

***REV. JOHN SALAZAR, SCH.P.***  
***(ORDER OF THE POOR CLERICS REGULAR OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF THE  
PIOUS SCHOOLS, PIARIST FATHERS)***

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Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev John Anthony Salazar, Sch.P.***Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	1/1/1901	<i>Age:</i>	112
<i>Birth Place</i>		<i>Deanery:</i>	0
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	10/20/1984		
<i>Diocese Name</i>			
<i>Date of Incardination</i>			
<i>Religious Community</i>	Piarist Fathers		
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Left Archdiocese		
<i>Canon State</i>	Relig. Order Priest	<i>Incard Process</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>			

*Seminary**Ethnicity* English**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training***Date Background Check**Virtus Training Date***Assignment History**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Left Archdiocese, Faculties and Assignment Terminated. PRIEST NOT TO MINISTER.	2/12/1986	
Casa Calasanz, Los Angeles Resident, Resident	10/20/1984	2/11/1986

WARRANT

MUNICIPAL COURT OF EAST LOS ANGELES JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR  
Defendant(s)

Case No. A718233

FELONY COMPLAINT  
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The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

Note - No Spl Allegation on Complaint

On and between February 1, 1985 and February 28, 1985, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288(a), a Felony, was committed by JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR, who did willrully, unlawtully, and lewdly commit a lewd and lascivious act upon and with the body and certain parts and members thereof of REDACTED a child under the age of fourteen years, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the said defendant(s) and the said child.

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COUNT 2

Not in L.A.

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COUNT 4

On and between November 1, 1984 and November 30, 1984, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of SPEC ALLEG-DEF BEFRIENDS CHILD-288, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288, a Felony, was committed by JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR, who It is further alleged that at the time of and before the commission of the above offense said defendant(s), JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR made friends with said child victim for the purpose of committing an act in violation of Penal Code Section 288, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 1203.066(a)(3).

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER A778233, CONSISTS OF 4 COUNT(S).

Executed at Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, on February 3, 1986.

REDACTED \_\_\_\_\_

DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

.....  
REDACTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
REDACTED DEPUTY

AGENCY: LASO ELA

PRELIM. TIME EST.: 1 Hrs.

DEFENDANT	CH NO.	DOB	BOOKING NO.	BAIL RECOM'D	CUSTODY R'TN DATE
SALAZAR, JOHN ANTHONY		8/20/55			

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FELONY COMPLAINT - ORDER HOLDING TO ANSWER - P.C. SECTION 872

It appearing to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty thereof, to wit:

(Strike out or add as applicable)

JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR

<u>COUNT NO.</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>SPECIAL ALLEGATION</u>
1	PC288(a)	
2	PC288(a)	
3	PC288(a)	
4	PC288	

I order that defendant(s) be held to answer theretor and be admitted to bail in the sum of:

JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

and be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County until such bail is given. Date of arraignment in Superior Court will be:

JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR \_\_\_\_\_ in Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

at: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committing Magistrate

February 12, 1986

REDACTED

Casa Calasanz  
3951 Rogers St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Dear Father REDACTED

I was informed yesterday for the first time of the charges against  
Father John Salazar, and today I had the opportunity of meeting with  
REDACTED

I wish to inform you that the Archdiocese is herewith terminating the  
appointment of Rev. John A. Salazar, Sch.P., and that as of this date  
he no longer possesses the faculties of the Archdiocese.

It is a concern that Father Salazar not be in a position whereby he  
can be in contact with youth while this investigation is under way.  
May I strongly urge that you do everything possible to see that this  
will be the case.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED

cc: Rev. John Salazar, Sch.P.

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February 12, 1986

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

Following up on our telephone conversation of today, I would like to state again that the Archdiocese wishes to provide counseling for your son REDACTED and for your family, if you would be open to that.

If you wish to see someone of your own choosing, please let me know.

The Director of Catholic Charities is also very willing to meet with you in order to arrange for counseling by way of Catholic Charities. He is

REDACTED

Catholic Charities  
1400 West Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 15095  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
REDACTED

If I can be of assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED

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REDACTED

Dec. 16 abducted by Fr. John.

happened 2 years ago & proceeded.

Santa Teresa knew 2 years ago. REDACTED

2 boys went to her 2 years ago & told her what had happened. She said it wasn't true.

A week later she told the principal. She was going to call the authorities but the REDACTED told her to wait, that they would get her help.

See 13 15.

going on for 1 1/2 years & told parent last Dec.

No sexual advance

beginning. Campy. woke up without pants on.

Played with the. Made the boys touch him at first did this separately but boys told each other.

He was teaching at school.

One of the other parts know REDACTED REDACTED

Other REDACTED does not want to say anything.

Fr. John's doctor has reported this to the police.

Both children out of school

Therapist REDACTED wanted to speak to REDACTED

Fr REDACTED REDACTED found about the boys for REDACTED

last weekend he had another boy stay at the home.

The person is in hospital now.

It has been reported. the govt court in 2 weeks.

Upset that principal and faculty know & they never said anything.

He is getting too close to other boys in the school.

There have been the incidents. Stayed at Casa Calamity  
All the time he stayed there were incidents.

There is a Court date set up.

REDACTED

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REDACTED

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 to setup counseling or we can contract with an  
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REDACTED

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 supposed to appear on Feb. 16 East L.A. Court.  
 3rd St. will go to superior Court.  
 Have an attorney a public defender.

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REDACTED

(Re John Salazar)

REDACTED

boy very fearful.

Had been disciplined by Fr John - did not do reports  
& John increased work until it was 500 words  
he still did not do it and at that stage Sisters  
took over and suspended him

She talked of the school, but does not think she  
mentioned suspension though she mentioned that  
parents did not support the boy at the school

REDACTED

John Salaya ,

July 1, 1966.

Postponed again because one of the  
psychologists appointed by the Court did  
not turn in his report because he wants  
more money.

Postponed again till July 29.

