

# November 21, 2022 23 State AGs Investigating Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church

#### Alabama

Unable to investigate under current law: <a href="https://www.al.com/news/2018/11/in-alabama-archaic-laws-fail-catholic-child-sex-abuse-victims.html">https://www.al.com/news/2018/11/in-alabama-archaic-laws-fail-catholic-child-sex-abuse-victims.html</a>

# **Alaska - Archdiocese Investigating**

- Archdiocese of Anchorage Launches Own Independent Commission for Investigation of Sexual Misconduct: <a href="https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/press-release-about-independent-commission/">https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/press-release-about-independent-commission/</a>
- August 22, 2019, 7 Clergy Members Named in Review: <a href="https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2019/08/22/seven-alaska-clergy-members-named-in-catholic-church-review-of-sexual-misconduct-allegations/">https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2019/08/22/seven-alaska-clergy-members-named-in-catholic-church-review-of-sexual-misconduct-allegations/</a>

## Arizona - No Official Investigation Underway Yet

- Survivors of Abuse Asking for Statewide Investigation:
   https://www.azfamily.com/news/survivors-of-sex-abuse-by-priests-pushing-arizona-ag-to/article\_72b41f8e-b95e-11e9-85b9-fb9c9cc7a295.html
- Phoenix priest accused of sexually abusing 2 boys indicted:
- <a href="https://www.azfamily.com/news/phoenix-priest-accused-of-sexually-abusing-boys-indicted/article\_0390e8d4-3335-11ea-918c-b72b81ebeb53.html">https://www.azfamily.com/news/phoenix-priest-accused-of-sexually-abusing-boys-indicted/article\_0390e8d4-3335-11ea-918c-b72b81ebeb53.html</a>

#### **Arkansas**

AG Working with Catholic Church to Investigate: <a href="https://talkbusiness.net/2018/09/ag-rutledge-to-work-with-state-catholic-diocese-to-investigate-church-abuse-allegations-in-arkansas/">https://talkbusiness.net/2018/09/ag-rutledge-to-work-with-state-catholic-diocese-to-investigate-church-abuse-allegations-in-arkansas/</a>

#### **California - Official Investigation**

- AG Investigating Catholic Church Handling of Abuse: <a href="https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-church-los-angeles-investigation-archdiocese-sex-abuse-20190503-story.html">https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-church-los-angeles-investigation-archdiocese-sex-abuse-20190503-story.html</a>
- Abuse Reporting Link: <a href="https://oag.ca.gov/clergyabuse">https://oag.ca.gov/clergyabuse</a>
- CA AG Subpoenas Dioceses Records:
- <a href="https://losangeles.legalexaminer.com/legal/california-attorney-general-subpoenas-records-from-half-of-california-dioceses/">https://losangeles.legalexaminer.com/legal/california-attorney-general-subpoenas-records-from-half-of-california-dioceses/</a>

#### **Colorado - Official Investigation**

- Attorney General Announcement: <a href="https://coag.gov/resources/survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/">https://coag.gov/resources/survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/</a>
- Abuse Report Form: <a href="https://coag.gov/resources/survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/report-abuse/">https://coag.gov/resources/survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/report-abuse/</a>
- Some Questions Colorado Investigation:
- <a href="https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/investigations/some-question-if-colorado-probe-of-catholic-church-will-uncover-full-scope-of-priests-abuse">https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/investigations/some-question-if-colorado-probe-of-catholic-church-will-uncover-full-scope-of-priests-abuse</a>
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- https://coloradosun.com/2019/10/14/roman-catholic-church-safety-training/
- CO Report Accuses 43 Priests of Sexual Abuse:



