



Accused priests: Who they are, where they've served, what's alleged

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For the past decade, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has maintained that 33 clergy members "credibly accused" of sexually abusing minors have worked in its churches, schools and hospitals since 1950. Its list grew to 43 this week.

An MPR News investigation found allegations of child sexual abuse and other sexual improprieties against 70 clergy members in secret lists, internal church files, court records, private settlements, and police reports. Some have not previously been named by the archdiocese, but have been identified by other Catholic institutions across Minnesota.

Details of the allegations against those priests, deacons and monks are included in this database, along with the locations of their service and their current status, whenever possible. [Related story]



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Rev. Gerald Foley x

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Rev. Gerald Foley

No longer a priest. Officially dismissed from the priesthood in 2006.

Current location
Minneapolis

Born
Jan 15, 1932

Ordained
Jun 3, 1961

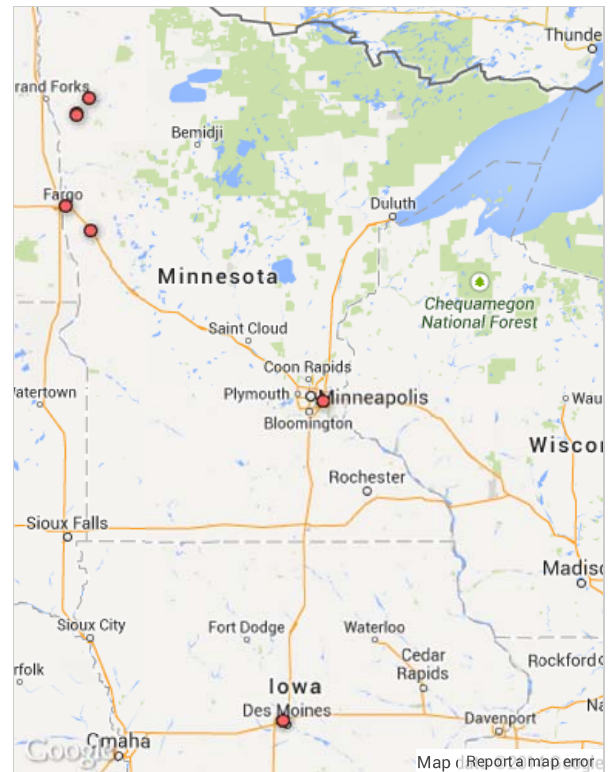


See where Rev. Gerald Foley served

The Rev. Gerald Foley was dismissed from the priesthood in 2006 because of allegations that he sexually abused a minor, according to former archdiocese chancellor for canonical affairs Jennifer Haselberger, who processed the dismissal when she worked for the Diocese of Crookston.

Foley had been assisting with the Twin Cities branch of Retrouvaille, a Catholic group that holds weekend programs for married couples contemplating divorce, around the time of his dismissal, Haselberger said.

The Rev. Kevin McDonough, who served as the Twin Cities archdiocese's vicar general at the time, described the allegations against Foley in letters and memos obtained by MPR News.



Foley had previously "disclosed that he had a history in the 1970s and even early 1980s of sexual involvement with women under his pastoral care," McDonough wrote in a 2005 letter to a married couple in Chaska, Minn. "At the time, we had no reason to think that this involved women who were as young as 17. That came as a terrible, painful surprise to me as I am sure it has for you and others."

McDonough wrote to another lay person in 2005 to explain that Foley "exploited a number of women in his pastoral care, including women whom he knew through Retrouvaille" more than 10 years ago.

MPR News asked Foley if he'd had sexual relationships with women under his pastoral care. "Yes. I think that's true," Foley said. He declined to elaborate or discuss other allegations against him.

Assignments: Rev. Gerald Foley

Diocese of Crookston Crookston, MN	Diocesan Catholic Social Service Association	1960–1962
Diocese of Crookston Crookston, MN	Executive, Diocesan Catholic Social Service Association	1962–1976
Diocese of Crookston Crookston, MN	Diocesan director of charities	1962–1976
St. Dorothy Dorothy, MN	Administrator	1962–1974
St. Anne Crookston, MN	Pastor	1974–1976
National Catholic Rural Life Conference Des Moines, IA	Executive director	1976–1978
St. Francis de Sales Moorhead, MN	Pastor	1978–1983
St. Cecilia Barnesville, MN	Pastor	1978–1983
Leave of absence	On leave	1983
St. Joseph Hospital St. Paul, MN		1992–2004
Retired		2004
Removed from ministry	Removed from the priesthood	Sep 22, 2006

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