John will stay in the hospital. This is  
the advice of the public defender.

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The lawyer's name is  
REDACTED

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I have already spoken to our Council  
still REDACTED REDACTED  
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John Salazar

2/12/86 REDACTED

Dec. 16 molested by Father John. Happened two years ago and proceeded. Santa Teresita knew two years ago. REDACTED  
 REDACTED—three boys went to her two years ago and told her what had happened. She said it wasn't true. A week later she told the principal. She was going to call the authorities, but the Secretary, REDACTED told her to wait, that they would get help.

Son is fifteen.

Going on for one-and-a-half years and told parent last December. No sexual advances.

Beginning. Camping. Woke up without pants on. Played with him. Made the boys touch him. Did this separately, but the boys told each other.

He was teaching at school.

One of the parents knows. REDACTED Mom.

Other boy REDACTED does not want to say anything.

Father John's doctor has reported this to the police.

Took children out of school.

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Last weekend he had another boy stay at the house.

Father John is in hospital now.

It has been reported. He goes to Court in two weeks.

Upset that the principal and the faculty knew and they never said anything.

He is getting too close to two other boys in the school.

There have been other incidents. Stayed at Case Calasanz.

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There is a Court Date set up.

REDACTED

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Thinks the Order needs to begin to address responsibilities for the students.

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REDACTED 2/12/86 REDACTED

A prosecution started at local level in East L.A. Court, Third St. Will go to Superior court. Have an attorney. A public defender.

2/13/86 Talked to Detective REDACTED (Was at the Quality Inn attending presentation by REDACTED REDACTED She is prosecuting the case. Easy on him because he is a priest, not seeking jail but a felony conviction. Feels church did not support her because a boy stayed at house after report came in. Told her of situation, we had withdrawn faculties, order is inexperienced in these matters. Preliminary hearing 14 or 18th--latter I think. Admitted allegation, assigned public defender. Superior Court hearing. If not-guilty plea is made, then there will be a jury trial. John does not want to put the kids through this. Could not assure her that he would not be around kids, but that he would not have faculties, and that I understand the deep nature of such problems. January 15 is when the whole thing started. She is in contact with the other two parents, and I encouraged them to see me with a view to counseling.

2/14/86 REDACTED Confirmed that John had a boy stay over after a report was made.

REDACTED

2/14/86 Talked with Father REDACTED Emphasized the importance of presenting a plan to the Courts. Getting John away from contact with adolescents.

2/18/86 REDACTED St. Anthony de Padua Spoke to REDACTED and spoke to Provincial. Mother wants her to talk to the boy. Told her not to get involved in counseling. To meet with mother and boy in order to encourage counseling. Told her the other parents could call me for counseling.



2/18/86 Talked to Ab. Archdiocese will pay half of lawyer's fee.  
Request from REDACTED for legal assistance. REDACTED  
REDACTED

Father Salazar is on insurance. Asked REDACTED if she can keep  
him on it--requested by REDACTED

2/19/86 REDACTED

Another boy called her son. Says Sister at St. Anthony de Padua  
told him not to say anything. Told her I talked to sister and  
that my main concern was for counseling--that thought sisters  
concern was that he not speak to other children.

2/25/86 REDACTED to meet with REDACTED at Chancery  
office on Thu. REDACTED family has been calling up people. John  
is in hospital. The whole community knows about it.  
Trial is postponed till March 18.

2/25/86 REDACTED No counseling yet. Has not talked to REDACTED.  
REDACTED Told her to contact me if I can help.

3/3/86 Met with REDACTED and daughter REDACTED (She goes to St.  
Matthias High School)

Gave them name of REDACTED and told them to be sure to  
contact him.

3/5/86 REDACTED Superior General here. Community knows.  
John responding to REDACTED who went to see him. Suggested  
they should keep the public defender until they find out more.  
Hearing will be the 18th.

3/26/86 Last hearing postponed until April 1st. John has been in  
hospital. Has been allowed out a few times. May attend some to  
the sessions with REDACTED

3/27/86 Talked to REDACTED Counseling for her son and both  
parents OK. Heard Father John was at school last Tuesday and that  
Father REDACTED had told her that Father John would be doing  
community service and that she should ignore him.  
Talked to Father REDACTED Therapist had told then it would be  
good to have Father John in therapy with community. Told him of  
danger of rumors, misinterpretation. Not to have Father around at  
all. That I would find a meeting place if needed.

4/2/86 Father REDACTED Closed hearing yesterday. Lawyer from  
Chancery there but REDACTED not allowed to be at hearing.  
Good hearing--only public defender. Going to Superior Court.  
Probably will be plea bargaining if families don't press charges.  
Plea--if families don't press charges, he might be on probation.  
One of the families brought their own lawyer. REDACTED family  
brought lawyer. Next hearing 16th of April.

REDACTED Lawyer told him that letter of recommendation would be good for John.

4/10/86 Talked to REDACTED Let him know REDACTED did not want to talk to him. He knows and will not call. Told him about Sister REDACTED concerns that kids were talking, and also parents. He and I felt a meeting would only open up all kinds of problems. Told him I would call Sister.

Talked to him re REDACTED allegations that John Salazar suspended her youngest boy because he did not want to be an altar boy. Told him I would talk to Sister REDACTED about this.

4/17/86 Arraignment yesterday. Pre-trial for 28th of May. REDACTED REDACTED was there. DA says that there is something else. The families trusted him as a priest, and he took advantage of their trust. Does not mean that charges can't be dropped. The public defender is a very good person. He will talk to the DA and do as much as he can. Abuse of trust is one of them [the charges]. Mr. REDACTED is aware of this and will be very attentive to this. REDACTED will call him and me later. According to law, no one can get a transcript except when the trial is over.

5/13/86 Talked to REDACTED Told he to wait until after the hearing, that even then I saw difficulties in meeting with people openly. She said two sets of parents whose boys are not involved are the main promoters of this. Talked to her about REDACTED REDACTED boy. See notes in Salazar file.

