



**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**  
**Background Regarding Resolutions to Three of the Cases of**  
**Priests on Administrative Leave**  
**July 6, 2012**

Below is background information regarding those cases announced today of priests placed on administrative leave after the 2011 grand jury report. Notification had been made at their most recent parish assignment at that time. Announcements of the final resolution of their cases will be made at those parishes this weekend.

Prior to reaching a final resolution, each case was submitted to the appropriate local district attorney's office as the process is designed to ensure that the district attorney has an opportunity for review before an Archdiocesan investigation proceeds. After receiving clearance that investigation was conducted by the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) led by veteran child abuse prosecutor Gina Maisto Smith. The results of the investigations were provided to the Archdiocesan Review Board (ARB), which provided a recommendation to the Archbishop, who made the final decision.

On May 4, 2012, Archbishop Chaput announced resolutions to eight of the cases of priests placed on administrative leave following the February 2011 Grand Jury Report. More information regarding those announcements is available at [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org). The remaining 12 cases cannot be announced at this time for a variety of reasons. The Archdiocese referred all of its cases to the local district attorney. A handful of cases have not yet been cleared by law enforcement so the internal Archdiocesan investigation led by the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) has not begun. A few cases were just recently released by law enforcement and are currently under investigation by the MDT. In other cases, the Archdiocese has received clearance, the internal investigation is complete, and the matter is awaiting examination by the Archdiocesan Review Board or a final decision by Archbishop Chaput.

**Rev. John Bowe**

<b>Type of Conduct</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alleged violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i>	Substantiated	Unsuitable for Ministry

Father Bowe is 64 years old. He was ordained in 1973. He served at the following parishes and schools: Saint Agnes, West Chester (1973-1977); Saint Bridget, Philadelphia (1977-1982);

Chaplain, John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School (1980-1982); Blessed Virgin Mary, Darby (1982-1987); Military Chaplain, Pennsylvania National Guard (1983-2004); Holy Martyrs, Oreland (1987-1989); Saint Agnes, Sellersville, (1989-2005); Personal Leave (2005); Saint Joseph, Warrington (2005-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Rev. Paul Castellani**

<b>Type of Conduct</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alleged violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i>	Unsubstantiated	Suitable for Ministry

Father Castellani is 53 years old. He was ordained in 1996. He served at the following parishes: Holy Innocents, Philadelphia (1996-1998); Ascension of Our Lord, Philadelphia (1998-2001); Saint Martin of Tours, Philadelphia (2001-2005); Saint Pius X, Broomall (2005-2007); Saint John Fisher, Boothwyn (2007-2008); Saint Philomena, Lansdowne (2008-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Rev. Msgr. John Close**

<b>Type of Conduct</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alleged Sexual Abuse of a Minor	Unsubstantiated	Suitable for Ministry

Monsignor Close is 68 years old. He was ordained in 1969. He served at the following parishes, schools, and offices: Christ the King, Philadelphia (1969-1972); Chaplain, Serra Club of Philadelphia (1971-1972); Saint John the Evangelist, Philadelphia (1972); Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield (1972-1984); Chaplain, Sisters of Saint Francis, Assisi House, Aston (1982-1987); Saint James Catholic High School for Boys, Chester (1984-1987); Saint Pius X High School, Pottstown (1987-1990); Chaplain, Saint Mary of Providence Center, Elverson (1987-1990); Archbishop Wood High School, Warminster (1990-1994); Administrator, Regina Coeli Residence for Priests, Warminster (1991-1994); Saint Michael the Archangel, Levittown (1994-1996); Vice Rector for Institutional Advancement, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook (1996-2000); Chaplain, Legatus, Philadelphia Chapter (1997-2011); Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (2000-2006); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Rev. David Givey**

<b>Type of Conduct</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alleged Violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i>	Substantiated	Unsuitable for Ministry

Father Givey is 68 years old. He was ordained in 1971. He served at the following parishes, schools, and offices: Saint Katharine of Siena, Wayne (1971-1973); Archbishop Carroll High School, Radnor (1971-1973); Staff/Chaplain, *The Catholic Standard and Times* (1973-1974); Student Priest, Pontifical University, Angelicum, Rome (1973-1976); Assistant Editor, *The*

*Catholic Standard and Times* (1976); Student Priest, Temple University, Philadelphia (1976-1978); Archbishop Prendergast High School, Drexel Hill (1978-1984); Chaplain, Sisters of Mercy Convent, Merion (1980-1984); Editor, *The Catholic Standard and Times* (1984-1991); Saint Agatha/Saint James, Philadelphia (1994-1996); Our Lady of Peace, Milmont Park (1996-2001); administrative leave (2001-2006); retired (2006); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Rev. Steven Harris**

<b>Type of Conduct</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alleged Violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i>	Unsubstantiated	Suitable for Ministry

Father Harris is 57 years old. He was ordained in 1980. He served at the following parishes, schools, and offices: Epiphany of Our Lord, Philadelphia (1980-1982); Office of the Chancellor (1982); Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal (1982); Student Priest, Pontifical North American College, Rome (1982-1986); Office of the Chancellor (1983); Cardinal O’Hara High School, Springfield (1986-1987); Chancellor, Office of the Chancellor (1992-1996); Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Philadelphia (1996-2001); Saint Louis, Yeadon (2001-2009); Saint Isaac Jogues, Wayne (2009-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

**Rev. Leonard Peterson**

<b>Type of Conduct</b>	<b>Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
Alleged Violation of <i>The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries</i>	Unsubstantiated	Suitable for Ministry

Father Peterson is 70 years old. He was ordained in 1967. He served at the following parishes and schools: Corpus Christi, Philadelphia (1967-1968); Holy Angels, Philadelphia (1968-1969); Chaplain, Boy Scouts of America (1969); Nativity, B.V.M., Philadelphia (1969); Chaplain, Serra Club of Philadelphia (1969-1970); Cardinal O’Hara High School, Springfield (1969-1980); Archbishop Ryan Girls High School (1980-1982); Saint Patrick, Norristown (1982-1983); Saint Isidore, Quakertown (1983); Lansdale Catholic High School, Lansdale (1983-1986); Chaplain, West Chester University, Newman Center (1986-1991); Saint Bridget, Philadelphia (1991-1994); Saint Anastasia, Newtown Square (1994-1997); Saint Maria Goretti, Hatfield (1997-2011); placed on administrative leave (2011).

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