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Catholic Authors and Publishers Continue to Hire Credibly Accused Former Priest Barry M. Hudock

James Faluszczyk, himself a victim of abuse by a priest, and still feeling called to the priesthood, left active ministry because the Church ignored his claims. He testified before the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury as it investigated six dioceses in Pennsylvania.

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WHAT: Barry Michael Hudock continues to work for prominent Catholic authors and publishers despite credible accusations of sexual abuse of a minor.

WHEN: Available anytime by arrangement.

WHERE: Via Zoom, Skype, or phone.

WHO: Victim advocate James Faluszczyk, a whistleblower before the Pennsylvania 40th Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, and ordination classmate of Barry Hudock.

ALBANY, MN. Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 2020 Catholic Press Association awardee Barry Michael Hudock continues to win accolades and work after resigning from Liturgical Press (Collegeville MN) following the 2018 Pennsylvania Grand Jury. His hiring there followed his 2009 termination by Syracuse NY Christian Brothers Academy for the same allegation. His work today benefits Liturgical Press and other Catholic publishers.

Among several current clients, former Diocese of Albany NY communications director Mary DeTurris-Poust, Villanova University theology professor Massimo Faggioli, and composer and Little Portion Hermitage founder John Michael Talbot are self-listed by Hudock as clients.

Hudock has been judged by the Diocese of Erie as ineligible to work with children, but he is apparently permitted to write, edit, and contribute to the publishing of Catholic theological works. Among his clients are those who write about the abuse crisis and assist bishops with its management.

Taking note of the playbook of bishops who sanitize and transfer abuser-priests, Catholic authors and publishing houses are able to keep wayward editors and authors in the fold through arms-length associations which remain mutually beneficial. That such a mechanism is used today to teach the faith, should instead represent an obstacle to faith.





**Fr. Barry M. Hudock
aka Barry Michaels (Pen name)
aka “Ghost Writer”
Assignment History**

Red denotes parties to abuse named by my grand jury testimony, by the Diocese of Erie, and/or by the Report of the 40th PA Investigating Grand Jury (2018)

Year	Assignment	Location
1969	March 31, Born to Michael & Judith Hudock.	Punxsutawney PA
1975-83	Student, West End Elementary School.	Punxsutawney PA
1983-87	Student, Punxsutawney Area High School. Class President.	Punxsutawney PA
1987-91	Student, Gannon University w/ Frs. Thomas J. McSweeney , David L. Poulson , John P. Schanz , L. Thomas Snyderwine , et alii. Author of “Theologians” in Gannon’s literary and art magazine <i>The Phoenix</i> , inspired by Fr. John P. Schanz .	Erie PA
1988-89	Catechist, St. Peter Cathedral School, w/ this writer & Sr. Mary Mark McCarthy RSM.	Erie PA
1989, summer	Witness with this writer to Fr. Michael J. Amy ’s presence with a minor at St. Mark Seminary.	Erie PA
1989-91	Seminarian, St. Mark Seminary, w/ Frs. Lawrence T. Speice , Mark A. Nowak, & Jude W. Brady OSB.	Erie PA
1991-95	Seminarian, North American College, w/ Bishop Edward M. Egan (Bishop Chair) & Fr. Rectors Timothy M. Dolan & Edwin O’Brien, et alii. Student, Pontifical Gregorian University.	Rome IT
Summer 1992	Air Force Chaplaincy, with rank of Lieutenant.	Unclear
Summer 1993	Intern, St. John the Baptist Church & School, w/ Frs. Charles A. Kaza & Mark E. Rusnak.	Erie PA
1994-96	Continuum Practicum, St. George Church & School, w/ Frs. Jan C. Olowin , James F. Bird, Chris M. Hamlett, John P. Malthaner, & John T. Carter; Not listed in the Official Catholic Directory.	Erie PA
1996	Ordination to the Priesthood, April 26. Msgr. Joseph J. Riccardo (sponsor) & Fr. Lawrence Richards (homilist at first mass).	Erie PA
1996	As a priest, Hudock is alleged to have begun targeted abuse of a 17 y/o Mercyhurst Prep HS (Erie PA) Junior girl, and to have taken her across state lines (2018 PAGJ, p. 416).	
1996-97	Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Cathedral & School, w/ Frs. William E. Biebel, Gregory A. Kirsch, Joseph P. Reigel, & Sr. Mary Mark McCarthy RSM.	Erie PA
1997	Hudock is alleged to have abused a victim in St. Peter Cathedral (Erie PA) rectory prior to leaving with her and another student for a trip to Washington DC in the summer of 1997. Throughout the course of this abuse, Hudock is alleged to have shown her pornographic videos, undressed her in his rectory, and to have sexually assaulted her (2018 PAGJ, p. 416).	
1998	Not indexed or listed in the Official Catholic Directory.	Unclear
1997-99	Student, Catholic University of America; S.T.L. advised by Fr. Kevin W. Irwin, Professor of Liturgy. Weekend sacramental assistant duties, although unclear.	Washington DC Residence unclear



