

**PERSONS CREDIBLY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS WHO HAVE SERVED WITHIN THE  
CURRENT TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF  
THE DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES**

By a decree of Pope John Paul II, the Diocese of Las Cruces was formed on October 17, 1982. The territorial limits of the diocese were defined as the New Mexico counties of Doña Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Luna, Otero and a portion of Sierra, which had formerly been the jurisdiction of the Diocese of El Paso, the counties of Lincoln, Chavez and the remaining portion of Sierra which had been under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

The following tables contain lists of persons who have been credibly accused<sup>1</sup> of sexual abuse of minors and who have served in parishes located within the territorial limits of the Diocese of Las Cruces. Table 1 contains the names of persons with credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors related to events which occurred in the Diocese of Las Cruces since its establishment in 1982. Table 2 contains the names of persons with credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors that occurred within the current geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Las Cruces prior to its erection in 1982. And Table 3 contains the names of persons who have worked in the Diocese of Las Cruces, with no accusations in this Diocese, and who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in a location outside of the Diocese of Las Cruces.

The persons named in the tables have been included because the allegations against them have been reviewed and deemed credible by the Diocese's Sexual Abuse Review Board, which is composed of lay professionals with expertise in law enforcement, mental health, and children's health. In determining allegations against an individual to be credible, the Diocese of Las Cruces is not making a definitive statement as to the veracity of the allegations nor the guilt of the accused, only that the allegations are plausible and have not been shown to be false. By their very nature, these allegations are extremely serious, and only a court of law can determine beyond a reasonable doubt whether or not they are true.

From time to time, the Diocese of Las Cruces may add names to this list as people come forward with new information. Allegations of misconduct currently involving civil litigation will be evaluated by the Review Board once the litigation has been resolved. Any person with knowledge of sexual misconduct with a minor by these individuals or any other past or present clergy or employees of the Diocese of Las Cruces are asked to immediately share this information with your local police or sheriff's department. After contacting the authorities, you are welcome to also contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the diocese at 575-222-4237 or [vac@rcdlc.org](mailto:vac@rcdlc.org) with any questions or concerns you may have.

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<sup>1</sup> The Diocese of Las Cruces has defined a "credible accusation" as "an accusation which at least seems to be true (Canon 1717, Section 1), and/or offers reasonable grounds for being believed. A credible accusation is not manifestly false."

**TABLE 1: PERSONS WITH CREDIBLE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS  
OCCURRING IN THE DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES**

NAME	AFFILIATION	DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT	DATE OF COMPLAINT	STATUS	ASSIGNMENTS IN DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES	LISTED IN ANOTHER DIOCESE
Anderson, Joseph K.	OSB	1994-1997	2018	Died: 2002	1994-1997 Holy Family, Deming	
Barfield, Daniel	DoLC	1990	2012	Died: 2003	1985-1990 Holy Family, Deming 1990-2003 St. Jude, Alamogordo	
Bentley, David	Albany	1998-2000	2018	Removed: 2002	1998-2002 Holy Family, Deming	Albany
Bissonnette, Bernard	DoLC	1983	1989	Laicized: 2005 Died: 2008	1981-1984 St. Eleanor, Ruidoso 1984 IHM, Las Cruces 1985-1987 St. Jude, Alamogordo 1988-1992 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, T or C	Santa Fe Norwich Duluth
Chavez, Albert	DoLC	1984	2002	Died: 1996	1977-1983 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, T or C 1984-1985 Our Lady of Purification	Santa Fe
Diamond, Wilfred	DoLC	1987-88	2013	Died: 1995	1965-1988 St. Jude, Alamogordo	
Lynch, Richard	DoLC	1982	1992	Removed: 1992 Died: 2017	1967-1970 San Jose, La Mesa 1975-1977 Our Lady of Health, Las Cruces 1977-1978 Immaculate Conception, Alamogordo 1981-1983 Our Lady of Purification, Doña Ana 1983-1985 St. Thomas Aquinas, Lovington 1985-1987 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, T or C 1987-1990 St. Vincent de Paul, Silver City 1990-1992 Our Lady of Purification, Doña Ana	
Martin, Phillip	AdoSF	1984	2002		1983-1984 NMMI, Roswell	Santa Fe
McAllister, Forest	DoLC	1982	2019	Died: 1997	1978-1983 St. John the Baptist, Roswell 1984-1986 St. Peter, Roswell	
Montoya, Juan	OFM	2001	2019	Died: 2013	1996-2009 St. John the Baptist, Roswell 2009-2012 Immaculate Conception, Alamogordo	
Primavera, Bruno	DoLC	1990	1990, 2016	Died: 2006	1989-1990 NMMI, Roswell 1989-1990 Assumption, Roswell	Norwich Hartford
Tejada, Dennis	DoLC	1973, 1989	2002	Laicized: 2007	1976-1981 St. Thomas More, Chaparral 1982-1989 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hobbs 1990 St. Genevieve, Las Cruces 1991 Sta. Rosa de Lima, Las Cruces 1992-1993 Our Lady of Purification, Doña Ana 1994-1996 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, T or C	El Paso
Vau, Gary	School	2015	2016	Convicted: 2016 Released: 2017	2015 Holy Cross School, Las Cruces (Volunteer Teacher)	
Viramontes, David	DoLC	1986	2012	Died: 1997	1985-1988 St. Genevieve, Las Cruces 1992-1997 St. Joseph, Fairacres	Gallup

