Clerk of the Superior Court \*\*\* Electronically Filed \* C. Cuellar, Deputy 12/30/2021 12:14:50 PM Filing ID 13767797 Darren Wolf (TX 24072430) (Pro hac vice pending) 1 Ashley M. Pileika (NY 974605) (Pro hac vice pending) LAW OFFICE OF DARREN WOLF, P.C. 2 1701 N. Market Street, Suite 210 Dallas, TX 75202 3 Telephone: (214) 346-5355 Facsimile: (214) 882-4374 4 Darren@darrenwolf.com Ashley@darrenwolf.com 5 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 6 Paul D. Friedman (AZ 012716) J. Tyrrell Taber (AZ 005204) 7 Christopher Post (AZ 028330) **BURG SIMPSON** 8 ELDREDGE HERSH & JARDINE, P.C. 2390 E. Camelback Road, Suite 403 9 Phoenix, AZ 85016 Telephone: (602) 777-7000 10 Facsimile: (602) 777-7008 pfriedman@burgsimpson.com 11 ttaber@burgsimpson.com cpost@burgsimpson.com 12 Send All Minute Entries to: azcourt@burgsimpson.com 13 Attorneys for Plaintiff 14 ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT 15 MARICOPA COUNTY 16 CV2021-019628 Jane Doe, an individual, Case No. 17 **COMPLAINT** Plaintiff, 18 (Tort Non-Motor Vehicle/Negligence) 19 VS. 20 (Tier 3) Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, an 21 Arizona non-profit corporation; and Claretian Missionaries USA Province a/k/a 22 Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, an Illinois non-profit corporation, 23 24 Defendants. 25 26 Jane Doe ("Plaintiff"), for this Complaint against Defendants Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix and Claretian Missionaries USA Province a/k/a Missionary Sons of 27 the Immaculate Heart of Mary, alleges as follows: 28

#### PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

- 1. This Complaint is for damages arising out of the sexual abuse of Plaintiff that occurred in 1976 in Maricopa County, Arizona.
  - 2. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was a resident of Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 3. At all times relevant, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix ("Diocese of Phoenix") was an Arizona non-profit corporation authorized to do business in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 4. At all times relevant, the Claretian Missionaries USA Province a/k/a Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (the "Claretians") was an Illinois non-profit corporation authorized to do business in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 5. At all times relevant, Defendants, and each of them, were both agents and principals of each other, and/or were acting in concert, and are therefore jointly and severally liable for the damages suffered by Plaintiff.
- 6. Defendants, and each of them, are legally responsible for the intentional, reckless, negligent, and grossly negligent acts and resultant damages described herein.
- 7. Plaintiff affirmatively alleges that a tolling agreement is in effect with respect to this action and therefore the limitation provisions of A.R.S. § 12-514 and/or HB 2466 do not apply.
- 8. The amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional requirements of this Court.
  - 9. The events complained of herein occurred in Maricopa County, Arizona.
  - 10. Venue is proper in this Court.
- 11. Pursuant to Ariz. R. Civ. P. 8 and 26.2, Plaintiff certifies this action under Tier 3 discovery.
- 12. Pursuant to Ariz. R. Civ. P. 9(b), Plaintiff affirmatively alleges she has met the heightened pleading requirements to prosecute her claim for Fraudulent Concealment as set forth below.

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#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **Background**

13. Plaintiff was sexually abused in 1976 when she was 10 years old by Father Marcel Salinas ("Father Salinas"). Father Salinas was a known serial pedophile who preyed on young girls.

