

List of Credibly Accused

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Glenmary has become painfully aware that in the past we have failed to protect minors and vulnerable adults. In addition, we have realized how often our response to victims has been inadequate. We deeply regret these failures. We continue to seek your forgiveness for our mistakes. We are committed to healing and justice for all those involved.

In a spirit of accountability and transparency we are publishing a list of all Glenmarians against whom there are credible allegations of abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. It is our hope that publishing these names will be a step in the healing process for the victims.

Glenmary defines a credible allegation as a preponderance of evidence that the allegation is more likely true than not after investigation. Credibility can also be established by conviction in a court, or by the admission of the truth by the accused.

The list includes name, birth year, the year the accused joined Glenmary, current status and dioceses where each man served. The nature of Glenmary's missionary work means most members have served in a variety of ministries across several dioceses.

This release of names reflects what we know to be accurate as of this date; however, we will continue to adjust our list as investigations currently underway are completed and any accusation under investigation is determined to be credible.

Glenmary is committed to preventing future abuse and addressing any allegations swiftly and justly.

Anyone who believes he or she has been abused by a member of Glenmary Home Missioners is encouraged to contact me at 513-881-7402, as well as the appropriate authorities. Glenmary promises full cooperation with the civil authorities in the reporting and investigation of such allegations.

Sincerely,
Father Dan Dorsey
President, Glenmary Home Missioners

List of credibly accused missionaries

Al Behm (Brother)

Born: 1938 Joined Glenmary: 1960

Status: Left society in 1993.

Dioceses served: Bridgeport (CT), Charlotte (NC), Cincinnati (OH), Covington (KY), Lexington (KY), Nashville (TN), New Orleans (LA), San Francisco (CA), Savannah (GA)

Bill Early (Brother)

Born: 1936 Joined Glenmary: 1958

Status: Deceased. Left society in 1993

Dioceses served: Atlanta (GA), Chicago (IL), Cincinnati (OH), Lexington (KY), Nashville (TN), Oakland (CA), San Francisco (CA), Savannah (GA), Washington (DC)

Adelbert (Del) Holmes (Priest)

Born: 1925 Joined Glenmary: 1959

Status: Deceased

Dioceses served: Charlotte (NC), Cincinnati (OH), Little Rock (AR), Owensboro (KY), Richmond (VA), Savannah (GA)

Francis Massarella (Priest)

Born: 1915 Joined Glenmary: 1941

Status: Deceased. Left society in 1945

Dioceses served: Columbus (OH)

Robert Poandl (Priest)

Born: 1941 Joined Glenmary: 1962

Status: Deceased

Dioceses served: Atlanta (GA), Cincinnati (OH), Harrisburg (PA), Newark (NJ), New Orleans (LA), Owensboro (KY), Savannah (GA), Tulsa (OK), Tyler (TX)

Peter Richardson (Priest)

Born: 1958 Joined Glenmary: 1981

Status: Deceased. Left society in 2007

Dioceses served: Cincinnati (OH), Jackson (MS), Lexington (KY), Nashville (TN).

Ed Smith (Priest)

Born: 1916 Joined Glenmary: 1943

Status: Deceased

Dioceses served: Bogota (Colombia), Charlotte (NC), Cincinnati (OH), Richmond (VA), Savannah (GA)

Gino Vertassich (Brother)

Born: 1937 Joined Glenmary: 1960

Status: Deceased. Left society in 1975

Dioceses served: Atlanta (GA), Charlotte (NC), Cincinnati (OH), Savannah (GA)

Bill Wright (Brother)

Born: 1952 Joined Glenmary: 1978

Status: Deceased. Left society in 2006

Dioceses served: Jackson (MS), Little Rock (AR), Nashville (TN), Owensboro

Benedict Wolf (Priest)

Born: 1916 Joined Glenmary: 1941

Status: Deceased. Left society in 1975

Dioceses served: Altoona-Johnstown (PA), Cincinnati (OH), Owensboro (KY), Washington (DC)

Tony Jablonowski (Priest)

Born: 1937 Joined Glenmary: N/A*

Status: Laicized in 2006

Dioceses served with Glenmary: Atlanta (GA), Charlotte (NC)

*Glenmary found information pertaining to the criminal conviction of Jablonowski, who served as a priest “on loan” with Glenmary from 1976 to 1980. The charges against Jablonowski were related to his assignment in the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyoming, after he had left Glenmary.