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Jeffrey N. Acebo
Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 24, 1986
Abuse Occurred: 1986 - 1988
Removed from Ministry: April 2002
Status: Prayer and Penance
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Thomas Duong Binh-Minh
Ordained for Diocese of Oakland August 24, 1990
Abuse Occurred: 1987
Removed from Ministry: April 2002
Status: Last known location Concord CA
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Vincent I. Breen
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 6, 1936
Abuse Occurred: 1950s – 1980s
Removed from Ministry: Resigned March 1, 1982
Status: Deceased Dec. 31, 1986
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Donald E. Broderson
Ordained for Diocese of Oakland April 29, 1968
Abuse Occurred: 1970s
Removed from Ministry: Early 1990s
Status: Laicized March 21, 2005; Deceased Sept. 19, 2010
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Kenneth J. Cabral
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 15, 1950
Abuse Occurred: 1960s
Removed from Ministry: Retired June 30, 1991
Status: Deceased March 3, 1996
Assignments

James A. Clark
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 14, 1947
Abuse Occurred: 1971 - 1973
Edmond G. Cloutier
Ordained for Diocese of Portland ME June 15, 1946
Abuse Occurred: 1950s – 1960s
Removed from Ministry: Retired Dec. 31, 1980
Status: Deceased April 9, 2003

Hilary Cooper
Incardinated for Diocese of Oakland: October 1, 1976
Abuse Occurred: 1978
Removed from Ministry: 1995
Status: Prayer and Penance

Pease P. Donovan
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco March 20, 1943
Abuse Occurred: 1978 - 1980
Removed from Ministry: Retired 1983
Status: Deceased September 12, 1986

Joseph Ferreira
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco Jan. 6, 1959
Abuse Occurred: 1973 - 1974
Status: Deceased Dec. 21, 2014

Patrick Finnegan
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco Feb. 9, 1952
Abuse Occurred: 1960s, 1973
Removed from Ministry: Feb. 6, 1972
Status: Deceased Sept. 28, 1980

George J. Francis
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 21, 1937
Abuse Occurred: 1960s, 1972
Removed from Ministry: Retired April 4, 1986
Status: Deceased May 4, 1998

Robert E. Freitas
Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 19, 1972
Abuse Occurred: 1977, 1980s
Removed from Ministry: 2002
Status: Laicized 2007; Deceased Nov. 14, 2011

Stephen M. Kiesle
Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 19, 1972
Abuse Occurred: 1970s
Removed from Ministry: July 1978
Status: Laicized February 13, 1987

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Ronald J. Lagasse
Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 3, 1969
Abuse Occurred: 1983 - 1984
Removed from Ministry: Oct. 2002
Status: Excommunicated June 14, 2008

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Francisco Tarcisio Lanuevo
Incardinated in Diocese of Oakland April 2, 1985
Abuse Occurred: 1979
Removed from Ministry: July 29, 1992
Status: Location unknown

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Daniel McLeod
Incardinated in Diocese of Oakland April 16, 1970
Abuse Occurred: 1969
Removed from Ministry: Retired Jan. 18, 1987
Status: Deceased Dec. 17, 2001

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Robert F. Ponciroli
Ordained at Detroit MI for Diocese of Oakland April 12, 1969
Removed from Ministry: Feb. 9, 1995
Status: Laicized 2005; Deceased Jan. 19, 2009

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Arthur A. Ribeiro
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 16, 1950
Abuse Occurred: 1960s
Removed from Ministry: Retired Jan. 1, 1992
Status: Deceased October 18, 2000

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Gary B. Tollner
Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 10, 1961
Abuse Occurred: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s
Removed from Ministry: 1995
Status: Deceased Feb. 17, 1999

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Religious priests and deacons, and priests from other dioceses who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor

Roberto Bravo, Order of Preachers (O.P.) (Dominican)

Melvin Bucher, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)

Mario Cimmarrusti, Franciscan Friars (O.F.M.)

Phillip Colloty, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Berard Connolly, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Virendra Coutts, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Bernard Dabbene, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Dennis Duffy, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
J. Patrick Foley, Diocese of San Diego
Francis Ford, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Adrian Furman, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Rayner Harrington, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
David Johnson, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Steven Kain, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Conan Lee, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Jerold Lindner, Jesuit Fathers and Brothers (S.J.)
Mark Liening, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Jorge Lopez, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Gary M. Luiz, Society of the Precious Blood (C.PP.S.)
Ruben Martinez, Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Martin McKeon, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Bede McKinnon, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
James McSorley, Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Joaquin Moreno, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
William Odom-Green, Diocese of Owensboro
Cornelius Pedraig Leehan, Redemptorist Fathers (C.Ss.R.)
Robert Peguero, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Alexander Pinter, unknown
Richard Presenti, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Josef Prochnow, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Anthony Slane, Redemptorist Fathers (C.Ss.R.)
Tom Thing, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Robert Van Handel, Franciscan Friars (O.F.M.)
Ramon Varela, Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province (Franciscans)
Stephen Whelan, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Gordon Wilcox, Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)

Religious brothers who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor

https://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/chancellor/credible-accusations
Salvatore Billante, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Donald Eagleson, Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Joseph (Jesse) Gutierrez, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)
John Moriarty, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)
Lawrence O'Brien, Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Raimond Rose, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)
Francis Verngren, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)
Terrence Wong, Society of Mary, the Marianists (S.M.)

**What is a credible accusation?**

There is no standard definition for a “credible accusation.” For the Diocese of Oakland, we used the following criteria to determine if a name should be placed on this list.

The Diocese must have knowledge of an allegation made against the person to be named and the allegation must include all the following.

- The allegation involved sexual abuse of a minor (under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse).
- The alleged perpetrator was a priest, deacon, religious brother, or religious sister either at the time of the alleged abuse or sometime after the alleged abuse.
- The alleged abuse is claimed to have been committed:
  - within the geographic jurisdiction of the Diocese of Oakland, or
  - by a priest or deacon of the Diocese of Oakland, or
  - by a seminarian or lay person affiliated with the Diocese who was later ordained, or
  - by a priest or deacon who is known to have lived in Alameda or Contra Costa counties and who has been identified by another diocese, a religious order, law enforcement or a court of law as being credibly accused.
- After review of the reasonably available, relevant information, there is reason to believe the allegation is more likely than not to be true.

The process for evaluating whether an allegation is credible is not a legal process. Examples of information used to ascertain credibility include, but are not limited to, admissions by the accused, criminal convictions, other types of legal actions, patterns of conduct, and prior determinations closer to the time of the alleged sexual abuse or the time when the matter was first investigated. The determination of credibility of an allegation does not establish that a crime was committed.