REDACTED (Re John Salazar)  
REDACTED boy very fresh. Had been disciplined by Fr. John--did not do reports and John increased work until it was 500 words, and he still did not do it. At that stage, Sister took over and suspended him. She talked to the other school but does not think she mentioned suspension though she mentioned that the parents did not support the boy or the school.

5/29/86 Postponed till June 30. Reports not finished. DA on vacation, public defender also out. June 30.

6/4/86 Saw John Salazar. Spoke to me for more than an hour. Is facing up to the difficulties in his life. His mother a great problem. Says he is closer to his family than ever before. Does not think he wants to continue with Order but wants to minister in some way in the L. A. Archdiocese. Says he feels closer to Archdiocese than he does to Order.

6/6/86 Talked to REDACTED Told her I had talked to sister and that she was aware of her other son's suspension and that it was not because he did not wish to be an altarboy.

Told her I saw Fr. John (she asked how he was), that he was still in hospital and that he was facing up to the problems in his life--that no one could be more angry at him than he was at himself. She thanked me for the call. Said that they had changed parishes and that the other boy cannot get into school.

7/1/86 REDACTED Postponed again because one of the psychologists appointed by the Court did not turn in his report because he wants more money.

Postponed until July 29,

John will stay in the hospital. This is on the advice of the public defender.

Memo to REDACTED

John Salazar called me the other day wanting me to call the DA to support him etc. I thought this sounded wrong, so I called his lawyer who told me the message was the he, the lawyer, would like a message from us of support and affirmation.

REDACTED

I have already spoken to our counsel, REDACTED

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8/14/86 Talked to REDACTED Told him to get an appointment next week and to put together medical expenses and that we would help.

11/19/86 John Salazar. Met with him. He is doing well. Told him that there was no real possibility of faculties for the present in L.A. He seemed devastated. Mentioned the possibility of a

residence for him, and told him I would continue to work with him.

12/2/86 Called REDACTED today. John found it very hard, but understands. Told him I would help, even to the extent of finding a place in a rectory. Told him John could come to see me.

MEMORANDUM FROM REDACTED

Date: February 12, 1986

TO: REDACTED

**CONFIDENTIAL**

RE: REV. JOHN SALAZAR, Sch.P.

Yesterday, a REDACTED called the School Department to report that Rev. John Salazar, Sch.P. had sexually molested her boy over a period of time. I met with REDACTED this morning. Her son is now 15 years old and going to Cantwell School. However, the incidents took place while he was a student at Santa Teresita School. They occurred on a camping trip and while he was staying at Casa Calasanz.

REDACTED claims there were two other boys involved. She also said that the authorities at the school knew of this, but did not report it. She was aware that Father Salazar had been sent for counseling to REDACTED. REDACTED Father REDACTED did report this to the authorities, and there has been action taken and, according to REDACTED there will be a court hearing within the next few weeks. Her concern was that Father Salazar be removed from all possible contacts with school or with young boys.

I spoke to REDACTED and he confirmed that he was seeing Father Salazar and that he had reported the incidents to the police. Father Salazar is in a psychiatric hospital, but REDACTED could not give me its name and referred me to Father REDACTED the Superior. Asked if he thought there was substance to REDACTED account, he said he could not answer that, but was taking it very seriously.

I found REDACTED calm, reasonable, and concerned. I assured her that I would be in touch with Father Salazar's superiors right away and also that I would look into the possibility of counseling assistance for her son and the youths involved. REDACTED says that some of the families are traumatized and are definitely in need of help, and that he hopes the religious order involved will look towards assisting these adolescents.

I have not yet been able to reach REDACTED but will continue to try. I propose to tell him that the Archdiocese is withdrawing faculties from Father Salazar immediately, pending further investigation of the case.

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REPLY:

- 1) Withdraw all faculties at once & in writing;
- 2) Call and advise REDACTED our attorney;
- 3) call REDACTED and begin the best outreach we can with professional counselling services for the boy - either at our office/personal, or contracted with outside professionals - see that spiritual counseling is provided for entire family or ~~see~~ REDACTED
- 4) keep every step documented. REDACTED

2-12-86

Salazar, Jsh.

REDACTED

East L.A.

2/14 Talked to Deetshen

REDACTED

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Quaker Quality Inn attending

REDACTED

She is promiscuous case. Tony on his because he is  
 priest, not seeking jail term but a felony conviction.  
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 stayed at home after report is. Told her situation,  
 we had withdrawn facilities, order is experienced  
 Pub. hearing 14 or 15 latter 4th, admitted allegation  
 assigned public defender. Superior Ct. hearing. If  
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2/14/86 REDACTED

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has to my number. etc.

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Public Defendo.

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REDACTED

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pursuing a plan to the Court. Getting [redacted] away from  
contact with adolescents.

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REDACTED

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REDACTED

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REDACTED (he goes to St Matthias High School)

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2/8/86

She is in mental care. Community know. He is responding & REDACTED went to see. Suggested they should keep the

REDACTED

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public defendant until they find out more.

Hearing will be 15th.

3/26/86 last hearing was postponed until April 1st.

John is in the hospital. Has been allowed out a few times.

may attend some of the sessions with Fr. REDACTED

3/27/86 Talked to REDACTED

Counseling for her son & for both

parts of head Fr. John was at school earlier last Fr.

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talked to Fr. REDACTED. Therapist had told her it would be

good to have Fr. in therapy with community. Told her of danger of rumors, misinterpretation. Not to have Fr. around at all. That I would find them a meeting place if needed.

3/28/86 Closed hearing yet. Lawyer for Charney there

REDACTED not allowed to be there. Good hearing - only public defender. REDACTED

Superior Ct. Probably will be plea bargaining if families don't press charges.

Plan - if families don't press he might be on probation

One of the families brought their own lawyer.

REDACTED family brought the lawyer.

Next hearing 16 & 17 April.