#### The Catholic Church's Concealment of Sexual Abuse by Clergy

- 14. At all times relevant, Defendants knew that clergy of the Catholic Church and within their dioceses were grooming and sexually abusing children with whom clergy would have contact in their ministry and pastoral functions.
- 15. At all times relevant, Defendants knew there was a widespread, ubiquitous, and systemic problem of sexual abuse in their dioceses involving clergy and numerous victims.
- 16. Despite receiving credible allegations of child sexual abuse by clergy, Defendants acted to conceal these allegations to avoid scandal and accountability.
- 17. In 1962, the Vatican in Rome issued a Papal Instruction entitled *Crimen Sollicitionis* (the "Papal Instruction"), which acted as a memorandum of policy and procedure for the Roman Catholic Church, and was binding on all patriarchs, archbishops, bishops, and other local ordinaries across the world, which remained in effect until 2001.
- 18. According to the Papal Instruction, reports of child sexual abuse by priests and religious order members serving in their institutions were required to be kept secret within the confines of the Roman Catholic Church.
- 19. Additionally, disclosure of such information to civil authorities or parishioners was generally forbidden.

<sup>1</sup> The 1922 document revealed the Holy See and its agents were fully aware that there was a systemic problem of clergy sexually molesting children using the confessional. In 1962, the Holy See released the confidential document, *Instruction on The Manner of Proceeding in Cases of Solicitation* (The Vatican Press, 1962) (hereinafter referred to as "Crimen Sollicitationis"). The heading of the document states "From the Supreme and Holy Congregation of the Holy Office to All Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops and Other Diocesan Ordinaries 'Even of the Oriental Rite,'" and contains specific instructions regarding the handling of child sex abuse by clergy. According to the document itself, it is an "instruction, ordering upon those to whom it pertains to keep and observe it in the minutest detail." *Crimen Sollicitationis* at ¶ 24.

- 20. Defendants' internal business policies and procedures require their high officials to keep any files or knowledge associated with an accused priest secret, known as the "secret of the Holy Office" and "under pain of incurring automatic excommunication."
- 21. Through the secret files and the procedures for the movement and protection of pedophile priests, the Catholic Church as a whole, and with its many entities including Defendants developed detailed historical knowledge of the prevalence of pedophile priests, their pattern of conduct, and the patterns of conduct used by the various Church entities, including Defendants, in dealing with pedophile priests in their own jurisdiction through movement and reassignment.
- 22. Because Defendants engaged in the same conduct with pedophile priests in their own employ, they knew when it meant when, for example, a priest arrived from a different diocese or parish without some other clear or non-nefarious explanation for the move, or after having spent only a short time at a prior assignment.
- 23. Additionally, Defendants knew when reports or complaints of sexual abuse were brought to Church officials, its agents, and employees, the Papal Instruction required them to keep such allegations secret to protect the Church and their own standing in the Church.
- 24. In 2018, the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania released a grand jury report (the "Pennsylvania Report") consisting of over 800 pages and naming more than 300 members of the Roman Catholic clergy who were connected to and/or involved in sex crimes against children.
- 25. The Pennsylvania Report detailed how the Church and its leaders "managed" the ongoing and known sexual abuse of children within the Church. The investigation detailed in the Pennsylvania Report revealed that these practices were not put in place to help children, but to avoid "scandal" for the Church. The Pennsylvania Report also revealed that "some original documents related to deceased priests were intentionally destroyed by the Church.
- 26. The pattern utilized by the Church and Defendants in carrying out these policies and procedures was even susceptible to behavioral analysis by the FBI. Special

agents testified before the grand jury and identified a series of practices that regularly appeared in the Church files they analyzed:

