

# Credible Accusations

## What is a credible accusation?

### Priests of the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor

### Religious priests and priests from other dioceses who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor

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### **Jeffrey N. Acebo**

Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 24, 1986

Abuse Occurred: 1986 - 1988

Removed from Ministry: April 2002

Status: Prayer and Penance

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### **Thomas Duong Binh-Minh**

Ordained for Diocese of Oakland August 24, 1990

Abuse Occurred: 1987

Removed from Ministry: April 2002

Status: Last known location Concord CA

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### **Vincent I. Breen**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 6, 1936

Abuse Occurred: 1950s – 1980s

Removed from Ministry: Resigned March 1, 1982

Status: Deceased Dec. 31, 1986

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### **Donald E. Broderon**

Ordained for Diocese of Oakland April 29, 1968

Abuse Occurred: 1970s

Removed from Ministry: Early 1990s

Status: Laicized March 21, 2005; Deceased Sept. 19, 2010

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### **Kenneth J. Cabral**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 15, 1950

Abuse Occurred: 1960s

Removed from Ministry: Retired June 30, 1991

Status: Deceased March 3, 1996

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### **James A. Clark**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 14, 1947

Abuse Occurred: 1971 - 1973

Removed from Ministry: Retired April 29, 1984

Status: Deceased July 27, 1989

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### **Edmond G. Cloutier**

Ordained for Diocese of Portland ME June 15, 1946

Abuse Occurred: 1950s – 1960s

Removed from Ministry: Retired Dec. 31, 1980

Status: Deceased April 9, 2003

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### **Hilary Cooper**

Incardinated for Diocese of Oakland: October 1, 1976

Abuse Occurred: 1978

Removed from Ministry: 1995

Status: Prayer and Penance

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### **Pearse P. Donovan**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco March 20, 1943

Abuse Occurred: 1978 - 1980

Removed from Ministry: Retired 1983

Status: Deceased September 12, 1986

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### **Joseph Ferreira**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco Jan. 6, 1959

Abuse Occurred: 1973 - 1974

Removed from Ministry: Retired Dec. 28, 1998

Status: Deceased Dec. 21, 2014

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### **Patrick Finnegan**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco Feb. 9, 1952

Abuse Occurred: 1960s, 1973

Removed from Ministry: Feb. 6, 1972

Status: Deceased Sept. 28, 1980

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### **George J. Francis**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 21, 1937

Abuse Occurred: 1960s, 1972

Removed from Ministry: Retired April 4, 1986

Status: Deceased May 4, 1998

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### **Robert E. Freitas**

Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 19, 1972

Abuse Occurred: 1977, 1980s

Removed from Ministry: 2002

Status: Laicized 2007; Deceased Nov. 14, 2011

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### **Stephen M. Kiesle**

Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 19, 1972

Abuse Occurred: 1970s

Removed from Ministry: July 1978

Status: Laicized February 13, 1987

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**Ronald J. Lagasse**

Ordained for Diocese of Oakland May 3, 1969

Abuse Occurred: 1983 - 1984

Removed from Ministry: Oct. 2002

Status: Excommunicated June 14, 2008

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**Francisco Tarcisio Lanuevo**

Incardinated in Diocese of Oakland April 2, 1985

Abuse Occurred: 1979

Removed from Ministry: July 29, 1992

Status: Location unknown

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**Daniel McLeod**

Incardinated in Diocese of Oakland April 16, 1970

Abuse Occurred: 1969

Removed from Ministry: Retired Jan. 18, 1987

Status: Deceased Dec. 17, 2001

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**Robert F. Poncioli**

Ordained at Detroit MI for Diocese of Oakland April 12, 1969

Abuse Occurred: 1970s, 1980 - 1981

Removed from Ministry: Feb. 9, 1995

Status: Laicized 2005; Deceased Jan. 19, 2009

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**Arthur A. Ribeiro**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 16, 1950

Abuse Occurred: 1960s

Removed from Ministry: Retired Jan. 1, 1992

Status: Deceased October 18, 2000

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**Gary B. Tollner**

Ordained for Diocese of San Francisco June 10, 1961

Abuse Occurred: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s

Removed from Ministry: 1995

Status: Deceased Feb. 17, 1999

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**Religious priests and deacons, and priests from other dioceses who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor**

Roberto Bravo, Order of Preachers (O.P.) (Dominican)

Mario Cimmarrusti, Franciscan Friars (O.F.M.)

Virendra Coutts, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)

Bernard Dabbene, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)

J. Patrick Foley, Diocese of San Diego  
 Jerold Lindner, Jesuit Fathers and Brothers (S.J.)  
 Gary M. Luiz, Society of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.)  
 Ruben Martinez, Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)  
 James McSorley, Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)  
 William Odom-Green, Diocese of Owensboro  
 Cornelius Pedraig Leehan, Redemptorist Fathers (C.Ss.R.)  
 Richard Presenti, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)  
 Alexander Pinter, unknown  
 Anthony Slane, Redemptorist Fathers (C.Ss.R.)  
 Robert Van Handel, Franciscan Friars (O.F.M.)  
 Stephen Whelan, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)  
 Gordon Wilcox, Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)

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## **Religious brothers who have lived in the Oakland Diocese credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor**

Salvatore Billante, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)  
 Donald Eagleson, Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)  
 Joseph (Jesse) Gutierrez, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)  
 John Moriarty, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)  
 Lawrence O'Brien, Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)  
 Raimond Rose, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)  
 Francis Verngren, Brothers of the Christian Schools (F.C.S.)  
 Terrence Wong, Society of Mary (S.M.)

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### **What is a credible accusation?**

There is no standard definition for a “credible accusation.” For the Diocese of Oakland, we used the following criteria to determine if a name should be placed on this list.

The Diocese must have knowledge of an allegation made against the person to be named and the allegation must include all the following.

- The allegation involved sexual abuse of a minor (under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse).
- The alleged perpetrator was a priest, deacon, religious brother, or religious sister either at the time of the alleged abuse or sometime after the alleged abuse.
- The alleged abuse is claimed to have been committed:
  - within the geographic jurisdiction of the Diocese of Oakland, or
  - by a priest or deacon of the Diocese of Oakland, or

- by a seminarian or lay person affiliated with the Diocese who was later ordained, or
- by a priest or deacon who is known to have lived in Alameda or Contra Costa counties and who has been identified by another diocese, a religious order, law enforcement or a court of law as being credibly accused.
- After review of the reasonably available, relevant information, there is reason to believe the allegation is more likely than not to be true.

The process for evaluating whether an allegation is credible is not a legal process. Examples of information used to ascertain credibility include, but are not limited to, admissions by the accused, criminal convictions, other types of legal actions, patterns of conduct, and prior determinations closer to the time of the alleged sexual abuse or the time when the matter was first investigated. The determination of credibility of an allegation does not establish that a crime was committed.