



**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**  
**Background Regarding Resolutions to Seven of the Cases of**  
**Priests on Administrative Leave**  
**December 15, 2013**

Below is background information regarding those cases announced today of priests placed on administrative leave after the February 2011 Grand Jury Report. Notification had been made at their most recent parish assignment at that time. Announcements of the final resolutions in their cases were made at those parishes this weekend. Counselors were made available for parishioners.

All cases were first reported to the appropriate local district attorney's office so that law enforcement could investigate the matter and review it for possible criminal charges. Upon declination of criminal charges by the district attorney, the Archdiocesan Office of Investigations began a canonical investigation in each case. The results of this process were submitted to the [Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board](#) (APRRB). The APRRB is comprised of twelve men and women, both Catholic and non-Catholic, with extensive professional backgrounds in the investigation and treatment of child sexual abuse. It functions as a confidential advisory committee to the Archbishop, which assesses allegations of sexual abuse as well as allegations of violations of [The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries](#). This body provided a recommendation as to suitability for ministry to the Archbishop, who made the final decisions.

**Numerical Breakdown of Resolutions to Cases of Priests on Administrative Leave**

**Cases of administrative leave following the Grand Jury Report: 26**

**Resolutions announced on May 4, 2012: 8** (one priest died prior to a full investigation) total of 9

**Resolutions announced on July 6, 2012: 6**

**Resolution announced on October 15, 2012: 1**

**Resolutions Announced on April 7, 2013: 2**

**Priests on administrative leave who were arrested: 1**

**Resolutions announced today: 7**

**Cases remaining: 1**

The remaining administrative leave case that followed the Grand Jury Report is not being announced today as the investigative process is not yet complete. Consistent with Archdiocesan policy, it was reported to the appropriate district attorney. In November of 2013, law enforcement declined to press charges. The internal Archdiocesan investigation is currently in progress. At its conclusion, the results of the investigation will be provided to the Archdiocesan

Professional Responsibility Review Board will review the findings and provide a recommendation to Archbishop Chaput, who will make a final determination, which will be announced publicly.

**Reverend Michael A. Chapman\***

| <b>Type of Conduct</b>          | <b>Finding</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Alleged Sexual Abuse of a Minor | Substantiated  | Unsuitable for Ministry |

Father Chapman is 58 years old. He was ordained in 1982. He served at the following parishes and schools: Saint Bonaventure, Philadelphia (1982-1986); Chaplain, Little Flower High School (1983-1985); Saint Agnes, West Chester (1986-1990); Saint Henry, Philadelphia (1990-1991); Saint Augustine, Bridgeport (1991-1992); Saint Veronica, Philadelphia (1992-1999); Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (1999-2001); Ascension of Our Lord, Philadelphia (2001-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

\*On May 4, 2012 it was announced that Father Chapman was found suitable for ministry based on an unsubstantiated allegation that he violated *The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries*. Subsequent to that announcement, a new allegation was received by the Archdiocese that Father Chapman had sexually abused a minor. This information was provided to law enforcement and Father Chapman was placed back on administrative leave. At no time was he ever returned to active ministry.

**Reverend Mark E. Fernandes**

| <b>Type of Conduct</b>   | <b>Finding</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| Alleged violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i> | Substantiated  | Unsuitable for Ministry |

Father Fernandes is 40 years old. He was ordained in 2004. He served at the following parishes and schools: Assumption, B.V.M., West Grove (2004-2005); Holy Cross, Springfield (2005-2006); administrative leave with private residence (2006-2007); health leave with private residence (2007-2009); Chaplain, Grand View Hospital, Sellersville (2009-2010); Saint Agnes, Sellersville (2009-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Reverend Joseph M. Glatts**

| <b>Type of Conduct</b>   | <b>Finding</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| Alleged violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i> | Substantiated  | Unsuitable for Ministry |

Father Glatts is 75 years old. He was ordained in 1966. He served at the following parishes and schools: Saint Anthony of Padua, Philadelphia (1966-1967); Saint Alphonsus, Philadelphia (1967-1968); Faculty, Saint John Neumann High School, Philadelphia (1967-1971); Saint Irenaeus, Philadelphia (1968-1971); Chaplain, Pennsylvania National Guard (1969-1971); Resurrection of Our Lord, Chester (1971-1976); Faculty, Saint James High School for Boys,

