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22 State AGs Investigating Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church

Alabama

Alaska - Archdiocese Investigating

Arizona - No Official Investigation Underway Yet

Arkansas

California - Official Investigation
- Abuse Reporting Link: https://oag.ca.gov/clergyabuse

Colorado - Official Investigation
- Wannabe Priests Will be Evaluated: https://coloradosun.com/2019/10/14/roman-catholic-church-safety-training/
- CO Report Accuses 43 Priests of Sexual Abuse:
  Former pastor named in sex abuse probe:
  Colorado’s Catholic Priest Abuse reparations program received 78 claims:
  [https://coloradosun.com/2020/02/05/colorado-catholic-priest-abuse-reparations-program/](https://coloradosun.com/2020/02/05/colorado-catholic-priest-abuse-reparations-program/)

Connecticut
• Seeking to Enact Legislation to Allow Investigation: [https://www.theday.com/article/20181027/NWS01/181029423](https://www.theday.com/article/20181027/NWS01/181029423)

Delaware - Official Investigation

Florida - Official Investigation
• Abuse Complaint Form: [https://www.myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/stopabuse](https://www.myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/stopabuse)
  Bondi investigating complaints of church coverup in wake of Pennsylvania abuse indictments:

Georgia - Official Investigation

Hawaii
• Text of Senate Resolution Passed Calling for Statewide Investigation, Passed on April 12, 2019: [https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/SR4_.HTM](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/SR4_.HTM)

Idaho
• Cannot launch investigation unless asked to do so by local police of sheriff force: [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)

Illinois - Official Investigation
  August 2019 AG & Cardinal Cupich Meeting: [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/)
  Archdiocese of Chicago credit endangered by state probe:
• Chicago Deacon Asks For Deceased Abusers to be Named:
• Sexual Abuse Reports from Illinois’ Catholic Diocese are Still Missing a lot of Data:
  https://www.propublica.org/article/search-credibly-accused-catholic-priests-illinois

Indiana - Official Investigation
• Clergy Abuse Resources: https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/3488.htm
• Clergy Abuse Report Form: https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/3485.htm
• News Article: https://fox59.com/2019/03/07/attorney-general-curtis-hill-encourages-hoosiers-to-report-clergy-abuse/

Iowa - Official Investigation
• News Article: http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/iowa-ag-sues-church-for-documents/article_58e5e9c0-8709-11e9-9964-abf88e7f69c0.html

Kansas - Official Investigation
• Kansas City Diocese Names Accused Priests: https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article234792262.html
• Wichita Diocese Releases Names of 15 Accused Priests:

Kentucky
• AGs Office has yet to launch an investigation, but does seek to do so, once legislation opening an avenue for investigation are passed. https://abcnews.go.com/US/bills-enabling-statewide-clergy-abuse-investigation-stalled-kentucky/story?id=63488194

Louisiana
• AG Lacks Authority and Resources to Investigate:

Maine

Maryland - Official Investigation
• Hotline Information:
• Maryland attorney general is investigating sexual abuse in the Catholic Church:

• Maryland has begun charging individual priests according to their investigations:

Massachusetts - Official Investigation

Michigan - Official Investigation
• Press Release: https://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-88346---,00.html
• Information Form: https://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-477753---,00.html
• Michigan Priest Charged with False Imprisonment by AGs Office, Believed to be Sexually Motivated: https://www.legalreader.com/michigan-priest-charged-with-false-imprisonment-of-a-minor/
• Priest To Stand Trial in Rape Case: http://www.pressandguide.com/news/former-dearborn-priest-set-to-stand-trial-in-child-rape/article_75e98d64-d8c7-11e9-81dc-0b23250b69ae.html
• Genesee County Priest Charged with Additional Count: https://burtonview.mihomepaper.com/articles/nessel-charges-former-genesee-county-priest-with-additional-count-of-csc/
• Former UP Priest Charged with more sexual assaults
• Hearing on priest delayed:

Minnesota: Attorney General does not have power to compel a grand jury under the law
• Attorney calls on Gov. Mark Dayton to convene grand juries to look into Catholic clergy abuse:

Mississippi: Diocese of Jackson undertook an investigation
• Clergy and Religious credibly accused of abuse:

Missouri - Official Investigation
• Victim Abuse Resource Form: https://ago.mo.gov/other-resources/clergy-abuse-resources/clergy-abuse-victim-resource-form

• 12 Clergy Referred for Prosecution by Attorney General:

• Missouri’s investigation is found to be slow:


• Attorney General Concludes Investigation:

• Attorney General Issues Investigation Report:

• Dodge City Diocese Names 12 Clerics:

• AG’s Priest Abuse Probe Yields First Charges:
  Accuser Surprised by Sex Abuse Charges:

Montana: Attorney General unable to investigate under current law

www.childusa.org
• Sex Abuse Suit Filed against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-billings:  
http://www.bishop-accountability.org/news2012/01_02/2012_02_09_Bennion_SexAbuse.htm

Nebraska

Nevada: Las Vegas Diocese conducting an investigation
• Las Vegas Catholic Diocese reveals list of ‘33’ credibly accused of child sexual abuse:  

New Hampshire: No recent investigations
• 17 years ago, NH kicked off now-national clergy sex abuse scandal:  

New Jersey - Official Investigation
• Press Release and Hotline: https://nj.gov/oag/newsreleases18/pr20180906a.html
• New Jersey attorney general to investigate sex-abuse allegations among Catholic clergy:  
• New Jersey Priest gets 4 years in prison:  
• Second Priest Charged in Investigations:  

New Mexico - Official Investigation
• Disclosure Demand Letter:  
• New Mexico Launching Catholic Priest Sexual Abuse Investigation:  

New York - Official Investigation
• AG Reporting Link: https://ag.ny.gov/sexualabuse
• AG Underwood Announces Clergy Abuse Hotline:  
• AG Underwood Subpoenas Every Catholic Diocese in NY as Part of Broad Sex Abuse Investigation:  

North Carolina: Attorney General unable to investigate under current law
• North Carolina bills would widen ability to investigate child sex abuse:  

North Dakota: only county prosecutors can prosecute criminal offenses

Ohio: Ohio does not allow for statewide investigations, according to Attorney General

Oklahoma:

Oregon: The Attorney General has taken no steps to investigate clergy abuse.

Pennsylvania - Official Investigation

Rhode Island - Official Investigation
- Attorney General gains access to nearly 70 years of records from Diocese of Providence: [https://www.ri.gov/press/view/36360](https://www.ri.gov/press/view/36360)
- State Police Open Clergy Abuse Hotline:

South Carolina: AG’s Office cannot investigate under current law. Diocese of Charleston conducting investigation

South Dakota: Sioux Falls Diocese conducting investigation

Tennessee: Diocese conducting investigation

Texas: Does not have jurisdiction to conduct investigations.

Utah
• Attorney General Abuse Hotline Announcement: [https://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/clergy-abuse-hotline/](https://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/clergy-abuse-hotline/)

Vermont - Official Investigation

Virginia - Official Investigation
• Clergy Abuse Hotline:
Diocese Responds to Announcement that Former Priest Charged with Abuse: https://www.catholicherald.com/News/Local_News/Catholic_Diocese_of_Arlington_responds_to_announcement_that_former_Capuchin_priest_is_charged_with_abuse/

Washington: No investigations of clergy sex abuse

Washington D.C. - Official Investigation

West Virginia - Official Investigation
- West Virginia’s attorney general alleges Catholic Church allowed abusive priests to teach in schools: https://abcnews.go.com/US/west-virginias-attorney-general-alleges-catholic-church-allowed/story?id=61782928

Wisconsin: Diocese conducting an investigation

Wyoming: The investigation is being undertaken by the police department.
- Cheyenne Police Department News Release: http://www.cheyennepd.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/409