- First, Church officials, agents, and employees make sure to use euphemisms when describing child sexual abuse in documents. For example, they never say "rape" but instead say "inappropriate contact" or "boundary issues."
- Second, the Church does not conduct genuine investigations into reports of sexual abuse with properly trained personnel. Instead, it assigns clergy members to ask questions to make credibility determinations about colleagues they live and work with.
- Third, after learning of inappropriate behavior by its employees and agents, the Church sends priests for "evaluation" at *church-run* psychiatric treatment centers. There, the Church allows its "experts" to "diagnose" whether the priest is a pedophile, based largely on the priest's "self-reports," regardless of whether the priest had engaged in sexual contact with a child. One such facility was the Paraclete's Via Coeli in Jemez Springs, New Mexico.
- Fourth, when the Church removes a priest, it does not explain why. Parishioners are given broad explanations such as "sick leave" or suffering from "nervous exhaustion." Alternatively, the Church says nothing at all.
- Fifth, even if a clergy member is sexually abusing a child, the Church continues to provide him with housing and living expenses, although he may be using these resources to facilitate more sexual abuse.
- Sixth, if a priest's conduct becomes known to the community, the Church does not remove him from the priesthood. Instead, the Church transfers him to a new location where no one will know he is a pedophile.
- Finally, the Church does not report the sexual abuse to law enforcement such abuse, even short of actual penetration, is and has been, for all times relevant, a crime. The Church, however, does not treat it that way, and has decided to handle child sexual abuse like a personnel matter "in house."
- 27. Despite these revelations, Church leaders, including Defendants, continue to maintain the required policy of secrecy.
- 28. Refusal to report pedophile priests to parishioners is one way the Church maintains this secrecy. Another has been using various forms of persuasion on victims and their families to convince them to remain silent about the abuse.
- 29. These forms of persuasion have included methods ranging from sympathetic attempts of ensure silence to intimidation to threats. In doing so the clergy involved have relied on their power to overwhelm victims and their families.
  - 30. A Maricopa County grand jury conducted a similar investigation into

Defendants and then Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien of the Diocese of Phoenix to determine whether these entities failed to report child sexual abuse to law enforcement and if they placed or transferred priests to a position where they could sexually abuse other children.

- 31. The evidence presented to the grand jury led them to find that Defendants failed to report the abuse to law enforcement.
- 32. On May 3, 2003, Bishop O'Brien signed an agreement with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office where he acknowledge that he allowed certain priests under his supervision in the Diocese of Phoenix to have contact with children after becoming aware of the allegations of sexual abuse. He also acknowledged that he transferred offending priests to other parishes where children could also be sexually abused.
- 33. A later-published *Arizona Republic* article noted a "pattern of suppression by [the] bishop" of Phoenix, and how then-Bishop James Steven Rausch was accused of repeatedly paying children for sex and passing them to other priests.<sup>2</sup>
- 34. The article also discussed instances where Bishop O'Brien worked with Church officials to "aggressively" keep details of offending priests from the public and repeatedly tried to persuade police, prosecutors, and judges to downplay sex-related offenses involving Church employees.
- 35. In one case, illustrative of Defendants' devious acts and omissions, notorious pedophile Father Patrick Colleary was allowed to remain in active ministry and moved from parish to parish *even after*: (1) he was accused of a range of sexual offenses involving male and female children; (2) his psychiatric counselors warned Church officials that he was a danger to women and children; and (3) a teacher at the parish where he was employed reported allegations of sexual abuse three times nothing was done.
- 36. Such actions were taken to protect Father Colleary, among other members of the Church, and were also taken in the case of Father Salinas whose sexual abuse of Plaintiff gives rise to this action.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ann Brentwood, *Diocese downplays abuse scope: Cases show pattern of suppression by bishop.* The Arizona Republic (Nov. 10, 2002) at A6.

Father Marcel Salinas ("Father Salinas") was ordained as a Claretian priest

The Claretians have more than 3,000 priests and brothers worldwide.

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Claretian priests and brothers are assigned to Catholic dioceses, including the Diocese of Phoenix. 39. By sending and retaining Father Salinas to and in Arizona, the Claretians

in 1954 and was assigned to the Diocese of Phoenix.