Chester (1971-1976); Chaplain, Villa Saint Joseph, Darby (1976); Chaplain, United States Air Force (1976-1999); Saint Joseph, Aston (1999-2000); Saint Andrew, Drexel Hill, (2000-2008); Saints Simon and Jude, West Chester (2008-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Reverend Zachary W. Navit**

| Type of Conduct  | Finding       | Status                 |
|--|---------------|------------------------|
| Alleged violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i> | Substantiated | Suitable for Ministry* |

Father Navit is 46 years old. He was ordained in 1994. He served at the following parishes and schools: Visitation, B.V.M., Norristown (1994-2001); Nativity, B.V.M., Warminster (2001-2002); Saint John Bosco, Hatboro (2002-2004); Most Blessed Sacrament\*\*, Philadelphia (2004-2008); Saint Francis de Sales, Philadelphia (2004-2009); Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown (2009-2011); Director, Archdiocesan Office for Special Projects (2009-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

\* A rigorous investigative process did find it more likely than not that Father Navit violated [\*The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries\*](#). However, there is no evidence that he poses a danger to children, and there is no indication he would engage in a pattern of behavior that would necessitate his removal from ministry.

\*\*Prior to its closure in 2008, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Philadelphia, was twinned with Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Philadelphia. Twinned parishes are independent of one another but share a common pastor.

**Reverend Stephen B. Perzan**

| Type of Conduct  | Finding   | Status                  |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Alleged Sexual Abuse of a Minor and Alleged Violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i> | Unsubstantiated Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor<br><br>Substantiated Allegation of Violation of the Standards | Unsuitable for Ministry |

Father Perzan is 68 years old. He was ordained in 1973. He served at the following parishes and schools: Saint Stanislaus, Lansdale (1973-1974); Saint Pius X, Broomall (1974-1975); Saint Elizabeth, Philadelphia (1975-1980); Saint Benedict, Philadelphia (1980-1985); Saint Rose of Lima, Philadelphia (1985-1987); Saint Charles Borromeo, Philadelphia (1987-1989); Chaplain, Saint Gabriel’s Hall, Norristown (1989-1994); Extern Service in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico (1994-1997); Visitation, B.V.M., Philadelphia (1997); Saint Hugh of Cluny, Philadelphia (1997-1998); Visitation, B.V.M., Philadelphia (1998-2002); Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission, Puerto Rico (2002-2004); Saint Helena, Philadelphia (2004-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Reverend Francis J. Schlett**

| <b>Type of Conduct</b>          | <b>Finding</b>  | <b>Status</b>         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Alleged Sexual Abuse of a Minor | Unsubstantiated | Suitable for Ministry |

Father Schlett is 70 years old. He was ordained in 1970. He served at the following parishes and schools: Saint Patrick, Norristown (1970-1973); Saint Philomena, Lansdowne (1973-1978); Saint Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill (1978-1984); Notre Dame de Lourdes, Swarthmore (1984-1985); Saint Stanislaus, Lansdale (1985-1990); Saint Cecilia, Coatesville (1990-2005); Our Lady of Grace, Pennel (2005); Retired (2005); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Reverend Peter J. Talocci**

| <b>Type of Conduct</b>  | <b>Finding</b>  | <b>Status</b>           |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Alleged Sexual Abuse of a Minor and<br><i>Alleged Violation of The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i> | Unsubstantiated Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor<br><br>Substantiated Allegation of Violation of the Standards | Unsuitable for Ministry |

Father Talocci is 54 years old. He was ordained in 1986. He served at the following parishes and schools: Saint Frances Cabrini, Fairless Hills (1986-1990); Chaplain, Bishop Conwell High School (1989-1990); Holy Saviour, Norristown (1990-1995); Saint Donato, Philadelphia (1995-1997); Saint Martin of Tours, Philadelphia (1997-2000); Saint Thomas Aquinas, Croydon (2000-2003); Our Lady of Calvary, Philadelphia (2003-2007); Saint Patrick, Malvern (2007-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

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