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To the Laity, Religious and Clergy of the Diocese of Gallup

“Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When I became the Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup, I committed to ensuring that the children in this Diocese and in the Parishes, Missions or Schools that operate within the Diocese were protected. The Diocese published names of those working within the Diocese against whom there were credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.

We have now officially undertaken the task of publishing the names of priests and church workers who have served in our diocese, but who have had credible allegations of abuse made against them during their assignments outside of the Diocese of Gallup. These names will be posted below the list of church workers who have been credibly accused of abuse from their time serving within the Diocese of Gallup.

I have sent letters to each Parish, Mission or School within the territory of the Diocese of Gallup, including those where each of the priests or others served, advising them that we have now extended the parameters of our credibly accused list.

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The publication of these additional names does not mean that our vigilance and continued investigation ends here. The investigations remain ongoing. Although the newly listed Church workers have not been accused of abuse of a minor while they served within our Diocese, if anyone is aware of an incident of abuse, we urge them to contact the proper law enforcement authorities. We also welcome you to contact the victims assistance coordinator at the Diocese, at [505-906-7357](tel:505-906-7357) (<tel:505-906-7357>).

I wish to also thank survivors of abuse for their bravery and dedication to driving reform in the Church. I cannot undo the violation of your trust and innocence, but your voices have been instrumental as we continue to work to root out abuse. I again reaffirm my commitment to protect our children and to continue to assist those who have been harmed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop James S. Wall”

Para los laicos, religiosos y el clero de la Diócesis de Gallup

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en Cristo,

Cuando fui consagrado obispo de Gallup, asumí el compromiso de asegurar que los niños en esta Diócesis y en las Parroquias, Misiones o Escuelas que trabajen en la Diócesis fueran protegidos. La Diócesis publicó los nombres de aquellos quien han trabajado dentro de la diócesis quienes tenían acusaciones creíbles de abuso sexual de un menor en su contra.

Ahora hemos iniciado oficialmente la tarea de publicar los nombres de sacerdotes y trabajadores de la Iglesia quienes hayan trabajado en nuestra diócesis, pero que han tenido acusaciones de abuso hechos en su contra mientras fueron asignados afuera de la Diócesis de Gallup. Estos nombres

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serán publicados debajo de la lista de trabajadores de la Iglesia quienes hayan sido acusados de abuso creíblemente durante su tiempo sirviendo en la Diócesis de Gallup.

[protection/law-enforcement-reporting-contacts/](#)

He enviado cartas a cada Parroquia, Misión o Escuela dentro del territorio de la Diócesis de Gallup, incluyendo aquellos donde cada uno de los sacerdotes u otros hayan servido, advirtiéndoles que hemos extendido los parámetros de la lista de los acusados creíblemente.

La publicación de estos nombres adicionales no significa que nuestra vigilancia e investigación constante termine aquí. Las investigaciones continuarán. A pesar de que los recientemente alistados trabajadores de la Iglesia no hayan sido acusados de abuso de menores mientras servían en nuestra Diócesis, si alguien tiene conocimiento de algún incidente de abuso, los pedimos con urgencia a contactar con las autoridades de la ley. También los invitamos a contactar la Coordinadora de Asistencia para los Víctimas de Abuso en la diócesis al número [505-906-7357](tel:505-906-7357) (tel:[505-906-7357](tel:505-906-7357)).

Quiero también agradecer a los sobrevivientes de abuso por su valentía y dedicación en animar reforma dentro de la Iglesia. No puedo deshacer la violación de vuestra confianza e inocencia, pero vuestras voces han sido útiles mientras desterramos todo abuso. De nuevo, afirmo mi compromiso de proteger nuestros niños y continuar a asistir a los que hayan sido heridos.

