

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

CREDIBLE ACCUSATIONS

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this page contains information about the following:

- Priests of the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.
- Religious priests and priests from other dioceses who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.
- Religious brothers who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.

Links

- [Bishop Barber's Statement on Credibly Accused Clergy](#)
 - what is a credible accusation?
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- 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.

• Priests of the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor

- Jeffrey N. Acebo
- Thomas Duong Binh-Minh
- Vincent I. Breen
- Donald E. Broderson
- Kenneth J. Cabral
- James A. Clark
- Edmond G. Cloutier
- Hilary Cooper
- Pearse P. Donovan
- Joseph Ferreira
- Patrick Finnegan
- George J. Francis
- Robert E. Freitas
- Stephen M. Kiesle
- Ronald J. Lagasse
- Hector David Mendoza Vela
- Francisco Tarcisio Lanuevo
- Daniel McLeod
- Robert F. Ponciroli
- Arthur A. Ribeiro
- Gary B. Tollner

religious priests & deacons, and Priests from other diocese who've lived in Our Diocese

- o the following individuals are credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor
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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 Lienen, [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.P.P.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

- 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.)