



Archdiocese of Seattle Settles Case and Adds Name to Public List

SEATTLE, July 29, 2025 – Today the Archdiocese of Seattle announced the addition of a new name – Robert Corrigan – to the official list of Clergy and Religious Brothers and Sisters for Whom Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor Have Been Admitted, Established or Determined to be Credible.

Recently, the Archdiocese of Seattle received an allegation against Corrigan through legal mediation, which recently settled. Corrigan, who is deceased, was a priest of the Archdiocese of Seattle from 1978 through 1989, when he left priestly ministry. The alleged abuse occurred in the late 1970s at St. Thomas More Parish in Lynnwood.

Upon learning of this allegation, the Archdiocese of Seattle immediately followed its protocols, which included an internal investigation and consultation with the independent Archdiocesan Review Board, comprised of experts and professionals who provide guidance and recommendations to the archbishop relating to matters of sexual abuse, prevention, training, healing and much more.

After careful review, the Archdiocesan Review Board deemed the allegation credible. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne agreed with their assessment, and this week added Robert Corrigan to the public list of Clergy and Religious Brothers and Sisters for Whom Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor of Have Been Admitted, Established or Determined to be Credible.

This list was first published in 2016 with review from former FBI agent Dr. Kathleen McChesney and her firm, Kinsale Management Consulting. The names of those identified in the review were provided to the Archdiocesan Review Board and to Archbishop J. Peter Sartain who approved publication of the names. Since then, the list has been updated with additional names, links to other public lists provided by religious orders that worked in the archdiocese as well as status updates related to people currently on the list.

The updated list can be found [here](#).

Focused on Prevention

As part of its commitment to transparency, the Archdiocese of Seattle invites people to visit its [Protect and Heal website](#) to learn about the history of sexual abuse in the archdiocese, which peaked in 1975 and has since sharply declined. The website also outlines the focus on helping victim survivors and their families find healing, and how, since the early 1980s, the archdiocese has taken steps to prevent abuse and protect the community.

Today, the archdiocese enforces its [Safe Environment Program](#) with policies and procedures designed to prevent and recognize signs of sexual abuse of minors. To report any suspicion of abuse by any Catholic Church personnel, please contact local law enforcement. In addition,

anyone who has knowledge of misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or a volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762.

About the Archdiocese of Seattle

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 74 Catholic schools, 60 parish families with 174 pastoral locations in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in multiple languages. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Frank Schuster.

For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, please visit archseattle.org.

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