Sinceramente tuyo en Cristo,

Obispo James S. Wall

The following is a list of priests, religious and other persons who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors and who have served in parishes or institutions of the church located within the territorial limits of the Diocese of Gallup. The names on this list were recommended to the Bishop by the Diocesan Review Board whose members include lay professionals with expertise in law enforcement, mental health, and children's health. The persons named in this report have been included because the allegations against them were deemed credible. By that determination, the Diocese of Gallup is not making a definitive statement as to the veracity of the allegations nor the guilt of the accused, only that the allegations are serious and have not been discredited. By their very nature, these allegations are grave but only a court of law has the authority to determine guilt or innocence. This list will be modified from time to time as additional information becomes available.

La siguiente es una lista de clero identificados por la Diócesis de Gallup que tienen denuncias creíbles de abusos sexuales hechos en contra de ellos.

Fr. William Allison (Deceased)

Assignments:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (1958)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Flagstaff AZ
(08/1958 – 12/1961)

Fr. Michael Aten (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Bonaventure Mission, Thoreau NM (06/01/1976)
Updated with correct dates, Dec. 2018: St. Hubert
Church (now St. Patrick's), Chichiltah NM
(8/23/1976 – 12/1976)
Updated with correct dates, Dec. 2018: St. Mary
Parish, Pinetop AZ (03/10/1977– 1978)
Updated with correct dates, Dec. 2018: St. Joseph
Parish, Winslow AZ (07/01/1978 – 04/30/1979)
Updated with correct dates, Dec. 2018: St. John the
Baptist Parish, St. Johns AZ (05/1/1979 – 07/1986)

Fr. Robert J. Kirsch (Deceased)

Assignments:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flagstaff AZ (1957)
Santo Nino de Atocha Parish, Aragon NM (1958 –
1959)
St. Francis, Seligman AZ (1959 – 1962)
Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (1963 – 1964)

Fr. Douglas McNeill (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Joseph and Madre de Dios Parishes, Winslow AZ
(1969 – 1970)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (1969,
1970-1971)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ and
Office of Religious Education (1973 – 1974)
St. Bonaventure Mission, Thoreau NM (1974 – 1994)

Fr. Michael Baca, OFM (Deceased)

Assignments:

Immaculate Conception Parish, Cuba NM (1953)
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, San Fidel NM (1961)
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Chinle AZ (1978)

Fr. Claude Barton, OSB (Deceased)(Added to List in December of 2023)

Assignments:

Santo Niño de Atocha Mission, La Jara NM (12/1951 – 08/1952)

Fr. George Baz (Deceased)

Assignment:

St. Joseph Parish, Winslow AZ (07/1968–09/1968)

Fr. Ephraim Beltramea, OFM (Added to list in April of 2017)

Assignment:

St. Francis Church, Gallup NM (06/1970–05/1973)

Fr. John Boland

Assignments:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (1975)
St. Philip Parish, Church Rock NM (1977)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Page AZ (1978)
Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (1980–1983)
St. Jerome Parish, Gallup NM
St. Mary Parish, Bloomfield NM (1987)

Fr. Rene Messier (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Mary Mediatrix of all Graces, Yarnell AZ (1961–1963)
St. Anne, Ashfork AZ (1963)

Fr. Lucien Meurnier (Deceased)

Assignment:

St. Joseph Parish, Winslow AZ (08/1972 – 06/1973)

Fr. John Newton, CPPS (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Joseph Parish, Winslow AZ (10/1955 – 1957)
St. Peter Parish, Springerville AZ (05/1957 – 1959)

**Rev. John (Johann) Adelbert Paulmichl (Deceased)
(Added to list December of 2021)**

Assignments:

Holy Cross Chapel, Sedona, AZ (07/27/1964–05/1965)
St. Mary Church, Kingman, AZ (05/14/1965)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Flagstaff, AZ (07/27/1965)
St. Anne Church, Williams, AZ (05/24/1966–11/1966)
Pius X Church, Flagstaff, AZ (02/06/1969)
St. Joseph Church, Winslow, AZ (03/07/1969)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Page, AZ (06/26/1970–1973)
St. John Vianney Church, Gallup, NM (02/09/1973)
San Rafael Church, Concho, AZ (10/31/1980–1985)
St. John Vianney Church, Gallup, NM (08/14/1985–