- purposefully aimed their conduct toward Arizona, thereby availing themselves of the rights, privileges, and protections under Arizona law, and knowing that Father Salinas would cause harm there.
- 40. In the mid-1970s, Father Salinas assigned to Mount Claret in Phoenix. During this time, Father Salinas was also the diocesan director of the Cursillo Movement for the Diocese of Phoenix.<sup>3</sup>
- 41. "Cursillo" is defined as "short course" and in that role, Father Salinas was tasked with holding short workshops at different parishes in the Diocese of Phoenix.
- 42. On August 29, 1969, the Scottsdale Progress reported Father Salinas was "retreat-master" of a weekend retreat at Casa de Paz y Bien Franciscan Retreat in Scottsdale, Arizona. At the time, Father Salinas was the director of Mount Claret in Phoenix, Arizona.<sup>4</sup>
- On November 25, 1971, the Yuma Sun reported Father Salinas was scheduled 43. to hold a two-day conference at St. Francis School in Yuma, Arizona. At the time, Father Salinas was the director of Mount Claret in Phoenix, Arizona.<sup>5</sup>
- 44. The obituary of communicant Salvador H. Jimenez (1925-2013) states "Salvador was a lifetime member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mesa, Arizona. Devout in his faith he gave his free time by being ... a member of the Cursillo Movement ..."6

See Exhibit 1.

#### **Against All Defendants**

- 55. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 54 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 56. Defendants explicitly and implicitly represented to Plaintiff, her parents, and the community that its clergy, educators, and staff members, including Father Salinas, were benevolent stewards of the Catholic faith would act only in the best interests of the children for whom they served.
- 57. Defendants owed a duty of care to Plaintiff to ensure that their churches were a safe and secure place so Plaintiff would be free from abuse, neglect, and harm, and to take all reasonable precautions to avoid placing Plaintiff at an unreasonable risk of injury.
- 58. At all times relevant, Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care with respect to the safety and protection of Plaintiff because they knew or should have known that Father Salinas was a pedophile.
- 59. Additionally, Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to use due care and exercise reasonable conduct in the hiring, retention and training, supervision, and/or enablement of its owners, employees, agents, partners, principals, members, directors, servants, contractors, joint venturers, alter egos, and/or representatives, including Father Salinas.
- 60. Defendants breached that duty by violating certain criminal statutes, including but not limited to, A.R.S. §§ 13-1201 (Endangerment), -1203 (Assault and Battery), -1404 (Sexual Abuse), -1405 (Sexual Conduct with a Minor), -1417 (Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child), -3553 (Sexual Exploitation of a Minor), -3619 (Permitting Life, Health, or Morals of Minor to Be Imperiled by Abuse or Neglect), -3620 (Duty to Report Abuse), and -3623 (Child Abuse).
- 61. Defendants knew or should have known of Father Salinas' propensities to violate the aforementioned criminal statutes. Such violations constitute negligence *per se* under Arizona law.
- 62. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

COUNT 2
Gross/Aggravated Negligence (Willful or Wanton Conduct)

#### **Against All Defendants**

- 63. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 62 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 64. Defendants engaged in willful or wanton conduct by their actions and inaction and with reckless indifference to the rights or safety of Plaintiff because they knew or should have known that Father Salinas created an unreasonable risk of harm to Plaintiff, and that the risk to Plaintiff was so great it was highly probable that harm would result.
- 65. Defendants were grossly negligent and deliberately indifferent to Plaintiff by failing to respond to and investigate reports of child sexual abuse and by failing and/or refusing to refer Father Salinas to law enforcement for criminal prosecution.
- 66. Defendants engaged in the above-described misconduct with the intent to cause injury, with the intent that such conduct was motivated by the need to serve their own interests by knowingly and consciously disregarding a substantial risk that their conduct might significantly injure or impair the rights of Plaintiff, and/or consciously pursued a course of conduct knowing that it created a substantial risk of significant harm to Plaintiff.
- 67. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

## COUNT 3 Negligent Hiring/Retention/Supervision/Enablement Against All Defendants

- 68. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 67 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 69. Defendants knew Father Salinas was a pedophile that no reasonable and prudent person or employer would allow or enable him to have access to any child and/or to be employed by the Catholic Church.
- 70. Defendants knew or should have known of Father Salinas's propensity for sexually abusing children.
- 71. Defendants were negligent, grossly negligent, and/or reckless in the hiring, retention, supervision, and/or enablement of Father Salinas's sexual abuse of Plaintiff.