- <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/23/us/politics/colorado-catholic-church-abuse-investigation.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/23/us/politics/colorado-catholic-church-abuse-investigation.html</a>
- Former pastor named in sex abuse probe:
- <a href="https://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/news/20191031/former-local-pastor-named-in-sex-abuse-probe">https://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/news/20191031/former-local-pastor-named-in-sex-abuse-probe</a>
- Colorado's Catholic Priest Abuse reparations program received 78 claims: https://coloradosun.com/2020/02/05/colorado-catholic-priest-abuse-reparations-program/
- 12 Pueblo Priests Named in Colorado attorney general's latest child sexual abuse report: <a href="https://www.chieftain.com/story/news/2020/12/01/pueblo-priests-named-colorado-child-sexual-abuse-report/3783126001/">https://www.chieftain.com/story/news/2020/12/01/pueblo-priests-named-colorado-child-sexual-abuse-report/3783126001/</a>; <a href="https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/second-report-on-colorado-catholic-church-child-sexual-abuse-ids-9-more-priests-46-more-victims">https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/second-report-on-colorado-catholic-church-child-sexual-abuse-ids-9-more-priests-46-more-victims</a>
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- https://the-journal.com/articles/195038; https://catholicphilly.com/2020/12/news/national-news/colorado-report-names-nine-more-priests-accused-of-abusing-minors-decades-ago/; https://catholicphilly.com/2020/12/news/national-news/colorado-report-names-nine-more-priests-accused-of-abusing-minors-decades-ago/; https://denver.cbslocal.com/2020/12/02/father-woody-colorado-report/; https://buffalonews.com/news/local/father-woody-buffalo-native-and-priest-of-denvers-poor-named-as-child-sex-abuser/article\_dee5c430-3a3d-11eb-89bc-47f326ee08d4.html
- Colorado's review of Catholic Church sex abuse named priests, but not those who covered up their crimes: <a href="https://coloradosun.com/2020/12/14/catholic-church-abuse-colorado-cover-up/">https://coloradosun.com/2020/12/14/catholic-church-abuse-colorado-cover-up/</a>

## Connecticut

 Seeking to Enact Legislation to Allow Investigation: https://www.theday.com/article/20181027/NWS01/181029423

## **Delaware - Official Investigation**

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#### Florida - Official Investigation

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  - https://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/Bondi-investigating-complaints-of-church-coverup-in-wake-of-Pennsylvania-abuse-indictments\_172371251/
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- St. Augustine Diocese did not disclose priest was under investigation, AG's office says <a href="https://www.news4jax.com/i-team/2021/02/06/st-augustine-diocese-did-not-disclose-priest-was-under-investigation-ags-office-says/">https://www.news4jax.com/i-team/2021/02/06/st-augustine-diocese-did-not-disclose-priest-was-under-investigation-ags-office-says/</a>

## **Georgia - Official Investigation**

 Georgia attorney general launches investigation into state's Catholic abuse crisis: <a href="https://www.ncronline.org/news/accountability/georgia-attorney-general-launches-investigation-states-catholic-abuse-crisis">https://www.ncronline.org/news/accountability/georgia-attorney-general-launches-investigation-states-catholic-abuse-crisis</a>

#### Hawaii

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#### Idaho

 Cannot launch investigation unless asked to do so by local police of sheriff force: <a href="https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/403806-states-consider-investigations-into-catholic-church-abuse">https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/403806-states-consider-investigations-into-catholic-church-abuse</a>

### **Illinois - Official Investigation**

- Investigation Press Release: http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2018\_08/20180823b.html
- Initial Investigation Results, December 2018: <a href="http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2018\_12/Catholic Church Preliminary\_FindingsUpdate121918.pdf">http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2018\_12/Catholic Church Preliminary\_FindingsUpdate121918.pdf</a>?ftag=MSF0951a18
- August 2019 AG & Cardinal Cupich Meeting: <a href="https://abc7chicago.com/illinois-attorney-general-and-cardinal-cupich-have-private-meeting;-discuss-clergy-sex-abuse-investigation/5481908/">https://abc7chicago.com/illinois-attorney-general-and-cardinal-cupich-have-private-meeting;-discuss-clergy-sex-abuse-investigation/5481908/</a>
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- Archdiocese of Chicago credit endangered by state probe: <a href="https://www.chicagobusiness.com/greg-hinz-politics/archdiocese-chicago-credit-endangered-state-probe">https://www.chicagobusiness.com/greg-hinz-politics/archdiocese-chicago-credit-endangered-state-probe</a>
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   <a href="https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-clergy-abuse-chicago-archdiocese-deceased-priests-20191007-gfyygbonknbe5h4hjsqohigoka-story.html">https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-clergy-abuse-chicago-archdiocese-deceased-priests-20191007-gfyygbonknbe5h4hjsqohigoka-story.html</a>
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   <a href="https://www.wcia.com/news/target3/catholic-churches-publicly-report-a-fraction-of-sexual-abuse-allegations/">https://www.wcia.com/news/target3/catholic-churches-publicly-report-a-fraction-of-sexual-abuse-allegations/</a>

