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Appendix and Errata

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD: PRIESTS ACCUSED OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING MINORS

Since 1930, 210 priests, deacons, brothers and seminarians in the Archdiocese and one bogus priest listed below have been accused of sexual misconduct involving a minor. Some of the accusations have been received in the form of calls to the Archdiocesan sexual abuse hotline. Some have been made in face-to-face meetings with officials of the Archdiocese. Most have been made in the over 200 lawsuits that have been filed during the 2003 window in the statute of limitations opened by the California Legislature.

Most of the allegations have already been made public, either because they have been contained in documents filed in court or because they have been published in the news media.

We must all resist the temptation to assume that because an allegation has been made, it is therefore true. We have experienced a flood of allegations from the distant past.

While some of the claims are undoubtedly and tragically true, supported by consistent reports and sometimes even by the conviction of the perpetrator, there are also those that are demonstrably false. One alleged victim has now been convicted of extortion for making a false claim against the Cardinal. Some claims are against priests who could not have been there in the place or at the time of the alleged crime. In one case, the allegation is against a priest who was between the ages of two and five at the time the abuse allegedly occurred. There are also examples of apparently mistaken identity.

The vast majority of the claims against priests fall elsewhere, impossible to responsibly verify or disprove. The victim claims it occurred; the priest denies it or is deceased; and there are no witnesses. In making the decision to disclose the names of all priests who have been publicly accused together with those who have been "credibly" accused, we walk on tender ground. The Archdiocese is sensitive to the fact that simply confirming that a claim has been made may do irreparable harm to the person accused. It is also certain that some on the list who have been previously, publicly accused are innocent of the charges but the charges have, in fact, been made.

Among those diocesan priests accused, there are sixteen who remain in ministry. The Archdiocesan Clergy Misconduct Boards has determined that the allegations against twelve either do not constitute child abuse or are not sufficiently credible standing alone to warrant removal from ministry without further corroboration; and the allegations against the remaining four are so recent that a preliminary investigation has not been completed or the information available at this time is not sufficient to warrant removal.

There are 33 priests who have been accused but whose names do not appear on this list. None of these 33 is the subject of a criminal or civil action. Fourteen are Archdiocesan priests, ten are priests from religious orders, and four are externs. Five other persons have been named as offenders in lawsuits as a priest or religious brother but the Archdiocese can find no record of their existence. In some cases, the allegations have not been made public because they are so recent that a preliminary investigation has not been made. Some persons have called the hotline and left insufficient information to identify themselves or the victim so that an investigation can be conducted. In some cases the priest and/or victim can not be identified. In others the information has not been determined to be reliable enough to inflict the damage to reputation that will invariably result from being publicly disclosed. Of course, should further information be learned that substantiates a report it will be acted upon.

FIRST ERRATA NOTICE TO REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

1. In the Summary, p. i, it states that there are 16 accused priests still in ministry. The correct number should be 17. By oversight the report did not consider Cardinal Mahony as an accused still in ministry.
2. The dates of abuse by Father Carlos ReneRodriguez, C.M., in the report at page 19 are inaccurate. The most recent date of abuse alleged by any victim in any lawsuit is 1994 which is the date set forth on page 5 of 7 of the list of accused priests.

3. Father Honesto Bismonte, an incardinated priest in Los Angeles, should have been listed with two accusers and a period of abuse of 1997-2001. Our source is Los Angeles Times article dated August 18, 2002. Pled to misdemeanor battery.
4. Franciscan Father Gus Krumm, O.F.M. with three accusers and a period of abuse from 1980 to 1987 should have been disclosed.
5. The report lists two accusers against Father David Carriere. There is actually only one accuser.
6. Brother Bernard Pleimann was incorrectly spelled as Brother Bernard Ploughman.
7. Father Patrick Purcell, O.P. (Dominican) should have been disclosed. The incident dates are 1950 to 1951. He is deceased. He has one accuser who has sued the Archdiocese.
8. Father John Knoernschild, O. Carm. (Carmelites) should have been disclosed. The incident dates are 1977-78. He has one accuser who has sued the Archdiocese.
9. Father Matthew H. Kelly incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has more than one accuser. The correct number of accusers is four. The Archdiocese has been sued for alleged abuse arising from his conduct.
10. The list of accused indicates that the end date of alleged abuse for Father Stephen Hernandez incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was 1985. However, based on a Los Angeles Times report of August 18, 2002 allegedly based on information from the Los Angeles Police Department, the period of abuse for one victim was from 1998 to 2002. The Archdiocese has not been able to confirm this period of abuse directly with the accuser.
11. Father John Anthony Salazar, Sch.P., has a new allegation from Texas. According to the Los Angeles Times article of February 20, 2004, Salazar has been charged in Texas with sexually assaulting an 18 year old college student in Texas in September, 2003.
12. The Archdiocese has been named in a lawsuit alleging that a Brother Joseph and a Brother Louis Meyer of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, Southwest Province each abused one person. The incident involving Bro. Joseph occurred in 1965. The incident involving Bro. Meyer occurred in 1968. However, the Brothers of the Holy Cross deny that they have or have ever had any brother by the name of Louis Meyer and the only Brother Joseph they can identify that fits the time and place of the allegations is Brother Joseph Regan who died 15 years ago. A priest of the Congregation of the Holy Cross which is a different entity from the Brothers of the Holy Cross has been located named Father Louis Meyer, C.S.C. This may be the person meant to be the alleged perpetrator in a suit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC308361.
13. The List of Accused does not list priests who at one time or another happened to serve in the Archdiocese but who are accused of abusing while incardinated or serving elsewhere and have never been accused of abusing in this Archdiocese.
14. Father Jesus Jesse Dominguez was incorrectly listed as a Salesian but he was a priest of the Diocese of San Bernardino. He was never incardinated or an extern in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
15. Father Roberto Peguero, O.F.M., a Franciscan priest, has been accused by two victims for abuse in 1987.
16. Father James Devaney, S.T. (Trinatarian) has now been identified as an accused priest offender in a lawsuit. He has one accuser alleging abuse in 1968-9.
17. Father John Joseph Hackett has now been identified as an accused offender in a lawsuit. He died in 1988. He has one accuser alleging abuse in 1969.
18. Father James Joseph Walsh has now been identified as an accused offender in a lawsuit. He died in 1984. He has one accuser alleging abuse in 1967-68.

SECOND ERRATA NOTICE TO REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The appendix to the Report To The People Of God, listing accused individuals, was posted on this website, along with the Report. Subsequently, an Errata page was also posted to reflect refinements in the information available to the Archdiocese, to correct some errors in the original Appendix, and to add some additional accused individuals. On May 17, 2004, the Appendix and Errata sheet were removed from the website. However, the Archdiocese continues to update, refine, correct and supplement the information in the Appendix.

This second Errata Notice contains additional corrections and updates.

The original Appendix, the first Errata Notice and this Second Errata Notice are now available by mail to anyone requesting them. Please send your request to: Archdiocesan Report on Sexual Misconduct, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010.

1. Mark O'Leary, O.P. (Dominicans) should have been disclosed. The incident dates are 1974 to 1977. He has two accusers who have not sued the Archdiocese.

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1. John D. Mitchell, C.S.P.(Paulist) should have been disclosed. The incident dates are 1968. At this date, he has one accuser who has not sued the Archdiocese.

HELPFUL LINKS

- Office of Child & Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
- Los Angeles District Attorney: Protecting Our Children

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