**TABLE 2: PERSONS WITH CREDIBLE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS WITHIN THE CURRENT GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES BUT PRIOR TO THE ERECTION OF THE DIOCESE IN 1982**

NAME	DIOCESE OF AFFILIATION	DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT	DATE OF COMPLAINT	STATUS	ASSIGNMENTS IN DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES	LISTED IN ANOTHER DIOCESE
Almaguer, Santiago	El Paso	1978	2012		1978 Our Lady of Health, Las Cruces	El Paso
Coyle, Barry	Order of Friars Minor	1969-74 1967-69	2004 2005	Deceased	1965 St. Peter, Roswell	OFM St. John the Baptist Province
Garcia, Samuel	El Paso	1977	1996	Laicized: 2007	1971-1977 Our Lady of Fatima, Bayard 1979 Infant Jesus, Hurley 1982-1983 St. Joseph, Lordsburg 194-1985 St. Joseph, Fairacres 1987-1991 St. Martin de Porres, Sunland Park 1992-1993 St. Joseph, Lordsburg	El Paso
Guillory, Kerry	Order of Friars Minor	1975-78	2007		1972-1974 St. Edwards School, Carlsbad 1972 San Jose, Carlsbad 1975-1978 Catholic Youth Organization, Carlsbad	El Paso
Holley, David	El Paso	1972-74	1993	Convicted: 1993 Died: 2008	1972-1975 St. Jude Alamogordo	Santa Fe El Paso San Antonio
Klister, Irving	Santa Fe	1950's	1993	Died: 1997	Holy Family, Deming 1968 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, T or C	Santa Fe El Paso
Lopez, Rosario	El Paso	1974	2010		1974 St. Genevieve, Las Cruces	
Maramba, Manuel	El Paso	1976-77	2004-2012		1976 St. Francis Newman Center, Silver City 1976-1977 St. Genevieve, Las Cruces	El Paso
Mazon, Diego	Santa Fe	1974	2004		1972-1977 St. John Parish, Roswell	Santa Fe Gallup
Morgan, Arthur	El Paso	1973	2013	Died: 2007	1968-1971 Our Lord of Mercy, Hatch 1971-1991 San Isidro, Garfield	
Nesome, Richard	El Paso	1980's	2018		1981 Our Lady of Purification, Doña Ana	El Paso
O'Sullivan, Arthur	El Paso	1950's	1993		Holy Family, Deming	El Paso
Porter, James	Santa Fe	1968	2018	Laicized: 1974 Died: 2005	1967-1968 OL of Perpetual Help 1967-1968 St. Ann's Hospital	Santa Fe
Pudei, Casilda	El Paso	1957	1993	Died: 1987	1956-1957 St. Edward's School, Carlsbad	
Roure, Emilio	El Paso	1958-60	2016	Died: 1964	1956-1964 OLG, Tortugas	El Paso
Tickle, John	El Paso	1976-77	2004	Removed: 2004	1984 Immaculate Heart of Mary, LC 1985 St. Francis Newman Center, Silver City 1985-1993 St. Albert Newman Center, Las Cruces 1999-2000 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Las Cruces	El Paso

**TABLE 3: PERSONS WHO WORKED IN THE DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES AND HAD CREDIBLE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS OCCURRING ELSEWHERE**

