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DIOCESAN STATEMENT ON CLERGY ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

After conducting a thorough internal review of its clergy files, the Diocese of Salt Lake City is voluntarily posting this list of all priests against whom a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been reported since 1950. As this list reveals, most incidences of reported abuse occurred prior to 2002 when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promulgated its Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. As a result of this Charter, the Diocese of Salt Lake City has adopted and implemented Safe Environment policies and procedures to prevent sexual abuse of minors and to encourage the reporting of any past or present allegation of sexual abuse.

With the release of this list of priests and in an effort to demonstrate transparency and accountability, the Diocese of Salt Lake City will be retaining an independent committee of lay persons to review its internal files and verify the accuracy of the information provided in this list. Upon completion of the independent review, the Diocese of Salt Lake City will update its list if necessary and issue a public statement with information provided from the independent committee.

The Diocese of Salt Lake City is committed to ensuring the health and safety of young people within its community. Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay Church personnel and has not yet reported the incident is encouraged to do so. The Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to assist in making a report. The contact number for the Victim Assistance Coordinator is (801) 328-8641, ext. 344.

(The following pages include a ‘Glossary of Terms’ and the ‘Clergy Allegations’.

Glossary of Terms:

Credible Allegation – a report of sexual abuse in which sufficient detail exists to indicate the incident could have occurred and which requires further inquiry or investigation into the allegation.

Dismissed or Expelled – The act of dismissing a member of clergy from the clerical state. The Diocese may petition Rome for a priest's dismissal after a canonical process, or a priest may be dismissed by Rome ex officio.

Faculties Removed – The removal of a priest's ecclesiastical authority.

Laicized – A member of the clergy who has been removed from the clerical state.

Life of Prayer and Penance – A priest who has admitted an accusation and who has been assigned to a life of prayer and penance because the priest is not suited for dismissal due to age or infirmity.

Suspension – A clergy who is prohibited from performing public ministry while on administrative leave pending an investigation or other determination.

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Priest	Current Status	Allegation	Date of Alleged Incident	Date Reported to Diocese	Date Reported to DCFS/Law Enforcement	Action Taken	Primary Assignments (does not include temporary assignments)
Mario Arbelaez-Olarte	Laicized	Internet solicitation of a minor (undercover officer)	Arrested 5/14/2003	5/14/2003	ICAC initiated	Arrested 5/14/2003. Faculties removed, placed on administrative leave 5/16/2003. Laicized by Congregation for Doctrine of Faith 3/31/06.	St. Therese, Midvale 1997-2000, Brigham City 2000-2001, St. Joseph Parish, Ogden November 2001-May 2003
Joseph M. Baraniewicz, OSFS	Deceased	Holding children on lap, kissing, hugging children	10/25/1990	10/26/1990	4/28/2003	Sent for alcohol treatment; returned to Order, died 2/24/2012	Judge Memorial High School, SLC 1974-86; Notre Dame, Price 1986-87; St. James the Greater, Vernal 1987-90
William Cody Bressler (visiting)	Deceased	Put hands up legs of minor	1955 - 1956	2/13/2004	2/18/2004	Reported to Diocese of Arlington, VA, faculties removed	Visiting priest, helped out at Sacred Heart Parish, SLC 1955-56
George Davich	Retired w/o faculties	Slept in bed with a minor	1979 - 1985	5/2/2002	5/5/2002	Retired w/o faculties August 2002, Vatican ordered life of Prayer and Penance	St. George, St. George, 1968-70; Holy Family Parish, Ogden 1979-82; Vicar General 1982-86; St. Vincent de Paul, SLC 1986-2002
Raymond Devlin, SJ	Deceased	Molested teenager	1989	1990	6/10/2002	Faculties removed 1990 and returned to Jesuit house; died December 6, 2011.	St. Joseph High School, St. Mary's, Ogden 1986-90
Paul Franco	Left priesthood before allegation	Sexual abuse of a minor	1976 - 1979	6/17/2002	6/18/2002	Left ministry in May 1986, suspended Oct. 1986	Notre Dame, Price 1973-75; Our Lady of Lourdes, SLC 1975-76, St. Ambrose, SLC, 1979-80; St. Francis, Kearns, 1981-82; Saints Peter and Paul, Parish, West Valley City 1982-86
David R. Gaeta	Retired w/o faculties	Reported that minor was lying in bed with priest	1982	6/12/2018	8/23/2018	Retired w/o faculties	St. Joseph Parish, Ogden 1980-82; St. Ambrose, SLC 1982 U.S. Air Force 1985-; St. Florence, Huntsville 2017-18; St. Peter, American Fork 2018
		Touched minor on buttocks while pushing on swing	2018	7/2/2018	7/5/2018	DCFS determined case did not meet criteria	
		Offering alcohol to 4 minors, suggesting minors undress	1982	8/22/2018	8/23/2018	Retired w/o faculties	