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2	suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.		
3	COUNT 4		
4	Aiding and Abetting Tortious Conduct Against All Defendants		
5	73. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in		
6	paragraphs 1 through 72 above as though fully set forth herein.		
7	74. Father Salinas engaged in conduct for which he would be liable to Plaintiff		
8	namely the sexual abuse of Plaintiff.		
9	75. Defendants knew or should have known Father Salinas was a pedophile.		
10	76. Defendants provided substantial assistance or encouragement to Father		
11	Salinas by allowing such sexual abuse to continue for decades without intervention and		
12	without any repercussions for Father Salinas.		
13	77. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff		
14	suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.		
	COUNT 5		
15	Joint Venture Against All Defendants		
16	78. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in		
17	paragraphs 1 through 77 above as though fully set forth herein.		
18	79. Defendants shared an agreement, a common purpose, a community of		
19	interest, and/or an equal right of control, namely by allowing Father Salinas to continue the		
20	sexual abuse of Plaintiff and countless other children without any repercussions for Father		
21	Salinas.		
22	80. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff		
23	suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.		
24	COUNT 6		
25	Civil Conspiracy Against All Defendants		
26	81. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in		
27	paragraphs 1 through 80 above as though fully set forth herein.		
28	82. At all times relevant, Defendants agreed to accomplish an unlawful purpose		

by unlawful means by allowing and enabling Father Salinas to sexually abuse Plaintiff and other children without any repercussions for Father Salinas.

- 83. All Defendants caused damages to Plaintiff, namely by intentionally, willfully, recklessly, negligently, and/or grossly negligently allowing and enabling Father Salinas to sexually abuse Plaintiff and other children without any repercussions for Father Salinas.
- 84. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

## COUNT 7 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (Extreme and Outrageous Conduct) Against All Defendants

- 85. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 84 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 86. At all times relevant, Father Salinas's within the course and scope of employment was extreme and outrageous and Defendants ratified Father Salinas's conduct.
- 87. At all times relevant, Father Salinas either intended to cause emotional distress or recklessly disregarded the near certainty that such distress would result from his conduct.
- 88. Plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress because of Father Salinas's conduct.
- 89. Plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress because of Defendants shuffling Father Salinas from parish to parish and from diocese to diocese, thereby allowing him to sexually abuse Plaintiff.
- 90. Father Salinas's conduct was so extreme and outrageous in that any average member of the community would regard such conduct as atrocious, intolerable in a civilized community, and exceeded all bounds of decency.
- 91. As a direct and proximate result of Father Salinas's and Defendants' extreme and outrageous conduct, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

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COUNT 8
Fraudulent Concealment

#### **Against All Defendants**

- 92. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 91 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 93. Defendants concealed certain material facts to Plaintiff, her father, and the parishioners of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church when they intentionally and knowingly assigned Father Salinas to that church and concealed his history of child sexual abuse.
- 94. The concealment of this material fact existed in the past and the allegations contained herein were not predicated upon the mere expression of Plaintiff's opinions or estimate of judgment.
- 95. This concealment existed because of Defendants' intention to defraud Plaintiff, her parents, and the parishioners of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church into believing that Father Salinas was no threat to children.
- 96. The concealment to Plaintiff and her father was material in that they acted reasonably and attached importance to the "non-existence" of this threat in determining their choice of action by allowing Plaintiff to be left alone with Father Salinas. In addition, Defendants knew, or had reason to know, that Plaintiff and her father regarded the concealment as important in choosing their choice of action.
- 97. This concealment resulted from a willful intent to deceive Plaintiff and her father into believing that Father Salinas was no threat to Plaintiff.
- 98. Defendants knew their concealment of this material fact amounted to a falsity.
- 99. Defendants knew that such concealment caused the ultimate result of Plaintiff's damages.
- 100. At the time Plaintiff and her father acted in reliance based on this concealment of a material fact, they were unaware that such concealment amounted to a falsity.
- 101. Plaintiff and her father relied on this falsity by acting to Plaintiff's detriment as they were unaware of the concealment of this material fact. Plaintiff and her father therefore relied on this falsity because the concealment of Father Salinas's history of child sexual abuse was determinant of Defendants' course of conduct by transferring resulting

