



Key Attorney General Report Findings – Diocese of Gaylord

In 2018, the Michigan Department of Attorney General launched an investigation into clergy sexual abuse throughout the State of Michigan, focusing on the state's seven Catholic dioceses. The Attorney General released their report of their findings related to the Diocese of Gaylord in January 2024. Below are key report findings:

- The report describes allegations since 1950 of sexual abuse or misconduct by 26 priests and 2 deacons who ministered in the Diocese of Gaylord. Allegations included in the report do not reflect credibility or substantiation by the Michigan Department of Attorney General.
- Of the 28 clergy included in the report, 16 of the clergy are known or presumed to be deceased. Of the remaining 12 clergy, there are no priests or deacons in active ministry in the Diocese of Gaylord who has a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor.
- There are 3 priests listed in the report who are currently ministering in the Diocese of Gaylord. None of these priests have a substantiated allegation of abuse of a minor.
 - The sexual misconduct allegations of the 3 priests in active ministry involve adults. The Attorney General has not filed criminal charges against any of these priests.
- Approximately 85% of the alleged incidents of sexual abuse involving adults and minors noted in the report occurred prior to 2000.
- Nearly all sexual abuse allegations involving minors relate to incidents that occurred before 2000. After 2000, there are 2 inappropriate conduct cases involving minors related to a priest who is no longer in ministry.
- Since 2002, when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established new strict protocols for clergy sexual abuse, the number of allegations involving a minor has significantly dropped.
- To date, 11 cases have been brought by the Michigan Department of Attorney General for all seven dioceses. Nine have resolved with convictions. Of these 11 cases, **none** are related to priests ministering in the Diocese of Gaylord.