Sacred Heart School Chaplain, Farmington NM (1994)
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Cebolleta NM (1995)
Our Lady of Light Mission, Cubero NM (1995)
St. Joseph the Worker School Chaplain, San Fidel NM (1995)
St. Paul Parish, Crownpoint NM (1999)
Risen Savior Mission, Bluewater NM (1999)
Immaculate Conception Parish, Cuba NM (2002)

Fr. James Burns (Deceased)

Assignments:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Flagstaff AZ (07/1962 – 1963)
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Flagstaff AZ (1963)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (08/01/64)
St. Lawrence Parish, Humbolt AZ (12/01/65)
St. Peter Parish, Springerville AZ (07/01/1968 – 1972)
St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Pinetop AZ (09/05/1974 – 1981)
St. Anthony Parish, McNary AZ (05/01/1975 – 1981)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Page AZ (02/01/1981)
St. Joseph Parish, Winslow AZ (07/1982 – 1989)
St. Mary's Parish, Bloomfield NM (11/01/90)
St. Rose Parish, Blanco NM (12/1990 – 06/1993)

Brett Candelaria (Lay CCD Teacher)

Assignment:

Holy Trinity Parish, Flora Vista, NM (1991-1992)

12/05/1985)
Holbrook, AZ – Living in the community with no assignment (09/1984-09/1985 and 01/1986-1988)
Medical rehabilitation at Little Sisters of the Poor, Gallup NM (1988 –05/1993)

Fr. Jose Rodriguez

Assignments:

Santo Niño Parish, Aragon NM (1975)
St. Joseph Parish, Winslow AZ (09/01/1975 – 02/1976)
Good Shepherd Mission, Pinehaven NM (1976)
St. Jerome Parish, Gallup NM (1976 – 12/01/1977)
St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Johns AZ (12/01/1977 – 12/01/1978)
St. Peter Parish, Springerville AZ (12/01/1978 – 06/01/1979)
St. Rita Parish, Show Low AZ (06/01/1979 – 07/01/1988)
San Rafael Parish, San Rafael NM (06/01/1988 – 12/01/1988)
Good Shepherd Mission, Pinehaven NM (12/01/1988 – 1990)
St. Patrick's Mission, Chichiltah NM (12/01/1988 – 1990)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (06/01/1990 – 1992)
St. Mary Parish, Farmington NM (03/01/1992 – 1994)
Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Snowflake AZ (06/01/1994 – 2000)
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Overgaard AZ (06/20/05)

Fr. William Roper, CMF (Deceased)

Fr. Santino Casimano (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Paul Parish, Crownpoint NM (1975 – 1976)

Fr. Charles Cichanowicz, OFM

Assignments:

St. Michaels Parish, St. Michaels AZ (1980)

Christ the King Parish, Shiprock NM (1983)

Fr. David Clark, CMF (Deceased)

Assignment:

Sacred Heart, Prescott AZ (06/1960 – 07/1960)

Fr. Joseph Coutu

Assignments:

St. Mary Parish, Farmington NM (05/1981 – 12/1981)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ
(12/1981 – 1983)

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Gallup NM (1983 –
06/1984)

Fr. John Degan (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Mary, Kingman AZ (1951)

St. Cecilia, Clarksdale AZ (1952 – 1961)

St. Ann, Ash Fork AZ (1952 – 1961)

Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (06/1961 –
09/1961)

Assignment:

Sacred Heart, Prescott AZ (1964-1965)

Fr. Conran Runnebaum, OFM (Deceased)

Assignments:

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Grants NM (06/29/55 –
07/1958)

Sacred Heart Parish, Farmington NM (07/1958 –
07/1964)

San Esteban, Acoma (1964, **added to list in August
2024**)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, San Fidel NM
(07/1964 – 1973)

Sacred Heart Parish, Farmington NM (07/1975 –
1978)