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April 18, 1986

REDACTED

Re: RCA/Personnel

Dear REDACTED

As I told you this morning, I think Father Salizar is in good hands. I was very impressed with the Public Defender, REDACTED. He understands exactly what the problems are and I am sure will make every effort to settle the matter short of a trial if that is possible. It will, of course, depend upon his ability to persuade the district attorney and the trial judge. I have enclosed a letter that I wrote to him confirming our discussion this morning.

Father, I think I have probably gone as far as necessary. REDACTED is going to handle the case all the way through the trial courts and I consider him well able to do a good job. The main thing is he seems to have a compassionate approach and is interested in the case. He had read the transcript of the preliminary hearing and I notice that he had underlined certain parts of it so he will not be unprepared when the case finally gets to serious negotiations or trial.

I would like to offer you some advice: I think you should have Father Salizar obtain from REDACTED a copy of the transcript of the hearing that took place at the court session in East Los Angeles. That is where the boys testified. I think you should have that to make your own

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REDACTED

April 18, 1986  
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judgments as Father Salizar's superior. I am sure<sup>REDACTED</sup>  
REDACTED would supply a copy to Father Salizar if he asked  
for it and I do not think you should be put off in seeing  
the record so that you will be fully informed and better  
to decide your future course. If I can help further, please  
let me know.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED

Enclosure

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CALASANZIAN FATHERS AND BROTHERS HOUSE OF FORMATION

May 05, 1986

Dear Friends,

My name is Fr. REDACTED, provincial delegate of the Calasanzian Fathers ( The Piarists) and I am writing this letter in behalf of Fr. John Salazar a member of our religious community. I am well aware that you are informed about his situation and take this opportunity to thank you for your strong love and support.

John has been in the hospital since the first week of February and is doing well. I believe that John has done much work and faced many problems that have been strong burdens in his life. I am sure that you, like I, believe that John deserves all the help and support he can get. It is at this time that I on behalf of John and our religious community would like to ask for your help. On May 28th John will appear at superior court and is in dire need of Character Reference letters to be presented to the judge so probation will be granted instead of jail time.

I am sure that you will agree with me that John does not deserve jail time and you can help us by writing this very important letter on his behalf. Here is an outline/idea of the letter that we are asking for.

1. Use personal, church, business letterhead
2. can be typed or hand written
3. can be in Spanish or English
4. address letter: To whom it may concern
5. Introduce yourself, position, how long have you known John and in what capacity ( friend, family, priest, teacher, classmate etc...)
6. What are John's strengths and talents
7. What has John personally done for you that has impressed you, helped you
8. Other important things that could be of help to convey to the judge that John is a good person.

Please keep this letter and all information that you know about John and his situation CONFIDENTIAL. Please destroy this letter that I am sending you after you have written your letter. When you have completed your letter please mail it to me at:

REDACTED

3951 ROGERS STREET - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063 - (213) 261-4432

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Write the word CONFIDENTIAL on the left hand corner of the envelope, please. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (213) 261-4432. All letters are needed by Wednesday, May 21st.

I sincerely thank you for your strong support and love for our brother John. May our Lord constanly bless you and keep you close to his heart. Let us constantly pray for our brother John during this difficult and trying times.

REDACTED

13471

REDACTED

REDACTED

Call from REDACTED . Salazar trial postponed again until November--public defender thinks this is good as he can keep working out things with the DA and the penalty may come out a little better; thus it is not a waste of time. Fr. Salazar is living with a family who have been very good friends of his.  
Any decision on the bills?

REDACTED

*File*

13459

6/4/70  
 Saw Bob Salza. Spoke to  
 me for more than an hour  
 of family up & the difficulties in  
 his life. His mother a great problem.  
 Says he is closer to family than  
 ever before.

Does not think he wants to confound  
 with Ode. Just wants to encounter  
 in some way with A. Archduke.

Says he feels closer to  
 Archduke than he does to Ode.

13458

6/6/84

REDACTED

Talked to, her about talked to REDACTED and that she was aware of her other son's suspension and that it was not because he did not wish to be an actor boy.

Told her I saw Tom York (she asked when he was), that he was still in the hospital and that he was facing up to the problem in his life - that no one could be more angry at him than he was at himself.

She thanked me for call. Said that they have changed parents & that their boy cannot get out school.

13457



Salazar, Jm. 4-17-86

Amount of the Pre trial for 28th  
May. 9 REDACTED was three.

D.A. says that there is something else  
The lawyer is wanted for being a priest  
he took advantage of their trust. Does not  
mean that charges can't be dropped. The  
Public Defender is a very good person. He  
will talk to D.A. and do as much as he  
can. Where of trust is one of them. He  
REDACTED saw on this and will be very  
attentive of this. REDACTED will call  
him & call me later. a/c & law  
no one can get a transcript except when  
the trial is over.

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8/14/86

REDACTED

Lawyer told him that letter of recommendation would be good for John.

he trial will be July 28th.

4/15/86  
Talked to [REDACTED] let him know [REDACTED]

did not want to talk to him. He knows and will not call. Told him about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] concern that kids were talking, and also parents. He felt a meeting would only open up all kinds of problems. Told him I would call later.

Talked to [REDACTED] allegation that John Salazar suspended her youngest boy because he did not want to be an attorney. Told him I would talk to [REDACTED] re. the

5-15-86 Talked to [REDACTED]

Told her to wait till after hearing. After even then I saw difficulties in meeting with people openly. She said two sets of parents whose boys are not involved are the main -

recorder of this. Talked to her about this [REDACTED] boy. See notes in Salazar file

8/29/86

Postponed till June 30. Reports not finished. DA on vacation, public defender also out. June 30.

8/14/86

REDACTED

Talked to [redacted] told him to get an appointment next week to put together medical expenses & that we would help

MEMORANDUM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: REDACTED

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

File

Call from Fr. John Salazar.

Trial date extended to December 31.

It seems more positive.

