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Stockton CA - The Diocese of Stockton today published an expanded and updated version of its list of priests who have faced credible accusations of sexual abuse of a child.

The diocese first published a list in 2017, during bankruptcy proceedings. This original list included only those clergy or religious who were accused of abuse that occurred within the diocese, or who were accused while serving within the diocese. In the update published today, the diocese added the names of 27 priests and two religious order brothers who served at some period of time in the Diocese of Stockton and faced credible accusations elsewhere.

In a letter published on the diocesan website, Bishop Myron J. Cotta expressed hope that the updated list would offer a more complete picture of how the sin of clergy sexual abuse caused pain among the People of God. The update, he said, is a vital part of the Church's effort to confront the sins of the past and atone for them.

"The process of atoning for the horrible sins of clergy sexual abuse requires us to continually revisit this list and seek to make it as thorough as we can," Bishop Cotta said. "A thorough, honest and open accounting of the sins of the past is necessary if our Church and the many victim-survivors of clergy abuse are to find healing."

The updated list was prepared following an extensive review of the diocese's personnel files by Kinsale Management Consulting. The firm is recognized as the leader in this work and is led by [Dr. Kathleen McChesney](#), a former executive assistant director of the FBI and a founding member of the Office of Child Protection at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The review found one case already on the diocese's published list for which there was insufficient information to classify the allegation as credible. At the suggestion of Dr. McChesney's firm and after review by the Diocesan Review Board, the name of Fr. Manual Pascual was removed from the list.

Since 2002 the diocese has implemented safeguards to protect children and vulnerable adults from the evil of clergy sexual abuse. These policies and procedures have been continually strengthened, and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

For more information on the diocese's efforts to protect children, click [here](#).

Bishop Cotta's full letter and the list of credibly accused can be viewed [here](#).