Raul Sanchez (Laicized)

Assignments:

Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (07/1975 –
10/1976)

Chancellor, Gallup Diocese (1979 – 11/1986)

**Brother Mark Schornack, OFM (deceased) (added
to list in April of 2017)**

Assignments:

St. Michael's Mission, St. Michaels AZ (02/1952)

St. Michael's Mission, St. Michaels AZ (09/1956)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kayenta AZ (06/1968)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Fort Defiance
AZ (06/1969)

St. Michael's Mission, St. Michaels AZ (01/1970)

Br. Dennis Duffy (added to list in August 2019)

Assignments:

St. Francis of Assisi, Whiteriver AZ (resided in San Carlos, AZ) (1971 – 1973)

St. Francis of Assisi, Whiteriver, AZ and St. Catherine in Cibecue, AZ (July 1, 1975 – 1980)

Listed by the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara in May 2019 for allegations of abuse occurring in 1975, (during tenure at St. Francis in Whiteriver).

Allegation was reported to province in 1990.*

*The known accusations of this person are limited to those documented by the Franciscan Friars, Province of St. Barbara and not known to the Diocese of Gallup until the release of their list of Credibly Accused Friars on May 21, 2019.

Fr. Clement Hageman (Deceased)

Assignments:

Mission Center for Navajo Indians, Smith Lake and Thoreau NM (1939)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (08/1942 – 11/1952)

St. Mary's Parish, Kingsman AZ (01/1953 – 11/1963)

St. Lawrence Parish, Humboldt AZ (08/01/64)

Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (08/1965 – 07/1975)

Fr. Julian Hartig, OFM (Deceased)

St. Francis, Lumberton NM (1978)

St. Francis, Gallup NM (1979)

St. Anne, Klagetoh AZ (06/1979)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Defiance AZ (06/1980–07/1981)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Defiance AZ (1983–1984)

Fr. Lawrence Schreiber, OFM

Assignments:

St. Isabel Parish, Lukachukai AZ (1961 – 1962)

St. Michaels Parish, St. Michaels AZ (1962 – 1963)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ft. Defiance AZ (1963 – 1968)

Christ the King Parish, Shiprock NM (1968 – 1969)

St. Jude Parish, Tuba City AZ (1969 – 1976)

Christ the King Parish, Shiprock NM (1977 – 1981)

St. Isabel Parish, Lukachukai AZ (1981 – 1983)

St. Michaels Parish, St. Michaels AZ (1983 – 1986)

Sacred Heart Parish, Farmington NM (1986 – 1990)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ft.

Defiance AZ (1990 – 1991)

Fr. John Sullivan (Deceased)

Assignments:

Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (07/1961 – 1962)

St. Francis Parish, Seligman AZ (1963 – 1964)

St. Mary's Parish, Kingman AZ (1965 – 1968)

Carl Todaro (Former Seminarian – incorrectly listed as a priest)

Assignments:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Gallup NM (1955)

St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Lumberton NM (1961 – 1964)

Fr. Marcan Hetteberg, OFM (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

St. Michaels, St. Michaels AZ and St. Isabel

Mission, Lukachukai AZ (06/29/1954 –1971)

St. Paul Parish, Crownpoint NM and St.

Bonaventure Mission, Thoreau NM (08/29/1972)

St Isabel Parish, Luckachukai AZ and St. Mary

Mission, Greasewood AZ (06/9/1973–07/12/1980)

St. Michaels, St Michaels AZ (retired) and Our Lady

of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Fort Defiance, AZ

(12/29/1998)

Villa Guadalupe (Little Sisters of the Poor), Gallup

NM (2001)

[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly Accused List \(https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/\)](https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/)

Assignment:

Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary (1951 – 1952)

Fr. David Enrique Viramontes (Deceased)

Assignments:

Santo Niño de Atocha Parish, Aragon NM (06/1957 – 06/1958)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flagstaff AZ (06/1958 – 07/1959)