If you want to call him, he can be reached at REDACTED

13451

Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Elementary Schools



1520 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015  
(213) 385-8132

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

School <i>Santa Teresita</i>	City <i>Los Angeles</i>	District <i>II</i>
Principal <i>unaware do not contact</i>	Telephone _____	
Abused Pupil REDACTED	Suspect <i>Rev. Juan C. Salazar, A.D. 1</i>	
Reported By _____	Date <i>11. II. 86</i>	
Nature of Ab <i>sexual molestation over a period of time</i>		
Evidence <i>testimony of boy</i>		
District Director REDACTED	Date _____	
Superintendent REDACTED	Date <i>11. II. 86</i>	

REDACTED

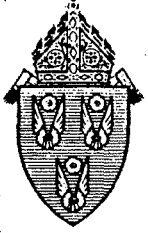
Recommended Action		
By Whom	To Whom	
Chancellor	Date	

FORWARD ORIGINAL TO CHANCELLOR

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RETAIN COPY IN SCHOOL FILE





ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015-1194  
(213) 251-3200

COPY

REDACTED

November 18, 1986

REDACTED

Casa Calasanz  
3951 Rogers St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Dear Father REDACTED

I have been wanting to get in touch with you for some time to tell you that I am pursuing the request for some assistance, but I am being held up by lack of response from the Financial office. However, I will continue to push and ask for some solution to this matter.

I saw John today and we discussed his future. I did tell him that I could not see his faculties being renewed here for the present, and I think the news was somewhat devastating to him.

I mentioned to John that I would continue to work with you on possibilities for a residence for him, and I indeed hope to be in contact with you on that. I realize how hard it is for him at the moment, but hope that the definite information about faculties will enable him to focus on other possibilities for the future.

I am going out of town for awhile, but will be in touch with you next week, after my return. For your part, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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JR Salazar 41-19-1986  
met with him. He is doing well.  
Told him that there was no real  
possibility of faculties for the  
present in L.A. He seemed  
deserted. Mentioned the possibility of  
a residence for him, told him I  
would continue to work with him.

2/21/86  
Called REDACTED today. He said it very  
hard but understood. Told him I would  
help, even to the extent of finding  
a place & a secretary. Told him to  
give & come see me.



John Salazar

2/12/86 Mrs. REDACTED

Dec. 16 molested by Father John. Happened two years ago and proceeded. Santa Teresita knew two years ago. REDACTED REDACTED—three boys went to her two years ago and told her what had happened. She said it wasn't true. A week later she told the principal. She was going to call the authorities, but the REDACTED REDACTED told her to wait, that they would get help.

Son is fifteen.

Going on for one-and-a-half years and told parent last December. No sexual advances.

Beginning. Camping. Woke up without pants on. Played with him. Made the boys touch him. Did this separately, but the boys told each other.

He was teaching at school.

One of the parents knows. REDACTED Mom.

Other boy REDACTED does not want to say anything.

Father John's doctor has reported this to the police.

Took children out of school.

Therapist REDACTED wanted to speak to REDACTED

Father REDACTED found about other boys from REDACTED

Last weekend he had another boy stay at the house.

Father John is in hospital now.

It has been reported. He goes to Court in two weeks.

Upset that the principal and the faculty knew and they never said anything.

He is getting too close to two other boys in the school.

There have been other incidents. Stayed at Case Calasanz.

All the time he stayed, there were other incidents.

There is a Court Date set up.

Father REDACTED

REDACTED will follow him.

Two families are extremely traumatized.

REDACTED family also traumatized.

Father REDACTED wondered if the Archdiocese should have been informed.

Thinks the Order needs to begin to address responsibilities for the students.

REDACTED

2/12/86 REDACTED can contact him to set up counseling or we can contract with an outside firm. Left message for REDACTED to call.

REDACTED 2/12/86 Westwood Hospital 2212 S. Barrington, L.A. 90025 A prosecution started at local level in East L.A. Court, Third St. Will go to Superior court. Have an attorney. A public defender.

2/13/86 Talked to Detective REDACTED (Was at the Quality Inn attending presentation by REDACTED. She is prosecuting the case. Easy on him because he is a priest, not seeking jail but a felony conviction. Feels church did not support her because a boy stayed at house after report came in. Told her of situation, we had withdrawn faculties, order is inexperienced in these matters. Preliminary hearing 14 or 18th--latter I think. Admitted allegation, assigned public defender. Superior Court hearing. If not-guilty plea is made, then there will be a jury trial. John does not want to put the kids through this. Could not assure her that he would not be around kids, but that he would not have faculties, and that I understand the deep nature of such problems. January 15 is when the whole thing started. She is in contact with the other two parents, and I encouraged them to see me with a view to counseling.

2/14/86 REDACTED . Confirmed that John had a boy stay over after a report was made.

Westwood Hospital, Barrington REDACTED Casa Calasanz REDACTED has the case now, but REDACTED is going to work with the community. REDACTED

REDACTED has my number. REDACTED Public Defender REDACTED

2/14/86 Talked with REDACTED Emphasized the importance of presenting a plan to the Courts. Getting John away from contact with adolescents.

2/18/86 REDACTED St. Anthony de Padua Spoke to REDACTED and spoke to Provincial. Mother wants her to talk to the boy. Told her not to get involved in counseling. To meet with mother and boy in order to encourage counseling. Told her the other parents could call me for counseling.

2/18/86 Talked to [REDACTED]. Archdiocese will pay half of lawyer's fee. Request from [REDACTED] for legal assistance. Talked to Mr. [REDACTED]. He will get a lawyer. Father [REDACTED] is to talk to Mr. [REDACTED] and find out costs involved. Father Salazar is on insurance. Asked [REDACTED] if she can keep him on it—requested by Father [REDACTED].

2/19/86 Mrs. [REDACTED]

Another boy called her son. Says Sister at St. Anthony de Padua told him not to say anything. Told her I talked to sister and that my main concern was for counseling—that thought sisters concern was that he not speak to other children.

