



March 17, 2006 - Archdiocese of Boston Announces Individuals No Longer in the Clerical State

(Boston, Massachusetts) March 17, 2006... The Archdiocese of Boston today announced that the Holy See has decided that Anthony Buchette, Joseph Crowley, Paul Finegan, Thomas Forry, Robert Morrisette, Frederick Ryan, Ernest Tourigny and Patrick Tague are no longer in the clerical state. These men cease to receive any financial support from the Archdiocese of Boston and may no longer perform any public ministry in the Church, with the exception that those who are priests may offer absolution to the dying.

“During these days of Lent we are called in a particular way to repentance and conversion,” stated Archbishop Sean P. O’Malley. “With this Lenten call in mind, this moment provides an opportunity to express to the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and to their families my deepest sorrow for the grievous harm done to them. The violations of childhood innocence, under the guise of priestly care, are a source of profound shame. I pray and hope that the emotional, physical, and spiritual wounds carried by survivors will be healed and their trust renewed. I pledge the on-going commitment of the Archdiocese to accompany those who have been abused in their healing work.”