



Archdiocese advises affected parishes of sexual abuse of minor allegations made against three men no longer serving in priesthood.

The Archdiocese of San Antonio has received accusations of sexual abuse of a minor made against three men who at one time served as priests in the archdiocese. None of these men are in ministry. The alleged incidents occurred between 1978 and 1982. Consistent with its policy, the archdiocese reported these allegations to the civil authorities, and the identity of the person making these accusations will be kept confidential.

The person alleging abuse identified the men as Rev. David Zumaya, Rev. Larry Hernandez, and Mr. Louis White. Zumaya served as a priest of the archdiocese from 1977 until 1998. He has no priestly faculties and is no longer in ministry. Hernandez, ordained in 1978, joined the Order of the Most Holy Trinity in 1982 and left the Archdiocese at that time. His priestly faculties were suspended by his order when the allegation first was raised in 2008. White was ordained in 1975. He left priestly ministry in 1988 and was laicized in 1989.

The abuse was alleged to have occurred during the times when the three were assigned to San Fernando Cathedral. The allegation indicated that Zumaya also abused the man involved when he was assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Carrizo Springs.

Keeping with its commitment to The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the archdiocese has advised the parish communities where these men had served of the allegations. A complete list of the parishes served by the three men is available on the archdiocesan website at http://www.archsa.org/to_protect/default.asp - "Public Notice".

In his statement to the affected parish communities, Archbishop Gomez wrote, "I pledge my commitment to continue to work toward making every Catholic church, school and institution a safe harbor for all of our children. Please join me in prayer as we reach out to any and all who may be victims of sexual abuse."

The archdiocese is currently ministering to the man who brought the allegations forward through Its Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment (OVASE). If anyone has questions or concerns in regard to Zumaya, Hernandez or White's time of service in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, they should notify Mr. Steve Martinez, Director of OVASE at (210)-734-7786 or (877)-700-1888.

Assignments

Louis White	
St. Ann's-S.A. 1975-1976	St. Luke-Loire 1984-1987
St. Joseph-Yoakum 1976-1978	St. Vincent de Paul-S.A. 1987-1988
Notre Dame-Kerrville 1978-1981	Left priestly ministry in 1987
San Fernando-S.A. 1981-1984	Laicized in 1988
David Zumaya	
Our Lady of Grace-S.A. 1977-1978	San Fernando – S.A. 1980-1982
Our lady of Sorrows-S.A. 1977-1978	Our Lady of Guadalupe-Carrizo Springs 1982-1986
Sacred Heart-Uvalde 1978-1980	St. Mary Magdalen-Bracketville 1986-1995
St. Gregory the Great -S.A. 1980	St. Joseph-Nixon-1995-1998
	No longer in ministry and has no priestly faculties
Larry Hernandez	
St. James-Gonzalez 1978	St. Paul-S.A. 1980-1982
San Fernando Cathedral-S.A. 1978-1980	Priestly faculties suspended in 2008