NAME	LOCATION OF ALLEGATION (DIOCESE)	DATE OF ALLEGED INDICENT	DATE OF COMPLAINT	STATUS	ASSIGNMENTS IN DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES
Angeli, Joseph	San Antonio	1960-1963	2015	Died: 1993	1971-1973 San Jose, La Mesa 1973-1981 OL Guadalupe, Tortugas 1984-1992 Retired With Faculties
Baldonado, Filipe	OFM			Died: 2003	1969 Holy Cross Retreat Center
Boardway, Alphonse	Lubbock	1968	2002	Died: 1997	1989 Holy Cross Retreat Center 1989 Supply Priest
Cabot, Samuel	OFM			Died: 2019	1956-1957 Holy Cross Retreat Center
Calonge, Felix	OFM				1964-1965 Holy Cross Retreat Center
Cavagaro, Camillus	OFM			Died: 2011	1971-1973 St. Josephs, Mescalero 1989-1990 St. Francis de Paula, Tularosa
Dannenfelser, Lambert	Kansas City, KS	1989		Died: 2006	1962-1968 St. Peter, Roswell
Davied, Frank	OFM St. John the Baptist			Removed	1993-95 IHM, Las Cruces
de Silva, Owen	OFM			Died: 1967	1957-1964 Holy Cross Retreat Center
Dunn, Kevin	OFM			Died: 2010	1955-1961 Holy Cross Retreat Center
Esquivel, Miguel	San Angelo	1989	2002		1996 La Tuna Prison, Anthony
Fountain, Dennis	Santa Fe	1960 1985	1987 2008	Died: 2013	1992-1995 St. Peters, Pastor 1992-1999 St. John, Pastor 1994-1995 ICC, Pastor 1999-2000 St. Peter, Pastor 2000-2001 St. Anthony 2001-2008 St. Helena, Pastor
Galvan, Lucas	Pueblo	1989	1989	Convicted: 1989	1991 St. Genevieve
Griego, Sabine	Santa Fe				1967-1968 St. Eleanor, Ruidoso
Hay, James	El Paso	1964	2006		1950-1955 Immaculate Conception, Alamogordo
Hootka, Gus	OFM			Died: 2007	1955-1974 St. Francis de Paula, Tularosa 1974-1987 St. Josephs, Mescalero
Keegan, Austin	Santa Rosa				1991 Infant Jesus, Hurley
Kirsch, Robert	Santa Fe Gallup				1965-1967 St. Eleanor, Ruidoso
Labreche, Laurier	Santa Fe	1967	2002		1962-1968 St. Eleanor, Ruidoso
Ladenburger, Louis	OFM				1968-1971 Holy Cross Retreat Center 1969-1970 St. Albert the Great

**TABLE 3: CONTINUED**

NAME	LOCATION OF ALLEGATION (DIOCESE)	DATE OF ALLEGED INDICENT	DATE OF COMPLAINT	STATUS	ASSIGNMENTS IN DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES
Leining, Mark	OFM			Died: 1985	1951-1953 St. Francis de Paula, Tularosa
					1962-1964 St. Francis de Paula, Tularosa
					1979-1985 St. Josephs, Mescalero
Lynn, Clive	Santa Fe				1971-1973 St. Rita, Carrizozo
Mancuso, Sylvester	OFM			Died: 1979	1952-1955 St. Josephs, Mescalero
McDonald, Kevin	Maimi	2007	2014	Abuse is alleged to have occurred prior to his ordination to the priesthood in the DoLC. Removed from Public Ministry: 2018	2013-2014 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, T. or C.
					2014-2016 St. Cecilia, Jal; St. Clare, Eunice
					2016-2018 Archdiocese of Nassau
					2018 St. Genevieve, Las Cruces
					2018 San Isidro, Garfield
Pfalzer, Roman	Santa Fe	1954		Died: 2011	1947 St. Peter, Roswell
					1948 St. John the Baptist, Roswell
Riffel, Claude	OFM			Died: 1977	1968 Holy Cross Retreat Center
Schrieber, Lawrence	Gallup				2002-2003 St. Peter, Roswell
Sierra, Frank	Santa Fe San Diego				1962-1968 OL of Fatima, Bayard
Silva, Benjamin	Santa Fe				1983 St. Tomas Parish
					1986 Holy Cross Parish
Trevino, Robert	Corpus Christi				1995 Holloman AFB, Alamogordo