St. Joseph Parish, Winslow AZ (07/1959 – 07/1960)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ

(07/1960 – 01/1961)

St. Pius X, Flagstaff AZ (01/1961)

Fr. Samuel Wilson (Deceased)

Assignments:

Church of the Nativity, Flagstaff AZ (1952)

Santo Niño de Atocha Parish, Aragon NM (08/1952 – 1957)

Church of the Nativity, Flagstaff AZ (1958)

St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Johns AZ (10/1958 – 1960)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook AZ (1961)

St. Cecelia Parish, Clarkdale AZ (07/1961 – 1962)

Immaculate Conception, Cottonwood AZ (07/1961 – 1962)

St. Francis Cabrini, Camp Verde AZ (1962 – 1964)

St. Lawrence, Humboldt AZ (1963 – 1964)

St. Joseph, Mayer AZ (1963 – 1964)

Madre de Dios Parish, Winslow AZ (08/1964 – 12/1965)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Flagstaff AZ (09/1968 – 1969)

Tolani Lake Indian, Leupp AZ (1970 – 1971)
San Rafael Parish, San Rafael NM (1972)
Our Lady of Sorrows Mission, Cebolleta NM (1973)
St. Rita Parish, Show Low AZ (1974 – 1975)
St. Catherine Parish, Cibecue AZ (1976 – 1979)
St. Anthony Parish, McNary AZ (1980)
RMCH and GIMC Hospitals; McKinley Manor,
Gallup NM (1985-1986)

Credibly Accused Outside the Diocese of Gallup

The following is a list of clergy and church workers who once served in the Diocese of Gallup and have allegations against them from their time in another Diocese for abuse of minors. The Diocese of Gallup does not have enough information to determine the credibility of these accusations, but in the interest of transparency, we are listing the names here. Where possible, the outside citation has been linked.

Fr. Eugene Bowski (deceased)(added to list in December of 2018)

Assignments:

St. Mary's Farmington, NM (09/01/1995 – 07/1996)

Our Lady of Fatima, Chinle, AZ (07/1996 – 01/1997)

Immaculate Conception Parish, Cuba, NM
(02/21/1997 – 01/31/2002)

Immaculate Conception School, Cuba, NM
(11/05/1997 – 2000 school year)

Lives at St. Teresa Parish in Grants, NM
(06/01/2002 – 10/20/2002)

Then lives in Albuquerque (no assignment in the Diocese of Gallup) until 2009. We are aware of two assignments while in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe: St. Bernadette Parish in 2003 and a service as a

Fr. Bruce MacArthur (Deceased)

Assignment: None.

Ex-Priest of Sioux Falls who volunteered at shelters in Gallup, NM (2003)

Fr. Sylvester Mancuso, OFM (deceased)(added to list August 2019)

Assignments:

St. Francis Church, Whiteriver AZ and St. Catherine in Cibecue, AZ (July 19, 1964 – June 15, 1971)

[Allegations of abuse listed by the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara \(https://sbfranciscans.org/list-of-credibly-accused/\)](https://sbfranciscans.org/list-of-credibly-accused/)

chaplain at UNM Hospital

St. Patrick, Chichiltah and Good Shepherd,

Pinehaven, NM (02/06/09 – 06/2014)

San Lorenzo, Ramah NM (06/07/2010 – 06/2014)

[Link to Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston list of credibly accused \(https://dwc.org/diocese-of-wheeling-charleston-releases-list-of-priests-credibly-accused-of-abuse-against-minors/\)](https://dwc.org/diocese-of-wheeling-charleston-releases-list-of-priests-credibly-accused-of-abuse-against-minors/)

Fr. William Bressler (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

St. Cecelia, Clarkdale AZ (10/11/1957)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holbrook AZ (10/1958)

St. Peter, Springerville AZ (07/08/1959)

St. Lawrence, Humboldt AZ and St. Joseph, Mayer AZ (08/10/1959-06/04/1961)

Holy Cross, Sedona AZ (09/15/1961-1967)

