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# Credibly Accused Clergy Abuse

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The following is a list of members of the clergy who served in the Diocese of Biloxi and who were credibly accused of sexual misconduct involving minors during their time here.

It is the policy and praxis of the Diocese of Biloxi to report all allegations, credible or otherwise, to civil authorities. This list does not include allegations prior to the founding of the Diocese of Biloxi in 1977 (the Diocese of Jackson has released that list here). This list below also does not include abuse alleged to have happened outside the Diocese by extern clergy who served here. Finally, no bishops of the Diocese of Biloxi have been credibly accused.

We pray that the release of these names may not be a source of additional pain or suffering to those affected.

We earnestly urge all institutions, public and private, to join us in shining a light of truth on a momentous societal problem.

## JOSEPH A. ROMANSKY (EXTERN PRIEST)

**Position:** Extern Priest, Diocese of Cleveland – Arrived in Diocese 11/1988

**Years of Ministry in Diocese:** 1988 – 1992

**Assignments:** Parochial Vicar: Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi (11/10/1988 – 7/28/1992)

**Timeframe:** Spring 1989

**Involving:** 9-year-old male

**Where:** Biloxi, MS

**Allegation First Received:** 3/16/2022

**Civil Authorities:** Cleric died before allegation received

**Status:** Deceased 7/3/2004

## VINCENT D. DILALLA

**Position:** Diocesan Priest – Arrived in Diocese November 1980

**Years of Ministry in Diocese:** 1980-1983, 1988-1990

**Assignments:** Parochial Vicar: St. Alphonsus, Ocean Springs (11/18/1980 – 5/24/1981)

Parochial Vicar: Nativity BVM, Biloxi (5/25/1981 – 6/30/1983)

**Timeframe:**

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*In New Orleans*  
Chaplain: Marianites of Holy Cross (beginning 7/1/1983)

Adjunct Assistant Professor: Loyola University (beginning 6/26/1984)  
Parochial Vicar: St. Paul Church, Pass Christian (11/25/1988 – 11/2/1990)  
**Timeframe:** Spring 1981  
**Involving:** 12-year-old male  
**Where:** Gulfport, MS  
**Allegation First Received:** 5/13/2021  
**Civil Authorities:** Cleric died before allegation received  
**Status:** Deceased 11/2/1990

## JOSE VAZQUEZ MORALES

**Position:** Diocesan Priest - Ordained 12/5/08  
**Years of Ministry in Diocese:** 2009-2015  
**Assignments:** Parochial Vicar: Immaculate Conception, Laurel (1/10/09 - 7/1/11)  
Parochial Vicar: Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg (7/1/11 - 1/15/14)  
Pastor, St. Francis Xavier, Wiggins and St. Lucy Mission: Lucedale (1/15/14 - 9/9/15)  
**Timeframe:** September 2015  
**Involving:** Adolescent male  
**Where:** Laurel, MS  
**Allegation First Received:** September 2015  
**Civil Authorities:** Family member reported to Sheriff, Diocese notified District Attorney  
**Status:** Ministry prohibited 2015, loss of clerical state, incarcerated.

## JEROME J. AXTON

**Position:** Diocesan Priest - Ordained 5/28/83  
**Years of Ministry in Diocese:** 1983-1992  
**Assignments:** Parochial Vicar: Nativity BVM Cathedral, Biloxi (6/10/83 - 1/14/88)  
Parochial Vicar: St. John, Gulfport (1/14/88 - 4/6/89)  
Parochial Vicar: Sacred Heart, Pascagoula (4/6/89 - 4/28/91)  
Parochial Vicar: St. Alphonsus, Ocean Springs (4/28/91 - 9/21/92)  
**Timeframe:** 1985-1986  
**Involving:** Adolescent female  
**Where:** Biloxi, MS  
**Allegation First Received:** 1989  
**Civil Authorities:** Diocese notified District Attorney  
**Status:** Ministry prohibited 1992; Deceased 10/13/2020

## VINCENT THE QUANG NGUYEN

**Position:** Extern Priest Ordained - 6/15/75  
**Years of Ministry in Diocese:** 1986-1989  
**Assignments:** Parochial Vicar: St. Michael, Biloxi  
Diocese Vietnamese Apostolate  
**Timeframe:** 1989  
**Involving:** Minor/adolescent females  
**Where:** Biloxi, MS  
**Allegation First Received:** 1989  
**Civil Authorities:** Parents reported to Biloxi Police. District Attorney and Diocese corresponded

**Status:** Ministry prohibited in Diocese of Biloxi 1989

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