1	in Plaintiff's damages.		
2	102. Plaintiff had a right to rely on this falsity.		
3	103. The fraudulent concealment of this material fact subjects Defendants to the		
4	jurisdiction of this Court.		
5	104. Plaintiff's reliance on Defendants' fraudulent concealment was the		
6	proximate cause of Plaintiff's damages in an amount to be proven at trial.		
7	COUNT 9 False Imprisonment Against All Defendants		
8	105. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in		
9	paragraphs 1 through 104 above as though fully set forth herein.		
10	106. Father Salinas acted intentionally and within the course and scope of his		
11	employment with the Catholic Church to restrain Plaintiff to an area within Father Salinas's		
12	control.		
13	107. Father Salinas acted without lawful authority and without Plaintiff's consent.		
14	108. Father Salinas's act resulted in the direct restraint of Plaintiff's liberty or		
15	freedom of movement, either by actual force or from Plaintiff's fear of force.		
16	109. Father Salinas's act would have caused a reasonably prudent person in the		
17	same situation as Plaintiff to believe she was restrained.		
18	110. Plaintiff was aware of and was harmed by said restraint.		
19	111. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff		
20	suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.		
21	COUNT 10 Premises Liability		
22	Against the Diocese of Phoenix		
23	112. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in		
24	paragraphs 1 through 111 above as though fully set forth herein.		
25	113. At all times relevant, Plaintiff had a special relationship with the Diocese of		
26	Phoenix.		
27	114. At all times relevant, the Diocese of Phoenix owned and occupied the church		
28	property upon which the sexual abuse of Plaintiff occurred.		

- 115. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was an invitee the premises of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church where she was sexually abused.
- 116. The Diocese of Phoenix provided inadequate security and supervision over the premises, despite the existence of unreasonable risk of harm by Father Salinas at the Queen of Peace Church.
- 117. The risk of harm was foreseeable, and the Diocese of Phoenix knew or had reason to know that abuse of minors would occur given previous abuse, proximity of other abuse, the recency of other abuse, frequency of abuse, the similarity of other abuse, and the Diocese's actual knowledge of this abuse by Father Salinas.
- 118. As a direct and proximate result of the Diocese of Phoenix's acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

#### COUNT 11 Breach of Fiduciary Duty Against All Defendants

- 119. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 118 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 120. At all times relevant, Plaintiff had a special relationship with Defendants as a minor parishioner at the Queen of Peace Church.
- 121. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was a minor and Defendants were acting *in loco parentis* of Plaintiff's safety and well-being.
- 122. This relationship was rooted in a moral, social, religious, or personal relationship of trust and confidence between Plaintiff and Defendants.
- 123. Defendants' employees and religious leaders had a dominance over Plaintiff, who was dependent on their control, and Plaintiff and her father reasonably relied on Defendants' agents to act in her best interest. This special relationship gave rise to a fiduciary relationship.
- 124. Entrusted with special privileges and immunities, Defendants demanded complete loyalty, fealty, and trust from minor parishioners like Plaintiff, and specifically instructed individuals like Plaintiff such that they were granted with special power to determine right and wrong.