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1999 Summer-Thanksgiving	Faculty, Elk County Catholic High School, w/ Mr. John W. Kowach , Ms. Denise Geitner Meyer , and this writer. Resident, St. Anne Church, w/ Fr. Norbert Wolf; Weekend assistant, Holy Rosary Church & School, St. Anne Church, Holy Cross Church, w/ Fr. David Wilson, Pastor.	St. Marys PA Wilcox PA Johnsonburg PA Russelas PA
1999 Partial	Complaints were made by Elk County Catholic HS students, faculty, and administration that Fr. Barry had, in class, held the base of the school's paschal candle to his crotch, stroked it, and referred to it as "God's rod". I communicated these concerns to Bishop Trautman, who then removed Hudock from his parish and high school assignments over Thanksgiving break.	St. Marys PA
1999-2000	After impregnating an adult female, Hudock was granted a leave of absence by Bishop Donald W. Trautman to discern with Fr. Thomas Acklin OSB, Rector of St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe PA, whether he should remain a priest. By Hudock's account to me at the time, Trautman offered Hudock the chance to remain in the priesthood if Hudock agreed to have no further contact with the woman or their child. Trautman pledged to establish a trust fund to support their child and to find Hudock another diocese in which to serve.	
1999	At literally the stroke of Y2K midnight after mass in St. Peter Cathedral, Bishop Trautman interrupted greeting the faithful exiting the cathedral to inform me he tried to save Hudock's priesthood.	
2001	Listed incorrectly in Wilcox PA (& presumably the 2nd ECCHS priest) after leaving there in November 1999; not listed as on leave.	Whereabouts unknown
2002-ff.	Not listed or indexed in official directories.	Whereabouts unknown
2005	Laicized by Pope Benedict XVI at Hudock's request.	
2005-2009	Faculty, Christian Brothers Academy, within the Diocese of Syracuse, w/ Lasallian Christian Bros. (FSC) Edward Bonezack, Edmund Dwyer, Gabe Fiumano, John Loehr, Joseph Reed, Thomas Zoppo & Mr. Matthew Keough. He is terminated in 2009 despite the school being aware of the allegation in 2008.	Dewitt NY
2008	Upon receiving counseling, a victim contacted the Diocese of Erie, who paid her medical bills and flew her to be evaluated by St. Luke Institute. Employment terminated by CBA (2009), and referral made to District Attorney Bradley H. Foulk, though no action appears to have been taken. Corroborated by Trautman's GJ Response (2018 PAGJ, p. 16/ p. 107).	Texas Suitland MD Erie County PA
2010-11	I called Hudock in 2010 to inform him of the death of Fr. John P. Schanz and in 2011 to inform him of the death of Fr. Lawrence T. Speice . Both were mentors of his. Hudock related to me that he was serving the poor of Appalachia on behalf of a social service organization.	West Virginia Mingo County
2011-2018	Employed by Liturgical Press.	Collegetown MN
2018	May 18, Hudock is added to an updated Diocese of Erie list of accused parties, despite have received an allegation ten years prior.	Erie PA
2018	August 14, Hudock is named in the Report of the 40th PA Investigating Grand Jury (p. 416).	Harrisburg PA



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2018—present	Freelance editing and translation work benefitting Liturgical Press and other Catholic publishing houses, as well as significant Catholic authors.	Albany MN Collegetown MN
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Hudock’s advertised services: Developmental editing, copy editing, indexing, ghost writing, and translation all focusing on spirituality and theology.

Hudock’s current (05 08 2023) self-selected portfolio items:

Allen, P., & Neil, B. (2020). Conflict and negotiation in the early church: Letters from late antiquity, translated from the Greek, Latin, and Syriac. Washington, D.C. The Catholic University Of America Press.

Borghesi, M. (2021). Catholic discordance: Neoconservatism vs. the field hospital church of Pope Francis (B. Hudock, Trans.). Liturgical Press Academic.

Chauvet, P. (2021). Our Lady of Hope: The soul of the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Paulist Press.

DePrez, S., Holland, R., Holyhead, V., Johnson, O. E., Kyler, J. T., & Okorie, F. (2021). Living liturgy: Spirituality, celebration, and catechesis for sundays and solemnities Year C. Liturgical Press.

DeTurris-Poust, M. (2019). Rejoice and be glad 2020: Daily reflections for Easter to Pentecost. Liturgical Press.

Donnelly, G.F. (2022). Empire imagined: The personality of American power. State University of New York Press.

Driscoll, J. (2018). Awesome Glory: Resurrection in scripture, liturgy, and theology. Liturgical Press.

Faggioli, M. (2021). Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States (B. Hudock, Trans.). Bayard.

Frohlich, M. (2019). Carmelite wisdom and prophetic hope: Treasures both new and old (Carmelite Studies 11). ICS Publications.

Gioia, L. (2020). Saint Benedict’s wisdom: monastic spirituality and the life of the church (B. Hudock, Trans.). Liturgical Press.

Gricoski, T. (2020). Being unfolded: Edith Stein on the meaning of being. The Catholic University of America Press.

Mendonça, José Tolentino. (2021). The mysticism of the present moment: Embodied spirituality. Paulist Press.

Nutt, M. J. (2019). Thea Bowman: Faithful and free. Liturgical Press.

Schultz, V. (2019). Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of grace. Liturgical Press.

Talbot, J.M. (2020). Desert dangers and delights: Stories, teachings, and sources. Liturgical Press.

Hudock’s current (05 08 2023) self-selected Client Reviews:

Henderson, Colton. 2022.

Long, Michael. 2022.

Schillings, Bill. 2022.

Tyler, Tim. May 2022.

Walker, Lorraine. July 2021.