

Assignment Record– Rev. Angel Armando Perez

Summary of Case: A native of Mexico, Angel Armando Perez entered El Seminario Mayor de Guadalajara at age 20. After 7 years he took two years off, returned briefly, then entered Mount Angel Seminary near Portland, OR in 1996. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Portland in 2002, at age 37. He was assigned to parishes in Corvallis, Coos Bay and Woodburn. In August 2012 Perez was arrested on charges of sexual abuse, use of a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Perez had invited a 12-year-old boy to spend the night with him after a church party, the night before a planned trip to the mountains. The priest and the boy drank beer and watched a movie, then went to bed. The boy awakened to find Perez fondling him and taking pictures with a cell phone. The boy ran into the street and sought help from neighbors who were outside. Perez chased the boy, wearing only his underwear. When the neighbors said they were going to call the police, Perez fled. In April 2013 Perez pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 6 years, 3 months in prison. The boy's parents filed a lawsuit in April 2014. The archdiocese settled with them in December 2015.

Ordained: 2002



Start	Stop	Assignment	Town/Accusations	State	Position	Notes
2002	2005	St. Mary's	Corvallis	OR	2/2	St. Mary's had a religious education program with 550-526 children. Perez was profiled as a new priest in a 2002 news article.
2005	2008	St. Monica's	Coos Bay	OR	1/1	St. Monica's had a religious education program with 83-80 students.
2008	2012	St. Luke's	Woodburn • Perez was arrested in August 2012 after police received a report that Perez had inappropriately touched a 12-year-	OR	1/1, 1/2	St. Luke's had a school with 188-161 students and a religious education program with 215-375 students.

			<p>old boy. He was charged with sexual abuse, use of a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Perez had invited the boy to sleep over after a church party, the night before the two were to go on a trip to the mountains. They watched a movie and drank beer before bed; the boy awakened to find Perez touching his genitals and taking cell phone pictures of him. The boy ran out into the street and Perez chased him, wearing only underwear. Perez ran away when witnesses said they were going to call the police.</p>			
2008	2012	St. Agnes'	Hubbard	OR		This was a mission of St. Luke's in Woodburn.
2010	2012	Area Vicars	Marion County	OR		
2012		Absent on Leave		OR		Perez pleaded guilty in April 2013 and was sentenced to 6 years, 3 months in prison. The boy's parents filed a civil suit in April 2014. It was settled in December 2015.

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Priests in a Parish: We use the following convention to show a priest's place among the clergy of a parish: 1/2 means that he is the first priest listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* (usually the pastor) and that there is a total of two priests at the parish. The shorthand 3/4 means that the priest is listed third on a four-priest roster. See our [sample page from the Directory](#).

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