Diocese of Richmond Adds Six Names to Credibly Accused Clergy List

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Catholic Diocese of Richmond Adds Names to Clergy List

(RICHMOND, Va.) – Today, the Diocese of Richmond announces six names have been added to its list of clergy that have a credible and substantiated claim of sexual abuse against a minor. The names were added after additional information was brought forward and a review was completed in consultation with the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and the Diocesan Review Board. The names of the individuals with credible and substantiated allegations of child sexual abuse, as well as additional information, can be located on the Richmond Diocese website: www.richmonddiocese.org.

The six priests added are below:

Name	Status	Affiliation
Stanley F. Banaszek	Deceased	Religious Order Priest, Maryknoll Order
Anthony M. Canu	Deceased	Religious Order Priest, Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars
Patrick J. Cassidy	Deceased	Diocesan Priest
Leonardo G. Mateo	Deceased	Extern Priest, Archdiocese of Tagbilaran (Philippines)
Thomas D. Sykes	Deceased	Religious Order Priest, Franciscan Friars of Atonement
Vincent The Quang Nguyen	Unknown	Extern Priest, Archdiocese of Saigon (Vietnam)

Consistent with the other names on the list, none of the newly added individuals currently are serving nor have recently served in active ministry within the Diocese of Richmond. As with the diocese's previous announcement on clergy with credible and substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of a minor, the diocese will not release specific details regarding the abuses out of respect for the privacy of survivors.

"Back in February, when we published a list of clergy against whom there are credible and substantiated claims of child sexual abuse, we acknowledged the list would be updated," said the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, bishop of Richmond. "As we continue to engage with survivors of abuse and learn more about the history of our diocese, we continue our commitment to transparency. It is my sincere hope that the additions of these individuals will help provide healing for anyone who suffered at their hands."

The Diocese of Richmond urges individuals who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the diocese to report abuse directly to law enforcement, including Child Protective Services (CPS) at 1-800-552-7096, and by calling the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064.

Individuals are also encouraged to contact the 24-hour confidential Victim Assistance Reporting (VAC) number at 1-877-887-9603 or email <u>vac@richmonddiocese.org</u> to report sexual abuse.

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