St. Rita Parish, Show Low AZ and Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Snowflake AZ (06/1963-03/1967)

Santo Niño Mission, Aragon NM (04/13/1967-06/1972)

St John Parish, St Johns AZ (08/18/1972-1973)

[Link to the Diocese of Alexandria, LA Credibly Accused List \(https://www.diocesealex.org/ongoing-clergy-sexual-abuse-page/diocese-releases-names-of-clergy/\)](https://www.diocesealex.org/ongoing-clergy-sexual-abuse-page/diocese-releases-names-of-clergy/)

Fr. Francis W. Callan, SJ (Deceased) (Added to list in July of 2023)

Lived, unassigned:

Madre de Dios, Winslow NM (1963-1965)

Fr. Diego Mazon, OFM (Deceased)(added to list in April of 2017)

Assignments:

St. Joseph Church, San Fidel NM (06/1977 – 05/1980)

St. Michaels Mission, St. Michaels AZ (06/16/80-06/26/1981)

Updated with correct dates, Nov. 2021: Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Fort Defiance AZ (07/02/1990)

Updated with correct dates, Nov. 2021: St. Francis of Assisi Parish and School, Gallup NM (07/10/94 – 2005)

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Fr. Harry Morgan (Deceased)(added to list in December of 2018)

Assignments:

St. Joseph, Winslow AZ (1954)

St. John the Baptist, St. Johns AZ (06/1955 – 06/1958)

St. Pius X, Flagstaff AZ (1959 – 1963)

St. Joseph, Williams AZ (1964 – 1969)

Then remained in newly-formed Phoenix diocese
[Link to Diocese of Phoenix list of credibly accused \(https://dphx.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/List_of_Diocese_of_Phoenix_clergy_who_have_been_laicized_and_or_removed_from_ministry_due_to_sexual_misconduct_with_a_minor_02_022018.pdf\)](https://dphx.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/List_of_Diocese_of_Phoenix_clergy_who_have_been_laicized_and_or_removed_from_ministry_due_to_sexual_misconduct_with_a_minor_02_022018.pdf)

[Link to the Jesuits West list of credibly accused](https://www.jesuitswest.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/07/JW_List_1207_EnglishR13-2.pdf)
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Fr. Camillus Cavagnaro, OFM (deceased)(added to list August 2019)

Assignments:

St. Francis Church, Whiteriver AZ and St. Catherine in Cibecue, AZ (Sept 1, 1978 – May 1984)
[Allegations of abuse listed by the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara](#) (<https://sbfranciscans.org/list-of-credibly-accused/>)

Fr. Timothy Conlon, O.S.C.

Assignments:

St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Johns AZ (11/2011 – 12/2013)
San Rafael Parish, Concho AZ (11/2011 – 12/2013)
[Link to Crosier Fathers list of credibly accused](#)
(<https://www.crosier.org/index.php/en/about/crosier-news/197-crosiers-list-posting>)

Brother Claude Daly, OFM (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Gallup NM (1962–1968)
St. Francis Parish, Gallup NM (1970–1973)
[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly Accused List](#)
(<https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/>)

Fr. Francis Murphy (Deceased, updated August 2022)

Assignments: None.

Retired to live in Cuba, NM (no faculties given) (1995 – ?)

Formerly a priest of [Anchorage, Alaska](#)
(<https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/press-release-about-independent-commission/>)

Fr. Carter Partee, OFM (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ (10/1960–06/1961)
St. Rose Parish, Blanco NM (07/1961)
St. Mary Parish, Bloomfield NM (11/1962–08/1966)
[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly Accused List](#) (<https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/>)

Fr. Juvenal Pfalzer, OFM (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

St. Michaels, St. Michaels AZ and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Fort Defiance AZ (07/1942–1943)
[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly Accused List](#) (<https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/>)

Fr. Roman Pfalzer, OFM (deceased)(added to list August 2019)

Fr. James Leslie Daly (Deceased) (Added to list in July of 2023)

