

Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

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)

(Complainant/case referred to Diocese of Cleveland)

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)

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

- [Original press release for Diocese of Biloxi Credibly Accused of Sexual Misconduct - Jan 24 2019](#)