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Francisco Gomez (visiting)	Retired 2002, no faculties	Sexual abuse of a minor	1994	4/4/2002	5/7/2002	Faculties removed/retired May 2002	St. Rose of Lima, Layton 1990-94; St. Henry, Brigham City 1994-95; St. Therese, Midvale 1995-97; St. Francis Xavier, Kearns 1997-2002
James M. Greenwell	Left priesthood 1986	Molestation, took nude photos of a minor	1980	9/12/2002	9/16/2002	Left priesthood August 1986	Notre Dame, Price 1975-78; St. Joseph Parish, Ogden 1979-80; St. George Parish, St. George 1980-84
Edward J. Konat, SJ	Faculties removed	Sexual abuse of two minors	1984	11/4/2002, 12/15/2010	11/5/2002, 12/15/2010	Faculties removed; left Utah March 1985, expelled by the Jesuits	St. Ambrose, SLC 1983-84; St. Helen, Roosevelt 1984 (3 mos); St. Francis Xavier, Kearns 1985 (2 mos); Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna 1985 (3 mos)
Charles LaPenta	Deceased	Kissed a minor	1972 - 1976+	11/27/2006	11/27/2006	Priest suffering dementia at time of report, died in Order's nursing facility 8/2009	Judge Memorial High School, SLC 1970-85; St. Anthony, Helper 1985-91; Dugway Proving Ground Chaplain 1991-96
Leonidas Lopez	Faculties removed	Sexual abuse of three minors	1984, 1988+	9/6/2002, 11/20/2008	9/6/2002, 12/1/2008	Faculties removed September 1999; returned to Colombia; laicized by Pope Francis 9/5/2014	Good Shepherd, East Carbon 1987-90; returned to Columbia 1990-92; Sacred Heart, SLC, 1992-97; St. George, St. George, 1997-99
Thomas O'Neill, OSFS	Deceased	Solicited teenager for sexual activity	1963 - 1967	4/25/2002	5/7/2002	Deceased	Judge Memorial High School, SLC 1957-70
James Rapp, OSFS	Laicized, incarcerated	Sexual abuse of four minors in Utah, imprisoned for abuse of minors outside of Utah	1969 - 1975	11/24/2000-2002	5/5/2002, 5/7/2002, 9/3/2002, 2/28/2003	Laicized, In prison in Oklahoma	Judge Memorial High School, SLC 1968-73
Reyes Rodriguez	Faculties removed	Three cases of abuse	unk	1987, 2004, 2007	5/7/2002, 2004, 2007	Faculties removed 2002; retired August 2002, Vatican ordered life of Prayer and Penance	St. Francis Xavier, Kearns, 1966-68; Our Lady of Lourdes, SLC 1968-69; Richfield 1969-76; St. Ann, SLC 1970-71; Notre Dame, Price 1971-73; Eureka, 1972-73; St. Pius X, Moab 1972-74; Good Shepherd, East Carbon 1974-79; Our Lady of Guadalupe, SLC 1981-85; St. Marguerite, Tooele 1985-87

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Glen M. Shrope	Deceased	Sexual abuse of a minor	1976	2/27/2003	2/28/2003	Faculties removed in 1983; deceased	Immaculate Conception, Copperton 1965-68 and 70-72; St. Helen, Roosevelt 1968-70; St. Therese, Midvale 1972-1982
Lawrence Spellen	Deceased	Sexual abuse of three minors	1958-1969, 1980s	1992, 5/29/2002, 10/16/2012,	5/7/2002, 10/17/2012	Faculties removed August 1993; died 2003	Judge Memorial High School, SLC 1953-1956; Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna 1958-69; St. Olaf, Bountiful 1969-70; St. Pius X, Moab 1970-71; Personal Leave 1971-72; Eureka 1973-74, Honolulu 1975-78; Vernal 1979-80; California 1980-82; St. Patrick, SLC 1956-58 and 1982-87
Leonardo E. Ariza (Seminarian)	Terminated from seminary 2002	Sexual abuse of a minor	8/15/2002	8/27/2002	9/5/2002	Seminary informed and seminarian terminated, September 4, 2002	
Neil McMenamain OSFS (Brother)	Deceased	Sexual abuse of a minor	1962	3/13/2007	3/27/2007	Allegations reported to Provincial March 2007, died 2015	Housekeeper for Oblates at Judge Memorial