Assignments:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flagstaff AZ (1955-1957)

St. Joseph's Church, Winslow AZ (1961-1962)

[Link to Diocese of Amarillo list of credibly accused](https://amarillodiocese.org/diocese-publishes-names-of-priests-accused-of-abusing-minors)

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Fr. Lambert Dannenfelser, OFM (Deceased)

(Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

St. Joseph Parish, San Fidel NM (1948)

[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly](https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/)

[Accused List](https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/) (<https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/>)

Fr. Laurence Florez (Deceased) (added to list in

December of 2018)

Assignments:

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Flagstaff AZ (1959 – 1960)

Santo Niño and missions, Aragon NM (06/1961 – 06/1962)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holbrook AZ (1963 – 1964)

St. Mary, Kingman AZ (1965)

St. John Vianney, Sedona AZ (1966 – 1969)

Then transferred to newly-formed Phoenix diocese

[Link to Diocese of Phoenix list of credibly accused](https://dphx.org/wp-)

(<https://dphx.org/wp->

Assignments:

St. Francis Church, Gallup, NM (July 5, 1949 – July 1951)

[Allegations of abuse listed by Archdiocese of Santa Fe](https://ecatholic-sites.s3.amazonaws.com/17613/documents/2019/3/190308List%20of%20Priests%20Accused%20of%20Sexual%20Abuse%20updated190308AssignmentsOFFICIAL-1.pdf) ([https://ecatholic-](https://ecatholic-sites.s3.amazonaws.com/17613/documents/2019/3/190308List%20of%20Priests%20Accused%20of%20Sexual%20Abuse%20updated190308AssignmentsOFFICIAL-1.pdf)

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[Allegations of abuse listed by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis](https://www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2018/10-12/abuse.html)

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Fr. Walter Plimmer (Added to list in February of 2026)

Assignments:

St. Ann, Ash Fork, AZ (1964)

[Allegations of abuse listed by the Diocese of](https://www.diosteub.org/accused-priests-list)

[Steubenville](https://www.diosteub.org/accused-priests-list) (<https://www.diosteub.org/accused-priests-list>)

[Allegations of abuse listed by the Diocese of](https://www.drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/Clergy-List-2025.pdf)

[Rockville Centre](https://www.drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/Clergy-List-2025.pdf) (<https://www.drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/Clergy-List-2025.pdf>)

Rev. Rudolph John Renteria (Added to list in December of 2025)

Assignments:

St. Mary of the Angels, Pinetop AZ (June 6, 1977)

St. Mary, Farmington NM (June 6, 1978)

[Listed on the Diocese of Forth Worth credibly](https://fwdioc.org/clergy-with-credible-allegations)

[accused](https://fwdioc.org/clergy-with-credible-allegations) (<https://fwdioc.org/clergy-with-credible-allegations>)

[content/uploads/2018/02/List of Diocese of Phoenix clergy who have been laicized and or removed from ministry due to sexual misconduct with a minor 02022018.pdf](https://www.dphx.org/content/uploads/2018/02/List_of_Diocese_of_Phoenix_clergy_who_have_been_laicized_and_or_removed_from_ministry_due_to_sexual_misconduct_with_a_minor_02022018.pdf))

Fr. Dennis Fountain, OFM (Deceased)(added to list in December of 2018)

Assignments:

St. Michael's Mission, St. Michaels AZ (07/1981 – 06/1982)

St. Joseph, Laguna NM (06/1982-06/1983)

St. Michael's Mission, St. Michaels AZ and Ft. Defiance, AZ (04/1988 – 01/1990)

[Link to Diocese of Las Cruces list of Credibly](#)

[Accused](#)

(<https://rcdlc.org/documents/2018/11/LIST%20OF%20ACCUSED%20PRIESTS%20-%20DofLC.pdf>)

Fr. Charles Gielow, CMF (Deceased) (Added to list in October of 2025)

Assignments:

Sacred Heart, Prescott AZ (1960-1966)

[Link to Statement from the Diocese of Phoenix](#)

(<https://dphx.org/community-notification-statement-fr-charles-gielow-cmf>)

Rev. James Grear (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments: None. No authorization for ministry.

