Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The current sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church has called forth, and rightfully so, greater accountability and transparency of bishops and dioceses in the resolution of cases of misconduct involving a member of the clergy. This is essential in restoring the trust that has been broken as the result of the misconduct of a few.

The Diocese of Rapid City remains committed to reaching out to victims of childhood sexual abuse within our Diocese as well as doing all that we can to protect our youth and vulnerable adults from harm.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, I have chosen, as part of our ongoing process of reaching out to the Diocesan community, to publicly identify those priests who have carried out ministry in the Diocese of Rapid City, and against whom there is a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor. An allegation is deemed to be credible if there is reasonable cause to believe that abuse occurred. This determination follows a process of consultation and is not a legal judgment. Inclusion on this list does not imply that the claims are true and correct in that the accused individual has been found guilty of a crime or liable for civil claims. In many instances, the claims were made many years or decades after the alleged events and therefore were not capable of an investigation and determination.

It is important to acknowledge the horrid truth of past abuse in the Church so that we can repent of these actions, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that no one is hurt moving forward.

I will ensure that the diocese remains vigilant and transparent in fulfilling its policies and procedures regarding reported sexual misconduct. Anyone who has been a victim of sexual misconduct by a bishop, priest, deacon or lay employee is invited to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator by calling 605-209-3418.

As the Body of Christ, let us all pray for reparation for the sins and failings of those who abused their power and authority which led to the injury of others, especially our children.

Please continue to pray for the healing of those victims and their families who have been harmed by such actions.

Please pray for me and our clergy as we move through this crisis. Pray, too, that the Lord Jesus, the Divine Physician, who gave his life for his Church, leads her to true healing, conversion and holiness. Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

Sincerely in the peace of Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

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PUBLICATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The following list includes those priests who were incardinated and/or served in the Diocese of Rapid City, and who were alleged to have sexually abused a minor(s) in the Diocese. Throughout this report, the number of allegations is identified as S for one allegation and M for more than one allegation. The parish(es) to which the priest was assigned at the time of the allegation(s) are denoted by *.

The following priests were incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: JOHN CORRY – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY
Date first allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1970
Date of first reported abuse: 1953   Date of last reported abuse: 1979
ASSIGNMENTS:
1952-53 Cathedral, Rapid City
*1953-55 St. Mary’s, Lemmon
*1955-67 Blessed Sacrament, Bison/Meadow
*1967-69 St. Rose of Lima, Hill City/Keystone/Silver City
*1969-70 St. Mary’s, Lemmon
*1970-71 St. Joseph, Gregory
1971-73 Nursing Home Chaplain, Rapid City
*1973-83 St. John the Baptist, Custer/Custer State Hospital
1983-92 St. Patrick’s, Wall/Kadoka
1992 Retired

NAME: THOMAS GORMAN – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 8/24/2011
Date of reported abuse: 1957/58
ASSIGNMENTS:
1949-52 St. Patrick’s, Lead
1952-53 Cathedral, Rapid City
*1953-69 Holy Cross, Timber Lake/Isabel/Firesteel/Glad Valley/Gopher
1969-75 St. Paul’s, Belle Fourche
1975-79 St. Ambrose, Deadwood
1979-85 Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City
1985-87 St. Mary’s, Lemmon

NAME: WILLIAM LAMBERT – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY
Date first allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1991
Date of first reported abuse: 1958   Date of last reported abuse: 1984
ASSIGNMENTS:
1955-56 St. John’s, Rapid City/St. John’s Hospital
1956-58 St. Mary’s, Lemmon
*1958-71 Immaculate Conception, Bonesteel/Fairfax
*1971-81 Christ the King, Presho/Vivian
*1981-91 St. John’s, Ft. Pierre
1991 Removed from ministry
NAME: DONALD MURRAY – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY  
Ordained: 8/18/1945    Died: 10/11/1975    Allegations: M  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1945-48 Sacred Heart, Dupree/Lantry/Bear Creek  
1948-49 St. Anthony’s, Draper/Vivian  
1949-50 Sacred Heart, Strool  
1950-64 St. Anthony’s, Buffalo/Drew/Ralph/Camp Crook/Cox/Vessey/Reva  
*1964-75 Released from the Diocese of Rapid City to be Full time Director of Sky Ranch for Boys  

NAME: DENNIS RISS – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY  
Date allegation was first made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1984  
Date of reported abuse: 1980, 1990  
*1980 Prior to Ordination  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
*1984-90 Immaculate Conception, Bonesteel/Fairfax  
1990 Added Burke to above assignment  
1990 – 98 St. Joseph’s, Faith/Red Owl/Plainview  
1998-2002 St. Mary’s, Lemmon/Morristown/Watauga  

NAME: JAMES SHEEHAN – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY  
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 11/12/04  
Date of reported abuse: 1977  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1940-53 Cathedral, Rapid City/St. John’s Hospital  
1942 St. Michael’s, Hermosa added to the above  
1953-70 St. John’s, St. Onge/Mud Butte/Red Owl  
1970-84 St. Michael’s, Hermosa with residence at St. John’s, Rapid City  
(St. John’s became *St. Therese The Little Flower in 1976)  
1984 Retired  

