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**5 sexually abusive priests and one deacon of the Archdiocese of
Boston added
to the list at www.garabedianlaw.com:**

- 1. Deacon William Emerson (Archdiocese of Boston)**
- 2. Monsignor James J. Haddad (Archdiocese of Boston)**
- 3. Father Paul R. McCarthy (Archdiocese of Boston)**
- 4. Father Paul J. McLaughlin (Archdiocese of Boston)**
- 5. Father Francis E. O'Brien, Jr. (Archdiocese of Boston)**
- 6. Father Bernard L. Sullivan (Archdiocese of Boston)**

See below for additional details.

Deacon William Emerson – Archdiocese of Boston

Deacon Emerson was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Omaha, Nebraska in 1973. He was granted faculties to serve as a deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston in 1982. Deacon Emerson served for several years as a deacon at St. William's Church in Tewksbury before his faculties were removed by the Archdiocese of Boston in 2011.

Sources:

Archdiocese of Boston Office of the Permanent Diaconate, "Diaconia," Volume XVIII, Number 3, October 1998

- <https://www.bostondiaconate.org/Diaconia/diacxviii3.html>

Patch.com, March 15, 2011: "St. William Pastor: We're Praying for Deacon Bill"

- <https://patch.com/massachusetts/tewksbury/st-william-pastor-were-praying-for-deacon-bill>

Deacon Emerson died in 2018.

Deacon William "Bill" Emerson was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least 100 occasions from approximately 1973 to 1978 when the boy was approximately 8 to 13 years old. The sexual abuse took place in the basement of St. William's Church in Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

The sexual abuse by Deacon Emerson included the following: Deacon Emerson fondled the boy's penis and testicles, skin-on-skin; and Deacon Emerson forced the boy to perform oral sex on Deacon Emerson.

The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to settle the claim in 2021.

Monsignor James J. Haddad - Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record

1958:	Ordained
1959 – 1961:	St. John's Church, Roxbury, MA
1962 – 1963:	St. Bridget's Church, Maynard, MA
1964 – 1965:	Sacred Heart Church, Quincy, MA
1966 – 1967:	"Pursuing higher studies," St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland
1968 – 1978:	Director, "Pastoral Institute for the Continued Education of the Clergy," Brighton, MA
1977 – 1986:	St. Eulalia Church, Winchester, MA
1979 – 1981:	Episcopal Vicar, Newton Vicariate
1987:	Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale, MA
1988 – 2002:	St. Joseph's Church, Needham, MA
1999:	First indexed as "Msgr. James J. Haddad"
2003:	"Senior Priests"
2004 – 2007:	"Senior Priests (Retired)"

Source: the Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons

(The years listed above are the publication years of the Official Catholic Directory. According to the Directory, the assignments provided for a given year are effective as of January 1 of that year. This means that a priest listed in the Directory for a given year at a parish or school was likely at the same assignment for at least part of the previous year as well.)

Monsignor Haddad died in 2007.

Monsignor James J. Haddad was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least 4 occasions from approximately 1976 to 1977 when the boy was approximately 13 to 14 years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Monsignor Haddad was assigned to St. Eulalia Church in Winchester, Massachusetts.

The sexual abuse by Monsignor Haddad included the following: Monsignor Haddad performed oral sex on the boy; Monsignor Haddad forced the boy to perform oral sex on him; Monsignor Haddad digitally penetrated the boy's anus; and Monsignor Haddad sodomized the boy.

The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to settle the claim in 2021.

Father Paul R. McCarthy – Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record

1980:	Ordained
1981 – 1986:	St. Mary's Church, Charlestown, MA
1987 – 1989:	Our Lady of Grace Church, Chelsea/Everett, MA
1990:	St. Ann's Church, Somerville, MA
1990 – 1994:	St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA
1995 – 1996:	St. Augustine Church, Boston, MA
1997:	"Absent on Leave"

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Father McCarthy is not indexed after the 1997 Official Catholic Directory.

Father Paul R. McCarthy was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least two occasions from approximately 1989 to 1990 when the boy was approximately 11 to 12 years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father McCarthy was assigned to St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood, Massachusetts.

The sexual abuse by Father McCarthy included the following: Father McCarthy told the boy to strip down to his underwear. Then Father McCarthy fondled the boy's genitals and buttocks, over the boy's underwear; at the same time, Father McCarthy was masturbating.

The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to settle the claim in 2021.

Father Paul J. McLaughlin – Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record

1955:	Ordained
1955 – 1956:	St. Ann’s Church, Peabody, MA
1957 – 1958:	Christ the King Church, Richland, WA (Diocese of Yakima)
1959 – 1962:	St. Joseph’s Church, White Salmon, WA (Diocese of Yakima)
1963 – 1966:	St. Agnes Church, Arlington, MA
1967 – 1972:	St. John the Evangelist Church, Swampscott, MA
1973 – 1977:	Regis College, Weston, MA
1978 – 1985:	St. Peter’s Church, Lowell, MA
1986 – 2001:	Immaculate Conception Church, Marlboro, MA
2002 – 2003:	“Senior Priests”
2004 – 2008:	“Senior Priests (Retired)”
2009:	“Senior Priests (Retired)” – listed as living in Indian Wells, CA

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Father McLaughlin is not indexed after the 2009 Official Catholic Directory.

Father Paul J. McLaughlin was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least ten occasions from approximately 1967 to 1969 when the boy was approximately 8 to 10 years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father McLaughlin was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Church in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

The sexual abuse by Father McLaughlin included the following: Father McLaughlin fondled the boy’s penis and testicles over the boy’s clothing; and Father McLaughlin took the boy and other children skinny dipping.

The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to settle the claim in 2021.

Father Francis E. O'Brien, Jr. – Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record

1966:	Ordained
1967 – 1971:	Christ the King Church, Hudson, MA
1972:	St. Mary's Church, Quincy, MA
1973 – 1988:	St. Patrick's Church, Watertown, MA
1989 – 1995:	St. Francis of Assisi Church, Medford, MA
1996 – 2008:	St. George Church, Framingham, MA

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Father O'Brien died in 2008.

Father O'Brien was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least 14 occasions from approximately 1966 to approximately 1971 when the boy was approximately 7 to 12 years old. The sexual abuse took place in property belonging to Christ the King Parish, including in a room in Christ the King Church and a room in the parochial grammar school of Christ of the King Parish.

The sexual abuse by Father O'Brien included the following: Father O'Brien forcing the boy to perform oral sex on Father O'Brien, and Father O'Brien penetrating the boy's anus with Father O'Brien's finger.

The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to settle the claim in 2021.

Father Bernard L. Sullivan – Archdiocese of Boston

Assignment Record

1961:	Ordained
1961 – 1964:	St. Clare's Church, Braintree, MA
1965 – 1967:	Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole, MA
1968 – 1976:	St. Catherine of Genoa Church, Somerville, MA
1977 – 1978:	Chaplain, Catholic Memorial High School, Boston, MA
1979 – 1980:	St. Paul's Church, Wellesley, MA
1981 – 1985:	St. Jerome's Church, Weymouth, MA
1985:	Our Lady of Grace Church, Chelsea, MA

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Father Sullivan died in 1985.

Father Bernard L. Sullivan was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least six occasions from approximately 1970 to 1973 when the boy was approximately 10 to 13 years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Sullivan was assigned to St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Somerville, Massachusetts, and the boy was an altar boy at the church.

The sexual abuse by Father Sullivan included the following: Father Sullivan told the boy to take all of his clothes off; Father Sullivan made the boy sit on Father Sullivan's lap; and Father Sullivan masturbated the boy.

The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to settle the claim in 2021.