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**PRIESTS WITH A CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF  
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF TYLER**

MR. GUSTAVO CUELLO (removed 1997, convicted 2003, laicized 2006). Served at Our Lady of Guadalupe (Tyler).

**OTHER PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN THE DIOCESE OF TYLER  
(OR IN THE TERRITORY WHICH BECAME THE DIOCESE)  
WITH A CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

*This list is provided here only for transparency and reference. None of the priests listed below has been accused of abuse in the Diocese of Tyler.*

*For priests who belong to a diocese or religious order other than the Diocese of Tyler, responsibility for discipline resides with the bishop of the priest's diocese or the superior of his order. Any credible allegations would have taken place and been investigated in the territory/jurisdiction of the respective diocese/order.*

*The names and information below were taken from the lists published by respective dioceses/orders. Questions should be directed to the diocese/order indicated. This list will be updated as new information is provided to the Diocese of Tyler.*

*Note: The Diocese of Tyler was formed in 1987 out of territory from the Dioceses of Beaumont, Dallas, and Galveston-Houston. The parish(es) listed are for reference and are not necessarily where allegations occurred.*

REV. MICHAEL BARONE (removed 2018). Served at Our Lady of Victory (Paris) and St. Elizabeth (Madisonville). Listed by the Diocese of Dallas.

REV. GLEN DOUGHERTY (died 2002). Served at Sacred Heart (Palestine). Listed by Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

REV. JOHN DUESMAN (died 1984). Served at Immaculate Conception (Tyler). Listed by the Diocese of Dallas.

MSGR. JOHN FLYNN (removed 2018). Served at St. Matthew (Longview), St. Mary Magdalene (Flint), and Holy Spirit (Holly Lake). Listed by the Diocese of Dallas. Listed by Archdiocese of San Antonio.

REV. ALPHONSE HEMOND (died 1990). Served at Holy Trinity (Trinity) and St. Francis (Crockett). Listed by Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

REV. PATRICK LYNCH (died 2014). Served at Immaculate Conception (Tyler), St. Anthony (Longview), and St. Edward (Athens). Listed by the Diocese of Dallas.

REV. ROBERT POANDL (died 2019). Served at Holy Cross (Pittsburg). Listed by Glenmary Home Missioners.

REV. JOSE SALDANA (removed 1998). Served at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (Buffalo), St. Leo the Great (Centerville), and St. Michael (Mount Pleasant). Listed by the Diocese of Dallas.

REV. BENJAMIN SMYLIE (died 2004). Served at St. Jude (Henderson), Holy Spirit (Holly Lake), and Bishop Gorman (Tyler). Listed by the Diocese of Dallas. [Allegation of abuse occurred while he was a Jesuit religious, prior to ordination.]

REV. JESUS SUAREZ (removed 2019). Served at Sacred Heart (Nacogdoches), Our Lady of Guadalupe (Diboll), and St. Mary (Teague). Listed by Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.