- 125. Plaintiff was taught that she must adhere to Defendants' teachings and instructions, and the failure to do so would result not just in discipline, but also would constitute an offense against God.
- 126. This extreme power imbalance required that individuals like Plaintiff place an extreme degree of trust and confidence in Defendants' employees and religious leaders to act as "the shepherd" and determine what is in the best interest of individuals like Plaintiff.
- 127. This psychological power over Plaintiff caused her to justifiably obey the Defendants' commands, by and through the Defendants' educators, nuns, priests, and other spiritual guides.
- 127. Given the existence of its status as a fiduciary over Plaintiff, Defendants owed Plaintiff the highest duty of care at law, including but not limited to a (1) duty of loyalty and utmost good faith; (2) duty of candor; (3) duty to act with integrity of the strictest kind; and (4) duty of full disclosure.
- 128. Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by, *inter alia*, hiding and keeping secret the fact that there were persons in their churches to whom Plaintiff would be subjected that engaged in the sexual abuse of children, by failing to disclose Father Salinas's history of sexually abusing children, and putting the interest of Defendants ahead of victims like Plaintiff, and by continuing to this day to hide the full extent of the problem.
- 129. These breaches caused harm to Plaintiff and benefitted Defendants who sought to protect its reputation from public knowledge of the rampant misconduct occurring at its churches.
- 130. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

#### COUNT 12 Agency/Vicarious Liability/Respondent Superior Against All Defendants

- 131. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 130 above as though fully set forth herein.
  - 132. The negligent, grossly negligent, reckless, and willful and/or wanton acts or

omissions of Father Salinas were the type of actions the owners, employees, agents, principals, joint venturers, servants, and/or representatives of were authorized to perform within the course and scope of their employment, to conform to a particular standard of care to protect Plaintiff against foreseeable and unreasonable risks of harm.

- 133. Those negligent, grossly negligent, reckless, and/or willful and wanton acts or omissions occurred substantially within the time and space limits authorized by Defendants.
- 134. Those negligent, grossly negligent, reckless, and/or willful and wanton acts or omissions were motivated Father Salinas's purpose to serve Defendants.
- 135. Defendants engaged in the above-described misconduct with the intent to serve their own interests by knowingly and consciously disregarding a substantial risk that its conduct might significantly injure the rights of others, and/or consciously pursued a course of conduct knowing that it created a substantial risk of significant harm to others.
- 136. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. For Plaintiff's damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- B. For Plaintiff's incurred costs together with interest at the highest lawful rate on the total amount of all sums awarded from the date of judgment until paid;
- C. For the fair and reasonable monetary value of Plaintiff's past, present, and future medical bills, pain, suffering, impairment, hedonic damages, loss of enjoyment of life, and loss of earning capacity;
  - D. For punitive and exemplary damages; and
- E. For such other and further relief in law and equity as the Court deems appropriate.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 38(a) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all Counts so triable.

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# World Prayer Day is Friday



Fr. Salinas

World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 6216 N. Granite Reef Rd.

Men, women and children of all ages are invited to this celebration sponsored by Church Women United in 168 countries and many Christian denominations.

The theme for 1974 is "Make Us Builders of Peace."

The service will feature — soloist Patty Saunders of the host—congregation,—the Seraphim Choir of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, the Rev. Eric Tampe and Father Marcel Salinas with an inspirational message.

Fr. Tampe, S.A., Franciscan Friar of the Atonement, celebrated his Silver Jubilee in the priesthood on Feb. 5. He recently returned from 10 years as a missionary in

Japan.

Fr. Salinas, a Claretian priest, is dioceasan director of the Cursillo Movement for Phoenix. He was born in Spain and came to this country in 1951. He has taught scriptures in the Claretian Seminary, is involved in counseling, belongs to the Spiritual Programs and Homilitics Committees of the diocese of Phoenix and is a member of the steering committee of the Basic Ecclesial Communities.

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be given at the Casa de Paz y Bien Franciscan Retreat, 5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, Sept. 5 and will close with lunch Sunday, Sept.7.

Father Marcel Salinas, C.M.F., director of the Mount Claret Cursillo Center in Phoenix, will be the retreatmaster.

Both single and double rooms will be available. The usual offering for the retreat is \$20 for an individual, \$35 for a married couple making the retreat together. This includes room and board for the weekend.

All Spanish-speaking Catholic and non-Catholic, are invited to attend.

