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## Cases in Process

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This category includes living priests of the Diocese of Fall River who have been publicly accused of sexually abusing a minor, but the canonical and/or civil proceedings involving these priests have not yet been resolved. There has not yet been a determination either under canon (Church) or civil law regarding whether the allegations against clergy listed here are credible. Consistent with the principles of the American justice system and Church law, these individuals are afforded a presumption of innocence. The priests in this section are prohibited from engaging in public ministry while their cases are in process.

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Name	Year of Birth	Year of Ordination	Diocese of Incardination	Assignment History in the Diocese of Fall River	Status
Buckley, James F.	1931	1959	Diocese of Fall River	St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River Sacred Heart, Fall River Immaculate Conception, Fall River St. Joan of Arc, Orleans St. Augustine, Vineyard Haven St. Margaret, Buzzards Bay Holy Redeemer, Chatham	Faculties suspended
Byington, Edward J.	1939	1970	Diocese of Fall River	St. John, Attleboro Sacred Heart, Taunton St. Patrick, Fall River St. Paul, Taunton St. George, Westport Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Seekonk Girl Scouts of America, Attleboro Area Sacred Heart, Fall River St. Francis, Hyannis St. Thomas More, Somerset	Faculties suspended
Degagne, Richard E.	1954	1982	Diocese of Fall River	St. John, Attleboro Holy Name, Fall River St. Anthony of Padua, New Bedford Notre Dame, Fall River Sacred Heart, North Attleboro Immaculate Conception, Taunton St. John Neumann, East Freetown Immaculate Conception, North Easton	Faculties suspended

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