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Archdiocese Adds Two Names to List of Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Abuse Marianists Province also publishes names of members found to have sexually abused a minor in the U.S.

ST. LOUIS - The Archdiocese of St. Louis today updated the List of Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor, adding the names of two former clergy members who were found to have substantiated allegations against them. The acts are alleged to have occurred decades prior to the USCCB Dallas Charter of 2002 for the Protection of Children and Young people. These were brought to the attention of the archdiocese, which triggered a thorough investigation of the allegations by independent investigators. Their findings were presented to the Archdiocesan Review Board, comprised mainly of lay Catholics who are not employees of the archdiocese. The Review Board made a recommendation to Archbishop Robert J. Carlson that the allegations should be considered substantiated, a recommendation which Archbishop Carlson has adopted.

The following two former clergy members have been added to the List of Archdiocesan Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor:

- **John Condit** was ordained in the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1945. He served as a military chaplain and then in parishes in the diocese of Jefferson City. He also served briefly in parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, which have since closed. John Condit died in 1994.
- Robert Marquitz was ordained in 1964. He has been laicized. Archbishop Robert Carlson is sending a personal letter to the parish, as well as to the Catholic high school, in the Archdiocese of St. Louis at which Marquitz served in ministry.

The above information is reflected on the website of the Archdiocese of St. Louis at <u>archstl.org/list</u>. These changes are also being published in the <u>St. Louis Review</u>.

The List of Clergy with Substantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor is a live document, and the names of any additional clergy who are found to have substantiated claims of sexual abuse of minors against them, based on new information, will be added to this list.

The procedures, policies and support for victims in place within the Archdiocese of St. Louis can be found at archstl.org/promise. Please direct questions to communications@archstl.org.

Separately, today, the Marianists Province of the United States has published the names of members and former members, living and deceased, who were found to have sexually abused a minor in the United

States since 1950. The list at Marianist.com/healing includes the names of members who served in St. Louis-area Catholic high schools. Those schools will be communicating directly to their communities. The list also includes the name of one priest who served in a parish within the Archdiocese of St. Louis for a short time in the late 1960s. The parish has already received notification from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The Society of Mary (Marianists) is an international Roman Catholic religious congregation of brothers and priests. The order's ministry in the St. Louis area, as with all other religious orders, is not under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. However, the Archbishop of St. Louis must approve a religious order's presence and ministry within the archdiocese.

Any survivors of sexual abuse by a Marianist should report it to civil authorities and/or the Marianist Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at: pastoralassistancecoordinator@sm-usa.org or 314-285-2322.

To report any knowledge of suspected abuse by any Church personnel, please contact local law enforcement, or call the Missouri Department of Social Services Child Abuse Neglect Hotline Number: 1-800-392-3738. In addition, anyone who has knowledge of suspected sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is urged to call the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 314-792-7704. To make a complaint of sexual abuse or other related misconduct against a bishop, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or call toll-free 1-800-276-1562.

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