For reservations or additional information, call 945-4556 wirte the Casa de Paz y Bien, P.O. Box 220 Soottsdale.

CONCREGATIONAL

for the first time this fall on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. All children from the 1st thru the to come. Choir members must attend Sunday School. This choir of over 50 members sings 2... times a month throughout the school year, Rehearsal will end promplty at 5:15 p.m., parents are asked to be on time.

Senior Choir (adults) meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. New members are invited to come for the one hour rehearsal.

Plans are now being made for Rally Day for church and Sunday School to be held on Sunday, Sept. 7.

## Glass & Garden Church

Indoor Garden Sanctuary Outdoor Drive-In Church

9:30 & | | - Morning Worship Nursery All Services

9:30 - Sunday School, all ages

## Cursillista Workshop Is at St. Francis School

A two-day Cursillista workshop will be held this Friday and Saturday at the St. Francis School cafeteria.

Father Marcel Salinas, director of the Mount Claret Cursill Center in Phoenix, will conduct the workshop. Friday's session runs from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m., and Saturday's begins at 10 a.m. and goes until 5:30 with a potluck lunch. Mass will be said at 7:30 followed by Ultreya.

Participants are asked to provide their own paper and pencils.

## Salvador H. Jimenez



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Salvador Jimenez peacefully passed away Thursday December 20, 2013 in Chandler, AZ. Salvador was born August 12, 1925 in Mesa, AZ. He is survived by his children Norma Jimenez, Patricia Heiden and Freddie Jimenez, 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Silvina Vila, along with many nieces and nephews. Salvador was a lifetime member of Queen of

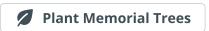
Peace Catholic Church in Mesa, AZ. Devout in his faith he gave his free time by being a church usher, a member of the Cursillo Movement, and helping others through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Visitation and Rosary will be Monday, Dec. 30 from 6 to 8pm at Queen of Heaven 1562 E Baseline Rd. Mesa, AZ 85204. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, Dec 31, 10am at Queen of Peace Church 141 N. McDonald St. Mesa, AZ 85201. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

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### Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX, the, et al.

No. CV 2006-051833. November 16, 2006.

#### Ruling

Honorable Robert C. Houser.

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#### ANOMA T PHANTHOURATH

8:32 a.m. This is the time set for Oral Argument regarding Defendants' Partial Motion to Dismiss. Present on behalf of the Plaintiff is Lawrence Dunlavey for David Delozier. Present on behalf of the Defendants is JoEllen Candiota for Anoma Phanthourath.

A record of the proceedings is made by CD/videotape in lieu of a court reporter.

Argument is presented to the Court.

IT IS ORDERED taking this matter under advisement.

8:39 a.m. Matter concludes.

LATER:

This matter was taken under advisement following a hearing held on Defendants' Partial Motion to Dismiss. The Court has considered the memoranda filed in support of and opposition to the Motion, the arguments of counsel and the relevant law.

Defendants have moved to dismiss Count Ten of the Complaint in which Plaintiff claims that Defendants are vicariously liable for the alleged conduct of Father Marcel Salinas. Dismissing a complaint for failure to state a viable claim is not favored under Arizona law; the court will not grant such a motion unless it is "certain that the plaintiff would not be entitled to relief under any state of facts susceptible of proof under the claim stated. "Sun World Corp v. Pennysaver, Inc., 130 Ariz. 585, 586, 637 P.2d 1088, 1089 (App.1981). Thus, "the question is whether enough is stated which would entitle the plaintiff to relief upon some theory to be developed at trial. The purpose of the rule is to avoid technicalities and give the other party notice of the basis for the claim and its general nature." Guerrero v. Copper Queen Hosp., 112 Ariz. 104, 106-107, 537 P.2d 1329, 1331-32 (1975). The Court cannot say that Plaintiff will be unable to establish any set of facts showing he is entitled to relief.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED denying Defendants' Partial Motion to Dismiss.

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