Fr. Emilio Roure (Deceased) (Added to list in July of 2023)

Assignments:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holbrook, AZ (1940-)

St. Francis, Seligman AZ (1944-1945)

Listed on the [Diocese of El Paso](#)

(https://www.elpasodiocese.org/uploads/1/2/6/7/126780068/statement_from_most_reverend_mark_j_seitz_and_list_of_priests_credibly_accused_3.pdf)

and [Diocese of Las Cruces](#)

(<https://www.rcdlc.org/safe-environment-resources>) lists of credibly accused

Fr. Lorenzo Ruiz, OFM (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments: None – never received authorization for ministry.

Lived at the Franciscan Friary in St. Michaels, AZ (08/1995 – 12/1997)

Lived as a private citizen in Grants, NM (1998 – 2001)

[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly Accused List](#) (<https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/>)

Fr. Donn Shelly (sometimes spelled “Shelley”), C.S.Sp. (Deceased)(Added to List in February of 2025)

Lived as a private citizen in Chinle, AZ. Employed in public school system (1977-1979) and (1983-1984)
[Link to the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana Credibly Accused List](#)

(<https://d2y1pz2y63o3o8.cloudfront.net/2446/documents/2021/10/Updated%20Published%20Clergy%20List%20Abuse%20of%20Minors%2010.26.21.pdf>)

Fr. Thomas Harkins (added to list in March of 2019)

Assignment:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Page AZ (10/1981-01/1982)

[Link to Diocese of Camden list of credibly accused](#)
(<https://www.camdendiocese.org/clergylist/>)

Brother Dennis Huff, OFM (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

St. Joseph Friary, Laguna NM (06/1982-06/1983)

St. Michaels, St. Michaels AZ (06/1984-06/1985)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Fort Defiance AZ (06/1985-08/1985)

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Fr. Chris Kerr, OFM (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

Christ the King Parish, Shiprock NM (06/1979-12/1980)

Assignments:

St. Joseph, Winslow, AZ (October 1970-1971)

St. Rita, Show Low, AZ (May-June 1971)

St. Catherine, Cibique, AZ (September 24, 1971-1973)

St. Anthony, Cedar Creek, AZ (Diocese of Tucson – May 6, 1972-1973)

St. Bonaventure, Thoreau, NM (August 24, 1973 – April 11, 1974)

Fr. Anslem Sippel, OFM (Deceased) (Added to list in November of 2021)

Assignments:

(1931 – onward) and (10/10/1941-08/1948): St.

Michaels, St. Michaels AZ and jurisdiction over all Navajo Missions, including:

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Chinle AZ and

Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Fort Defiance AZ

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(<https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/>)

Fr. Justin Weger, O.S.C. (Deceased)(added to list in December of 2018)

Assignments:

Served for approximately one month in August of 1974 in the Diocese of Gallup:

Our Lady of Sorrows, Seboyeta, NM, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holbrook, AZ, and Cristo Rey Seminary in Gallup (which is now closed)

[Link to the St. John the Baptist Province Credibly Accused List \(https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/\)](https://www.franciscan.org/protecting-gods-children/substantiated-allegations/)

[Link to Crosier Fathers list of credibly accused \(https://www.crosier.org/index.php/en/about/crosier-news/197-crosiers-list-posting\)](https://www.crosier.org/index.php/en/about/crosier-news/197-crosiers-list-posting)

Fr. Lery Francis Wendling, OFM (Deceased)(Added to List in December of 2023)

Assignments:



Christ the King Parish, Shiprock, NM (11/1962 – 07/1968)

St. Anthony Parish, Zuni, NM (07/02/1968 – 06/1973)
Named by the Province of St. John the Baptist in Cincinnati, Ohio

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