2/25/86 [REDACTED] to meet with Mr [REDACTED] at Chancery office on Thu. [REDACTED] family has been calling up people. John is in hospital. The whole community knows about it. Trial is postponed till March 18.

2/25/86 [REDACTED] No counseling yet. Has not talked to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Told her to contact me if I can help.

3/3/86 Met with Mrs. [REDACTED] and daughter [REDACTED] (She goes to St. Matthias High School)

Gave them name of [REDACTED] and told them to be sure to contact him.

3/5/86 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] here. Community knows. John responding to Mr. [REDACTED] who went to see him. Suggested they should keep the public defender until they find out more. Hearing will be the 18th.

3/26/86 Last hearing postponed until April 1st. John has been in hospital. Has been allowed out a few times. May attend some to the sessions with [REDACTED]

3/27/86 Talked to [REDACTED] Counseling for her son and both parents OK. Heard Father John was at school last Tuesday and that Father [REDACTED] had told her that Father John would be doing community service and that she should ignore him. Talked to Father [REDACTED], Therapist had told then it would be good to have Father John in therapy with community. Told him of danger of rumors, misinterpretation. Not to have Father around at all. That I would find a meeting place if needed.

4/2/86 Father [REDACTED], Closed hearing yesterday. Lawyer from [REDACTED] there but Mr. [REDACTED] not allowed to be at hearing. Good hearing—only public defender. Going to Superior Court. Probably will be plea bargaining if families don't press charges. Plea—if families don't press charges, he might be on probation. One of the families brought their own lawyer. [REDACTED] family brought lawyer. Next hearing 16th of April.

REDACTED

Lawyer told him that letter of recommendation would be good for John.

4/10/86 Talked to REDACTED Let him know Mrs. REDACTED did not want to talk to him. He knows and will not call. Told him about REDACTED concerns that kids were talking, and also parents. He and I felt a meeting would only open up all kinds of problems. Told him I would call Sister.

Talked to him re REDACTED allegations that John Salazar suspended her youngest boy because he did not want to be an altar boy. Told him I would talk to REDACTED about this.

4/17/86 Arraignment yesterday. Pre-trial for 28th of May. REDACTED was there. DA says that there is something else. The families trusted him as a priest, and he took advantage of their trust. Does not mean that charges can't be dropped. The public defender is a very good person. He will talk to the DA and do as much as he can. Abuse of trust is one of them [the charges]. Mr. Brandlin is aware of this and will be very attentive to this. REDACTED will call him and me later. According to law, no one can get a transcript except when the trial is over.

5/13/86 Talked to REDACTED . Told he to wait until after the hearing, that even then I saw difficulties in meeting with people openly. She said two sets of parents whose boys are not involved are the main promoters of this. Talked to her about Mrs. REDACTED boy. See notes in Salazar file.

REDACTED . (Re John Salazar)  
REDACTED boy very fresh. Had been disciplined by Fr. John-- did not do reports and John increased work until it was 500 words, and he still did not do it. At that stage, Sister took over and suspended him. She talked to the other school but does not think she mentioned suspension though she mentioned that the parents did not support the boy or the school.

5/29/86 Postponed till June 30. Reports not finished. DA on vacation, public defender also out. June 30.

6/4/86 Saw John Salazar. Spoke to me for more than an hour. Is facing up to the difficulties in his life. His mother a great problem. Says he is closer to his family than ever before. Does not think he wants to continue with Order but wants to minister in some way in the L. A. Archdiocese. Says he feels closer to Archdiocese than he does to Order.

6/6/86 Talked to REDACTED . Told her I had talked to sister and that she was aware of her other son's suspension and that it was not because he did not wish to be an altarboy.

Told her I saw Fr. John (she asked how he was) that he was still in hospital and that he was facing up to the problems in his life--that no one could be more angry at him than he was at himself. She thanked me for the call. Said that they had changed parishes and that the other boy cannot get into school.

7/1/86 REDACTED . Postponed again because one of the psychologists appointed by the Court did not turn in his report because he wants more money.

Postponed until July 29,

John will stay in the hospital. This is on the advice of the public defender.

Memo to REDACTED  
John Salazar called me the other day wanting me to call the DA to support him etc. I thought this sounded wrong, so I called his lawyer who told me the message was the he, the lawyer, would like a message from us of support and affirmation.

The lawyer's name is  
REDACTED

I have already spoken to our REDACTED, REDACTED . Correction: I have written to him on REDACTED instruction to see if we can pay some of the bills, or if that would get us into the thick of it.

He is supposed to call me on Monday, and I would want you to talk to him re the bills and now this. If it's OK to send a letter, I would be thinking of the following.

John is a Religious priest and not directly working under the Archdiocese. However, because of his arrest, I have come to know him. In speaking to him some time ago on a long visit to the hospital, I was very impressed at the way he had confronted his problem, how he had examined his life and was dealing with the root causes of the problem.

I believe he has made very significant progress.

The Archdiocese will do its best to support him and his community.

8/14/86 Talked to REDACTED Told him to get an appointment next week and to put together medical expenses and that we would help.

11/19/86 John Salazar. Met with him. He is doing well. Told him that there was no real possibility of faculties for the present in L.A. He seemed devastated. Mentioned the possibility of a

residence for him, and told him I would continue to work with him.

12/2/86 Called REDACTED today. John found it very hard, but understands. Told him I would help, even to the extent of finding a place in a rectory. Told him John could come to see me.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

December 2, 1986

**MEMORANDUM**

To: REDACTED  
From:  
Re: John Salazar

I saw John recently (the Piarist priest accused of child abuse). His trial has been repeatedly postponed, but he thinks it will probably come up at the end of December. His lawyer is increasingly optimistic about the possibility of parole.

He wanted very much to know about serving in the Archdiocese in the future and almost insisted on an answer. I told him that I could see no possibility of him getting the faculties of the Archdiocese within the foreseeable future. This was devastating to him, but he did understand the reasons, and his superior, Father REDACTED has told me that he has accepted this.

