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# Confidential Database Clergy

Last Name **Aguilar**  
First Name **Nicolas**  
Mid Name **Rivera**  
Title **Rev.**



Victims

REDACTED  
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REDACTED

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01/08/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's note on the telephone conversation he had with Father REDACTED. Father REDACTED called me to say that a family had contacted him to say that a priest had abused their children. The mother would not give him the name of the priest. He called me later to tell me that another family had given him the name. He mentioned that they were all trustworthy people. One incident took place with a boy from REDACTED family last summer. The family went to visit St. Agatha's and Father Nicolas Aguilar took one of the boys out to lock the church, and an incident occurred at that time. Another incident is alleged to have happened at Christmas when Father visited the other REDACTED family. There was a good deal of drinking, and the family asked him to stay. He slept in the room with the children and is supposed to have gotten into bed with one of the boys that night. It appears the REDACTED family had told REDACTED about some problem with their children, but she did not believe them and asked him over for Christmas. The parents were reluctant to talk to Father REDACTED because they felt he would have a bad opinion about Latin priests. The children involved probably are a seventh and fifth grader for the family of REDACTED and a fourth grader and a fourteen-year-old who attends Our Lady of Guadalupe School. The children have been talking among themselves. The parents have also discussed the matter among themselves. I spoke to

REDACTED I spoke with Father at St. Agatha's on January 9. I told him he would have to leave and the Archdiocese would pay for him to stay at a retreat house. He volunteered that he would stay with REDACTED his sister, and that he would leave for Mexico on Monday or Tuesday. He asked that his Bishop not be told, and I said that would not be possible. I told him the charges as I knew them, although I did not give the names of the families. He denied it, although he admitted that there was a good deal of drinking at Christmas. I told him that it was likely the accusations would be reported to the police and that he was in a good deal of danger. On Saturday afternoon, January 9, Father REDACTED called me to say that the first grade teacher had been told, and she had told the principal. The teacher seemed to think she was not bound to report. REDACTED REDACTED

REDACTED REDACTED They had just found out the previous day. He told me that Father had called the parents during the week, and that they were both cold to him. 01/10/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to Ab. Mahony: In March 1987, Father Nicolas Aguilar, a priest of the Diocese of Tehuacan, Mexico, asked if he could work in the Archdiocese. We appointed him to assist pro-tem in Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosehill), and after we received a confidential letter from his Bishop, we appointed him Associate to Father REDACTED REDACTED at St. Agatha. His Bishop stated that he had come to the US because of family problems and for health reasons. He is forty-six and was ordained in 1970. He has been accused of molesting children. I have asked Father REDACTED to encourage the parents to see me. 01/11/1988 Msgr. Curry notified REDACTED of the incidents. He also informed REDACTED that Father's faculties have been

withdrawn. 01/26/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to Ab. Mahony: The police are making every effort to obtain the list of altar boys from St. Agatha's. Father REDACTED, the pastor, is very reluctant to give it to them, and I support that decision.

We have no evidence that Father Aguilar was involved with altar boys as such. All the boys involved were members of families he was friendly with, and the alleged abuse took place while he was visiting these families. Father REDACTED has no knowledge of his being involved with boys at St. Agatha's, and his concern is that if the police come and interview the boys, the matter will spread around the parish. He and I are also concerned about the police interviewing boys about this matter when we have no reasonable suspicion they know anything about it. If, in fact, nothing happened at St. Agatha's, such interviews may have a negative effect on the boys, their families, and the parish. We are being friendly but firm, and both REDACTED and I are in contact with the police on this matter. 01/26/1988 Ab. Mahony's response: "We cannot give such a list for no cause whatsoever." 02/16/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to REDACTED REDACTED

