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**Diocese of Marquette** Encompassing the whole Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the adjacent islands of the State of Michigan, founded in 1857.

(alphabetical listing)

[NK offenders identified, 9 listed]

Carne affair Rev. Joseph D. Carne), ordained 1971, resigned July 2002 following a credible allegation of sexual misconduct involving a minor (but not a child under 16) 27 years before. He was placed on health-related leave of absence.

**Hartman affair** Rev. Donald Hartman (deceased 1999), ordained 1950, in February 2011, man picketed Saint Peter's Cathedral in Marquette saying he was abused on multiple occasions by Hartman in Champion in approx. 1960. Hartman was forced to leave the parish but surfaced again as an active priest in Caspian in 1980s.

**Hasenberg affair** Rev. Aloysius J. Hasenberg, ordained 1949, after September 2008 accusation that he abused a male minor, 86 year-old Hasenberg was removed from ministry in Watersmeet and out of his residence at rectory October 2008. He had officially retired in 1990s. Diocese conduced preliminary investigation and said allegation had a "semblance of truth." No information on dates of abuse or age of victim. Matter referred to the Vatican.

**Hoefgen affair** Rev. Raymond J. Hoefgen, ordained 1963, accused of abuse, permanently removed May 2002 after diocese received substantiated allegation he molested two minors approx. 25 years previously.

**LaCosse case** Rev. Norbert Paul LaCosse, ordained 1952, charged with sexual assault, convicted, sentenced to 6 years jail 1991.

1. **LaCosse trial** Pled guilty to 4 counts of abusing altar boy from 1988-1990. Charges filed in three counties but dropped in one. Sentenced to 3-15 years on each count. LaCosse was at St. Luke's for 6 months between time charges filed and sentencing. He served 6 1/2 years in prison and was released. Has been registered sex offender in MI since 1995.

**LePine affair** Rev. Clement J. LePine (d. 2000), ordained 1946, a longtime Upper Peninsula priest at St. Joseph Parish in Ishpeming, where he was pastor 1957-1986, was accused by two women of abusing them as young children during the 1960s and 1970s, reported 2005.

**Putten affair** Rev. Benedict van der Putten, a priest formerly of the Society of St. Pius X, was relieved of his faculties by *Pope Benedict XVI*, according to an announcement issued by the chancellor of the *Diocese of Marquette* in August 2005. Van der Putten, who, beginning in 1995, had been retreat master at the society's St. Aloysius Retreat House in Los Gatos, left the Society of St. Pius X in 2000 to seek reconciliation with Rome. In December 2003, the bishop of Scranton, Pennsylvania, where Van der Putten had gone to seek regularization, announced that he had refused incardination to Van der Putten "because of the seriousness of his admitted sexual misconduct." According to the diocese of Marquette, Van der Putten, "at one time a holder of a celebret from the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, has been dismissed from the clerical state by decree of His Holiness, *Pope Benedict XVI* after being accused of sexual abuse of minors." Van der Putten is living in Hawaii.

**Thoren affair** Rev. Guy S. Thoren, ordained in 1971, accused of abuse of child 25 years earlier, 2002. Removed June 2002 after Diocese said it had substantiated an allegation of abuse of a minor dating back more than 25 years. Thoren had just been transferred into a new parish to replace Joseph Carne who had been

removed because of sexual abuse allegations.

**Van der Putten affair** Rev. Benedict Van der Putten of the Society of St. Pius X. Laicization announced August 2005 due to sexual abuse of minors. Served as retreat master at St. Aloysius Retreat House in Los Gatos from 1995 to 2000. Last known to be living in Hawaii.

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