



## **The Catholic Diocese of Belleville** **Clergy Removed from Ministry**

The following is a list of clergy from The Catholic Diocese of Belleville who are currently removed from ministry after credibly substantiated allegations of the sexual abuse of minors, or serious sexual misconduct with adults. These names were all published individually at the time that they were removed. The Diocese is providing this list now, in part, because many individuals who have been affected by childhood sexual abuse, have indicated that this would be helpful to their healing and recovery.

**Anyone who may wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel should inform law enforcement and call the Hotline number: 1-800-640-3044.**

<b><u>Clergy</u></b>	<b><u>Ordained</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
Fr. Jerome Ratermann	June 1, 1957	Removed from ministry March 5, 1993
Fr. James R. Calhoun	May 3, 1955	Removed from ministry March 18, 1993; Died on May 26, 1996
Fr. Robert Vonnahmen	May 26, 1956	Removed from ministry March 18, 1993; laicized April 23, 2007; Died on May 8, 2016
Fr. David G. Crook	June 6, 1981	Removed from ministry March 30, 1993
Fr. Robert Chlopecki	June 8, 1974	Removed from ministry April 25, 1993
Deacon Francis Theis	Oct 18, 1980	Removed from ministry May 5, 1993; Died on July 13, 2010
Fr. Eugene G. Linnemann	June 7, 1980	Removed from ministry May 9, 1993; Died on March 1, 2011
Fr. Edwin G. Kastner	May 15, 1951	Removed from ministry September 13, 1993; Died on May 1, 2012
Fr. Louis Peterson	June 8, 1974	Removed from ministry January 24, 1994
Fr. Walter E. MacPherson	May 3, 1955	Removed from ministry February 4, 1994; Died on July 16, 2011
Msgr. Joseph R. Schwaegel	May 1, 1965	Removed from ministry December 6, 1994;

Died on July 13, 2016

Fr. Raymond Kownacki	June 4, 1960	Removed from ministry January 13, 1995; laicized January 11, 2013
Fr. Gary Sebescak	June 4, 1994	Removed from ministry April 24, 1995
Fr. Alan Ruppert	June 3, 1978	Removed from ministry October 19, 1998
Fr. Edward Balestrieri	June 6, 1959	Removed from ministry May 1, 2002; Died on September 10, 2012
Fr. William Rensing	May 3, 1955	Removed from ministry October 21, 2002; Died on March 13, 2017
Fr. Gerald R. Hechenberger	June 1, 1996	Removed from ministry January 10, 2018