NAME: FRANCIS VALLO – DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY  
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1992  
Date of reported abuse: Late 1970’s  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1951-53 Cathedral, Rapid City  
1953-54 Christ the King, Presho  
1954-56 Sacred Heart, Vivian/Draper  
1956-65 Sacred Heart, Glencross/Trail City  
1965-69 St. Mary’s, Newell  
1969-71 St. Rose of Lima, Hill City/Keystone/Silver City/Mt. Rushmore Visitor Center  
*1971-80 St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis  
1981-84 Immaculate Conception, Bear Butte/Hereford  
1984-87 Chaplain, Ft. Meade Veteran Hospital  
1987 Retired
The following priest was incardinated into the Diocese of Albany and ministered in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: FRANCIS BELL – DIOCESE OF ALBANY
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 4/29/1993
Date of reported abuse: 1965/67
ASSIGNMENTS:
*1965-67 Sacred Heart, Glencross

The following Religious Order priest was not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but was a member of the Order of St. Benedict under the supervision of his Abbot at the time he was ministering in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: GILBERT STACK – ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT
Ordained: 1/6/1939  Died: 9/30/2007  Allegations: S
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 1992
Date of reported abuse: 1951/52
ASSIGNMENTS:
1946-48 St. Aloysius, Sturgis/Chaplain St. Martin Convent, Sturgis
*1946-56 Chaplain, St. Martin Convent, Sturgis
1957-92 Operated and managed the Shrine of the Nativity, Bethlehem, SD
1994 Returned to Kansas City

The following Religious Order priest was not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but was a member of the Order of the TOR Franciscans under the supervision of his Provincial at the time he was ministering in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: CLETUS ADAMS – ORDER OF TOR FRANCISCANS
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: January 2005
Date of reported abuse: 1978
ASSIGNMENTS:
*1972-80 Our Lady of Victory, Kadoka/Midland
1981 Returned to the Franciscan Monastery
1982-83 St. Michael’s, Kennebec/Reliance
1984 Cathedral, Rapid City, Ministry to Nursing Homes
May 1984 Returned to St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg, PA
The following Religious Order priest is not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but is a member of the Order of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti (ALCP/OSS) and is on loan for ministry in the Diocese of Rapid City:

NAME: JOHN PRAVEEN KUMAR ITUKULAPATI - ORDER OF THE APOSTOLIC LIFE COMMUNITY OF PRIESTS IN THE OPUS SPIRITUS SANCTI
Suspended from Ministry: 10/2/2018
Date allegation was made to the Diocese of Rapid City: 10/2/2018
Date of reported abuse: September 2018
ASSIGNMENTS
2017-18 Cheyenne River Reservation
*June 2018- Oct 2018 Cathedral, Rapid City
October 2018 Suspended from Ministry

The following Priests/Brothers/Scholastics were not incardinated into the Diocese of Rapid City but were members of the Society of Jesus (SJ) and supervised by their Provincial Superior at the time they were ministering on reservations in the Diocese of Rapid City. These individuals have ministered in the Diocese of Rapid City and have either been named on the regional Jesuit listings as alleged offenders in either the Diocese of Rapid City or other Dioceses or as named in a sexual misconduct lawsuit.

NAME: FRANCIS P. CHAPMAN SJ
Ordained: N/A Brother only Died: 11/30/1990 Allegations: Unknown
Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission
ASSIGNMENTS:
Dates unknown St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation

NAME: BERNARD FAGAN SJ
ASSIGNMENTS:
1946-49 Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge - teaching
1954-69 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation – teaching and administration
1969-76 Superior, St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation
1981-82 Associate Pastor, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Rapid City
1983-92 Pastor for St. Bridget Parish, Rosebud Indian Reservation
1992-97 Associate Pastor, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Rapid City

NAME: PAUL A. V. FREY SJ
Ordained: N/A Brother only Died: 4/11/1986 Allegations: Unknown
Named in Lawsuit: St. Francis Mission
ASSIGNMENTS:
Dates unknown St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation
NAME: JOSEPH GILL SJ  
Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1953-56 Scholastic at St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  
1961-74 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  
1974-77 Teacher at Mission School, Rosebud Indian Reservation  
1977-83 Station Manager for KINI Rosebud Indian Reservation  
1984-94 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  
1994-97 St. Isaac Jogues, Rapid City  
1998-2003 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  

NAME: ALBERT JANKA SJ  
Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1969-86 St. Francis Mission – Rosebud Indian Reservation  

NAME: JAMES MCDONOUGH SJ  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1978-79 Cathedral, Rapid City  
1979-82 Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City/Teacher at St. Martin’s Academy, Rapid City  
1982-83 Principal, St. Martin’s Academy, Rapid City  

NAME: THOMAS S. MCSHANE SJ  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1950’s St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  

NAME: EUGENE E. PARSHALL SJ  
Ordained: N/A Scholastic   Died: Unknown   Allegations: M  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1964 Scholastic, Holy Rosary Mission/Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation  

NAME: GEORGE PIEPER SJ  
Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1950-57 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  

NAME: KENNETH T. WALLEMAN SJ  
Named in lawsuit: St. Francis Mission  
ASSIGNMENTS:  
1963-91 St Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation  
1991-92 On sabbatical  
1992-97 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Indian Reservation