#### **Indiana - Official Investigation**

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- Clergy Abuse Report Form: https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/3485.htm
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- News Article: <a href="http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/iowa-ag-sues-church-for-documents/article">http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/iowa-ag-sues-church-for-documents/article</a> 58e5e9c0-8709-11e9-9964-abf88e7f69c0.html

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## **Kansas - Official Investigation**

- Press Release Announcing Kansas Bureau of Investigation to Investigate:
   https://ag.ks.gov/media-center/news-releases/2019/01/28/ag-derek-schmidt-statement-on-archdiocese-of-kansas-city-in-kansas-release-of-list-of-substantiated-claims-of-clergy-sexual-abuse-with-a-minor
- News Article: https://www.kansas.com/news/local/crime/article233015562.html
- Kansas City Diocese Names Accused Priests: https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article234792262.html
- Wichita Diocese Releases Names of 15 Accused Priests:
- <a href="https://www.kwch.com/content/news/Catholic-Diocese-of-Wichita-names-substantiates-claims-of-sexual-abuse-claims-against-15-priests-560873431.html">https://www.kwch.com/content/news/Catholic-Diocese-of-Wichita-names-substantiates-claims-of-sexual-abuse-claims-against-15-priests-560873431.html</a>
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## Kentucky

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#### Louisiana

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#### Maine

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- http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Press/2019/011019a.pdf
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- Years into attorney general investigation of Maryland's Catholic Church, abuse survivors wonder where it stands
  - https://www.bakersfield.com/ap/national/years-into-attorney-general-investigation-of-maryland-s-catholic-church-abuse-survivors-wonder-where-it/article 2917b7ff-df4a-5005-9bf3-7e0c35014881.html

- Maryland's clergy sex abuse investigation lacks results, survivors say
   <a href="https://www.marylandmatters.org/2022/08/02/marylands-clergy-sex-abuse-investigation-lacks-results-survivors-say/">https://www.marylandmatters.org/2022/08/02/marylands-clergy-sex-abuse-investigation-lacks-results-survivors-say/</a>
- Maryland attorney general's investigation of child abuse in Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore nears completion
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  <a href="http://www.pressandguide.com/news/former-dearborn-priest-set-to-stand-trial-in-child-rape/article\_75e98d64-d8c7-11e9-81dc-0b23250b69ae.html">http://www.pressandguide.com/news/former-dearborn-priest-set-to-stand-trial-in-child-rape/article\_75e98d64-d8c7-11e9-81dc-0b23250b69ae.html</a>
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- Attorney General Herring Launches Clergy Abuse Hotline: https://www.oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/1299-october-24-2018-attorney-general-herring-launches-clergy-abuse-hotline
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# Washington: No investigations of clergy sex abuse

## Washington D.C. - Official Investigation

• Attorney General Online Complaint Form: <a href="https://oagdc.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket\_form\_id=360000330073">https://oagdc.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket\_form\_id=360000330073</a>

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- In pushback against AG Inquiry, Wisconsin Catholics cite decades of church vigilance against abuse:
  - https://angelusnews.com/news/nation/in-pushback-against-ag-inquiry-wisconsin-catholics-cite-decades-of-church-vigilance-against-abuse/
- Wisconsin clergy abuse review shows power of independent inquiry <a href="https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/2021/08/10/wisconsin-clergy-abuse-attorney-general-review-generates-cases/5496760001/">https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/2021/08/10/wisconsin-clergy-abuse-attorney-general-review-generates-cases/5496760001/</a>
- Attorney General Kaul provides update on abuse investigation
   <a href="https://waow.com/2021/08/10/attorney-general-kaul-provides-update-on-abuse-investigation/">https://waow.com/2021/08/10/attorney-general-kaul-provides-update-on-abuse-investigation/</a>
- DOJ received reports of abuse from clergy in all five Wisconsin diocese
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  - https://chicago.suntimes.com/2021/9/3/22652533/norbertine-abbey-james-stein-nate-lindstrom-catholic-religious-orders-clergy-sexual-abuse
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