

Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama
List of Credibly Accused Clergy as of January 2025

Below is the list of clergy who have served in our diocese and are regarded as credibly accused of committing acts of child abuse. None of these individuals are in service in this or any other diocese.

Kevin Cooke

Ordained: 1978

Removed from ministry in 2002

Charles V. Cross (Deceased: 2010)

Ordained: 1960 (Mobile-Birmingham); Served from 1969 in the new Diocese of Birmingham

Removed from ministry in parishes 1985; Forced to retire without privileges in 2002

Charles Joseph Bordenca (Deceased: 2017)

Ordained 1955 (Mobile-Birmingham); Served from 1969 in the new Diocese of Birmingham

Removed from active ministry in this diocese in 1989

Jonathan (John) Franklin (Deceased 1986)

(Benedictine)

Ordained: 1956 (Louisiana)

Removed from ministry: mid 1980s

Roger R. Lott (Deceased 2011)

(Benedictine)

Ordained: 1954 (Mobile-Birmingham); served in Nashville in the 1950s

Removed from duty by his order in 1996

John J. (Jack) Ventura (Deceased 2023)

Ordained: 1968 (Patterson, New Jersey); 1974; Incardinated in Diocese of Birmingham

Removed from ministry after allegations received in 1985

Robert (Bob) Marsicek

(Salvatorian Priest)

Born: July 14, 1941

Ordination to priesthood: September 6, 1968; served in Arizona, Wisconsin, and California

Assignments in Alabama:

1974-80 Associate Pastor - St. Joseph in Huntsville

1980-87 Pastor - St. Joseph in Huntsville

Removed from ministry: 2013

Convicted of sexual assault of a child in the State of Wisconsin in 2017 and served time in prison.

Grant Michael Fitzgerald (Deceased 1986)

(Salvatorian Brother)

Born: September 11, 1947

Professed vows, Society of the Divine Savior: 1969

Assignments in Alabama:

1982-84 St. Joseph in Huntsville

Removed from ministry: 1984

The sexual abuse of children and vulnerable individuals is reprehensible and tragic. It betrays the trust children and vulnerable individuals naturally place in adults, especially those

responsible for their instruction, welfare, and guidance. The damage caused by sexual abuse is devastating and long lasting.

On June 14, 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops confirmed the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Diocese of Birmingham affirms the goals of the charter. Sexual abuse of minors will not be tolerated, and any person who is aware of or suspects child abuse must report it to appropriate civil authorities as well as to the Diocese of Birmingham Office of Child and Youth Protection:

Eugene Thibodeaux, Jr., Director
(205) 838-8322, ext. 323
ethibodeauxbhmdiocese.org

Al Manzella, Victim Assistance Coordinator
(205) 597-9058
amanzellabhmdiocese.org