*I concur  
Jully*

In talking to John and to Father REDACTED, I emphasized that while we could not grant faculties, we would be willing to help, even to the extent of looking for a residence at some parish or convent while he was settling into another job. Both he and Father REDACTED will probably come to see me soon again about this. However, everything is very tentative until after the court hearing.

Meantime, the community is most grateful for the generous donation from the Archdiocese.

*Thanks!*

REDACTED  
REDACTED

*12-5-86*

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*Calasanzian Fathers*

ON CHANGE LIST  
APR 30 1986

SALAZAR, Rev. John Anthony, *Sch. P.*

October 20, 1984

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
10/20/84	Casa Calasanz, Los Angeles	in residence
2/12/86	FACULTIES AND ASSIGNMENT TERMINATED Official Status: LEFT ARCHCIOESE	

72664



~~Mr. John Salazar~~  
10-20-84  
Sch. P.

REDACTED

Casa Calayan

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 1986  
FROM: REDACTED  
TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
RE: Possibility of Employment

A priest, a member of a religious order, has been involved in child abuse and can no longer serve as a priest.

He is a young (in his 30's), talented, bi-lingual man. Also, he has dealt extensively and well with his problem.

He is currently looking for employment and I am trying to make contacts for him. If you have any suggestion as to possibilities, I would very much appreciate it.

*John Salazar*  
*(File)*

13448

entry— the ultimate winner. 9/11

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2 Part II/Sunday, December 14, 1986 ★★

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REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 1987  
FROM: REDACTED  
TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
RE: Fr. John Salazar

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Fr. REDACTED called this morning. He has been in hospital for a week and out of touch with Fr. Salazar, who called him last night however.

Apparently there is no way he can avoid prison as the Probation Officer's report is in and it is totally negative, somuch so that there is nothing they can do except ask for minimal sentence.

The current date for hearing or trial is January 30. If Fr. John will go for plea bargaining and plead guilty they will ask for the minimal 3 years. If he refuses the plea bargaining and it goes to a full trial it could be even worse. I asked if Father John was thinking of letting it go to full trial and Fr. REDACTED said he thought not. Indeed they will probably not even try another postponement as it will just go on and on.

He wants to know if you have any idea of what to do.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 1987

FROM: REDACTED

TO: - re Salazar

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

Father REDACTED called this afternoon and said the public defender says there is nothing else that can be done -- but he suggested that they talk to the lawyer who defended a Claretian. REDACTED talked to the Claretian's provincial and has the lawyer's phone number. He says--this is the lawyer--there is a real possibility of changing the whole thing at least so that instead of spending time in a state penitentiary Fr. Salazar would be transferred to a facility in San Antonio (or someplace else that is not a state prison).

THE PROBLEM IS IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$5000. REDACTED SAYS: "WE ARE WILLING TO PAY HALF OR EVEN MORE. WE ARE ASKING REDACTED IF THE ARCHDIOCESE WOULD HELP WITH THE REST."

REDACTED SAYS THEY HAVE TO LET THE LAWYER KNOW BY MONDAY IF THEY ARE GOING TO HIRE HIM. NO LATER. I GATHER THAT IF THERE IS NOTHING THE ARCHDIOCESE CAN OR WILL DO THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE UP ON IT.

I SIMPLY TOLD REDACTED YOU WOULD CALL HIM TOMORROW, FRIDAY.  
REDACTED

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REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 1987  
FROM: REDACTED  
TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
RE: Fr. Salazar

I transmitted to REDACTED by phone today the message on the blue post-it attached to memo below REDACTED

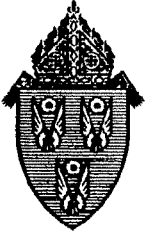
I stressed the underscored item and repeated all points and he understands.

Next question: Apparently the "facility" the lawyer is speaking of may be Servants of the Paraclete in New Mexico. REDACTED wants to know if Father Salazar is still under the Archdiocesan health insurance. He says you told him you would retain Father Salazar's coverage. Because they need to make a decision on that expense. REDACTED feels that if insurance will cover some of the cost, they can struggle with the rest.

Told him we would get back to him early next week.

REDACTED

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015-1194  
(213) 251-3200

COPY

REDACTED

February 23, 1987

REDACTED

Dear Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED

I have called a few times, but you were out when I phoned, so I am writing just to inquire about your son REDACTED

I was in contact with Cathedral High School and realize that he needs some more preparation in order to go there.

I would very much like to know how he is progressing and if he is interested in applying to any other Catholic high school.

Please call my office at your convenience, or you are very welcome to make an appointment to visit me if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

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**SERVICES**

**PAYMENT DUE**

MONTH	SERVICES PROVIDED*					TOTAL U/S	COST OF CARE THIS MONTH	AMOUNT DUE LAST MONTH	PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS**	PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT DUE THIS MONTH***	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THIS MONTH
	I	G	M	P							
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4/87	4				10	62.59	317.00	189.00			189.00
5/87	6				20	62.59	490.50	189.00			189.00
								REDACTED			
								REDACTED			

*OK 6/23/87*

UMDAP PERIOD  
3-1-87 TO 2-28-88

ANNUAL LIABILITY \$189.00

SERVICE CODES	PMT. & ADJ. CODES
I - Individual	G - CHAMPUS
C - Group	E - Error Correction
M - Medication	I - Insurance
P - Psych. Emergency	M - Medicare
	P - Patient Payments
	T - Therapeutic Fee Adjustment
	U - UMDAP Billing Adjustment

\*\*\*PAYMENT PLAN

DATE	AMOUNT	COMMENTS

If you have a question or problem about this statement, please call or visit the clinic billing office as soon as possible.

