused and is deceased. The allegation was made by a relative of the victim, stating the alleged conduct occurred in the mid-1960's.

July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

- Two (2) allegations involved deceased priests who had not been previously accused.
 - One (1) allegation made by the victim, alleging conduct between 1974-1978.
 - One (1) allegation reported by the victim, alleging conduct between 1979-1981.
- One (1) allegation reported by the victim and involved a priest who left the Archdiocese when he joined a foreign religious order in 2002. The victim stated the abuse occurred from 1999-2000. The Archdiocese reported the allegation to the local authorities and the superiors of the religious order. Investigations were conducted in both locations. No criminal charges were brought against the priest.

Two (2) Allegations against Former [i.e. Retired, Deceased] Archdiocesan Permanent Deacons

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

- One (1) allegation could not be substantiated, despite efforts by the Archdiocese to do so, based on the information provided.

July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

- One (1) allegation of a deacon who had not been previously accused and is deceased. The allegation was made by the victim, stating the alleged conduct occurred from 1982-1985.

Four (4) Allegations Against Former Lay Employees and Contract Workers

July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006

- One (1) allegation was found to have involved inappropriate behavior and the employee was no longer employed by the school at the time of the 2006 report. The behavior did not rise to the level of sexual abuse.

July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007

- One (1) allegation against a school employee involving physical abuse. The allegation was investigated by civil authorities, but criminal charges were not brought. The individual was no longer employed by the school at the time of 2007 report.
- One (1) allegation against a school employee involving inappropriate use of e-mail. The allegation was investigated by the authorities, but criminal charges were not brought. The individual was no longer employed by the school at the time of the 2007 report.

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

- One (1) allegation involving a former lay employee who worked in a parish. The allegation involved conduct occurring in 2001.

Eleven (11) Allegations Against Individuals Not Incardinated or Associated with the Archdiocese

June 1, 2003-May 31, 2004

- Five (5) allegations of past child sexual abuse outside of the Archdiocese of Washington were brought to the attention of the Office of Child Protection. These allegations involved priests from other dioceses or from religious orders. They were referred to the proper civil authorities with jurisdiction to investigate, and were referred to the other dioceses or to the provincial of the religious order for handling.

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore informed the Archdiocese of Washington about a Baltimore allegation involving a former Baltimore priest dating to the 1980s. The individual was no longer a priest and was working in lay ministry with adults at a Montgomery County parish. His ministry at the parish and in Washington ended as soon as the allegation was received.

July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

- The Pastor of the German Pastoral Mission was removed by the German Bishops' Conference following allegations in Germany that dated back a number of years.

July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

- Two (2) allegations received involving two (2) religious order priests who had served in the Archdiocese some time ago. The allegations involved conduct occurring in 1968 and the late 1970's, respectively.
- Two (2) allegations were received involving a Brother in a religious order who had served in the Archdiocese and conduct dating to the 1970's.