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REDACTED 02/20/1988 Excerpts from Ab. Mahony's letter to Father REDACTED: Because of the unfortunate situation which has developed because of Father Nicolas Aguilar, I would be grateful to you if you would read the following statement from me at the end of all your Masses this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, February 20 - 21: "I am extremely saddened by the allegations that have been made. Our sympathies go out to the families involved, and the Archdiocese will, as always, be available to help these families in their time of need." (This identical letter was sent to the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father REDACTED 02/23/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's letter to Bishop Rivera: Enclosed is a copy of a story from the Los Angeles Times of February 20. If you know the whereabouts of Father please urge him to return here to answer the allegations that have been made against him. 03/04/1988 Ab. Mahony wrote to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Cuernavaca, Mexico and sent him a copy of the letter he had written to Bishop Rivera. Ab. Mahony is seeking assistance in locating Father Aguilar in order for him to return to Los Angeles to face the charges which have been brought against him. 03/04/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry memo to file: Today I talked to Officer Esparza regarding the progress of the case. He informed me that they presently have 26 crime reports ready. There are approximately 15 more children to interview in St. Agatha's. The incidents there apparently happened in a classroom in the church, in that the children were teaching him English. He may have one or two boys with him and his mode in the classroom was to sit between the boys and then start fondling first one boy's genitals outside the clothing and then the other boy's. Therefore, the police do have some corroboration testimony when it occurred to two boys at the same time. Some of the boys were then asked to feel Father's genitals, but always on the outside. He inferred that the case is serious. He stated that only family in St. Agatha's he is very concerned about. He is so concerned that he did give me the names and would hope that Father REDACTED may contact the family and offer counselling personally. The two boys involved are a fourth grader named REDACTED and a third grader named REDACTED. On March 2, 1988, the officer went to their home and talked to the parents, and he found them extremely disturbed in the sense that the father of the family does not believe it happened and the mother was angry. When they talked to the children at school, a counsellor without even knowing what he was talking to the third grader about, stated that REDACTED had been a model student and in this past year has exhibited many problems. He told me he has contacted most of the families offering counselling. He has found the families extremely reluctant even to think of counselling and, in fact, overall he has been impressed by the deep faith of the various families, and that they more or less wish the whole thing would go away. He did state that parents have resented that they have interviewed their children at times, and it has not been easy for the police. He also informed me that since the incidents occurred to children under the age of 14 and involved touching genitals,

This would be a felony and, therefore, the police will go to the DA's Office versus the City Attorney's Office to lodge the police report. We had a good discussion on how both of us hope that the DA's Office will decide just to accept the police report and not make a decision that they have to interview the children again. It is not in the best interest of the children for this to occur. I really stressed to him that the police need to help us in this area, because it will do no one any good to keep this thing going. I then asked if they had found my man in Mexico? He stated that at this time they have made a decision not to look for him, but that could change as time goes on. He told me if I had heard what the reporter stated that she had reached somebody in the Diocese from which he came and that he was at a parish there and then told about the charges in Los Angeles, that he left the parish and no one knows where he is at this time. The officer and I both decided that we could not give too much credence to that story, since newspapers are not our most reliable source.

03/11/1988 A victim has emerged. He is a nephew of REDACTED. His name is REDACTED. Father Nicolas phoned one of the parents acting as if nothing has happened. She asked him: "Don't you know everybody is looking for you?" He said: "For what?" Father REDACTED has communicated this to the police. He also told the police as well as she could where the call came from some place near Cuernavaca.

03/17/1988 Excerpts from Bishop Rivera to Ab. Mahony: I totally agree with you that this priest should answer to the authorities for the crimes imputed to him. He has not returned to this Diocese. I can tell you that he was here for more than ten years and without doubt the police can provide much information. I know that several of his relatives live in Los Angeles. I have no idea of their names and addresses, and you will understand it is not possible for me to locate them. My January 27, 1987 letter included a photo ID. Also, in a confidential letter dated March 23, 1987 I gave a brief account of the homosexual problems of this priest. (No record or copy of any confidential letter from Bishop Rivera dated March 23.)

03/30/1988 Excerpts from Ab. Mahony's letter to Bishop Rivera: We never received your letter of March 23, 1987 in which you shared with us a "resume of the homosexual problems of Father." In your letter of January 27, 1987, you stated that Father Aguilar wanted to come to Los Angeles for family and health reasons. There is no mention of any personal, moral problems. Please send us a copy of your March 23 letter and explain why such serious matters were never mentioned in your letter of January 27, 1987. I am going to share your letter with the police. Please pray for the children who have been affected by Father's actions.

04/12/1988 Excerpt from the article that appeared on the Times: Father Aguilar was formally charged with sexually assaulting eight of the youths and two other children. He was charged in a felony complaint issued by the Los Angeles County DA's office with 19 counts of committing a lewd act with a child. This was a necessary step in seeking his arrest in Mexico if he fails to return to the US voluntarily to face prosecution. According to church officials in Mexico, he stopped at his former Diocese in Tehuacan, Puebla and announced that he was resigning as a priest. He said he was going to Cuernavaca to stay with relatives. If it appears he will not return, then we will try to get him prosecuted in Mexico," said Detective Lyons. The police have criticized as "unfortunate" a decision by Archdiocese officials to confront Aguilar with the allegations against him before reporting the case to police. (There is no further information in the file.)