

From the Diocese

This past week, Bishop McGrath, Bishop Cantú, and the Diocese of San Jose released the updated disclosure list of the clergy with credible allegations of sexual abuse of children. The Diocese added one name to its original list and added two new sections as part of its commitment to transparency and accountability to assist in the process of reconciliation and healing for victims/survivors. .

The first new section includes Non-Diocesan Clergy who ministered within the Diocese of San Jose's territory (Santa Clara County) and received a credible allegation of sexual abuse of children, which occurred elsewhere or in a non-Diocesan institution or ministry in Santa Clara County.

The other new section lists all Non-Diocesan Clergy who ever resided at a religious order's seminary, retreat house or retirement home, located within Santa Clara County and have received a credible allegation of sexual abuse of children, which occurred elsewhere. These allegations in both of the new sections were not investigated by the Diocese of San Jose, but have been confirmed by the cleric's Religious Order, Arch/diocese, or civil authorities.

These additional names are the result of recent disclosures by other arch/dioceses and religious orders as well as an independent review of our clergy files that was undertaken by Kinsale Management Consulting beginning in November 2018.

"With this updated list, the Diocese acknowledges and expresses our sorrow over the failings of the past and the damage done," said Bishop McGrath. "I hope that this list demonstrates our commitment to do everything in the Diocese of San Jose's power to confront the evil of clergy sexual abuse, to support and help victims, and to prevent abuse from happening in the future."

Both Bishops personally encouraged other victims/survivors to come forward. Anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse by anyone working on behalf of the Church is urged to contact civil authorities (police department or sheriff's office) and then to contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults at 408-983-0113 or opcva.ethicspoint.com.

For more information, including the disclosure list, a video message from Bishop Cantú, FAQs, visit www.dsj.org/disclosurelist.