Make your Check or Money Order Payable To:  
LAC-DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH

Please Do Not Send Cash  
— Thank You —

MH-002F

13404

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MEMORANDUM**CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: May 13, 1987  
FROM: REDACTED  
TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
RE: Salazar

REDACTED called. They are due back in court tomorrow. John will most likely be taken into protective custody (but not as a prison commitment) to be transferred within a week or two to the Chino facility. There he will undergo psychological evaluation for about six weeks or so and after this evaluation is finished the judge will decide what to do--probation or prison sentence.

Chance that he will get a good evaluation and state may say he is eligible for probation.

System demands he do not go into evaluation himself but through the system.

REDACTED

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
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(213) 251-3200

REDACTED

June 25, 1987

Los Angeles County Mental Health Center  
San Antonio MHC  
6450 Garfield Avenue  
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Attention: REDACTED

Enclosed is check in the amount of \$189 in payment  
of charges through May 1987 for:

MIS NUMBER REDACTED  
CLIENT: REDACTED  
RESPONSIBLE PERSON:

Copy of client statement is attached.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED

13403

*C file*

DATE: July 28, 1987

TO: REDACTED

FROM:

RE: Salazar Case

Father <sup>REDACTED</sup> called this afternoon to say John Salazar has been in Chino for about 2 months and is now in County Jail. He is to appear in court Thursday, July 30 at 9 A.M. This will probably be a sentencing session. Things do not look good but there is still some hope for probation--not a probability, but a possibility.

I TRANSMITTED THIS INFORMATION TO <sup>REDACTED</sup>

13402

MEMORANDUM*CF File John Salazar*DATE: July 31, 1987FROM: REDACTEDTO: REDACTED Insurance DepartmentRE: REDACTED

In line with conversation we had this week, please  
pay REDACTED bills for the above client.

13400

# Priest gets 6-year prison term for molesting two altar boys

By Nancy Hill-Holtzman  
Herald staff writer

A 31-year-old Catholic priest was sentenced to six years in state prison yesterday for molesting two altar boys at St. Lucy's Catholic Church in East Los Angeles.

*false*

The Rev. John Anthony Salazar admitted to orally copulating a 14-year-old boy and fondling a 13-year-old boy when he pleaded guilty to two felony counts in May, Deputy District Attorney Kenneth Wullschleger said. The molestations occurred between November 1984 and June 1985.

*false*

*false*

According to Wullschleger, Salazar, who taught at Santa Teresita School in the City Terrace area, molested the boys when he had them over to spend the night in his living quarters on the church grounds.

"He often told them he was doing a sexual survey," Wullschleger said. Later, the priest told authorities he "thought he was in love with the boys," the prosecutor said.

A spokesman for the archdiocese declined comment, referring the matter to an attorney, who could not be reached late yesterday.

Four additional felony charges and two misdemeanors involving three other boys were dismissed as part of a plea bargain after the victims, who had

testified against the priest at a preliminary hearing, asked to withdraw from the case, Wullschleger said.

The mothers of the alleged victims dropped from the case joined a group of more than 100 letter-writers in urging Superior Court Judge Michael Burke not to send the 10-year veteran priest to prison.

*false 1/2 yes*

The defense proposed sending Salazar to Villa Louis Martin, a New Mexico facility for troubled priests where an Orange County priest was sent last year as a condition of probation for molesting an altar boy. William Monroe was the attorney for both priests, Wullschleger said.

But Burke, relying in part on a 90-day prison diagnostic exam that recommended state prison, refused the request, going beyond the three-year term sought by the prosecution.

Wullschleger said the study concluded that Salazar was a pedophile who had "a rather sad background" of being molested by his mother as a child.

Salazar, who checked himself into a residential psychiatric facility for nine months after his arrest, wept throughout yesterday's court session, according to Wullschleger.

The priest's attitude about his actions changed "drastically" over the course of the criminal case, Wullschleger said. "I never saw someone so open in admitting his problem," he said.

*Spoke to Fr. Bankilton  
Aug. 10, 1987. They gave an explanation after all the mess on bus. A drop in altar boys & boys attending summer program. Agreed it was better let him disappear the rumor T.C.*

Los Angeles Times

★ ★ Sunday, August 2, 1987 / Part I 43

A Roman Catholic priest was sentenced to six years in prison for molesting two altar boys at St. Lucy's Catholic Church in East Los Angeles. The Rev. John Anthony Salazar, 31, pleaded guilty to two felony counts. Los Angeles County Deputy Dist. Atty. Kenneth Wullschleger said Salazar, a teacher at Santa Teresita School in the City Terrace area, molested the boys, ages 13 and 14, when he invited them to spend nights at his living quarters on the church grounds.

*false*

*false*

*false*

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John Salazar August 14, 1987

I spoke to Father REDACTED earlier as he had called to say the people at St. Lucy's were upset that their parish had been named in a story in the Herald Examiner. I asked him to send me a copy, which he did. I later talked to him and we agreed that it would be better not to have a follow-up story to correct the matter.

He talked to REDACTED who wrote a letter to the Herald. REDACTED REDACTED called him, REDACTED but he was reluctant that there be any further story.

She then called me yesterday, and I spoke to her today.

I had already spoken to Father REDACTED this morning and found from him that REDACTED had written a letter. Father had also given an explanation after all the masses last Sunday. REDACTED had asked for an interview, and he had refused.

She told me that he would not talk to her because I had forbidden him to do so. I explained that I had talked to him earlier and that we both agreed that it would be better not to have any more publicity about the story. I explained that to her.

She wanted to do a story, not to correct the misinformation, but to explore the impact of all this on the parish, the REDACTED family, the priest, etc.

I called him back to tell him this and again affirm that it was as well there be no follow up.

REDACTED was present while I spoke to REDACTED and also when I called REDACTED after speaking to her.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 1989

FROM: REDACTED

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: John Salazar

REDACTED called to say they are trying to prepare for John's future. He is supposed (REDACTED) to write a report on the whole situation--emphasizing his future situation here.

He asks is the following strong statement he will make to REDACTED REDACTED in this report true? It has to do with Chancery.

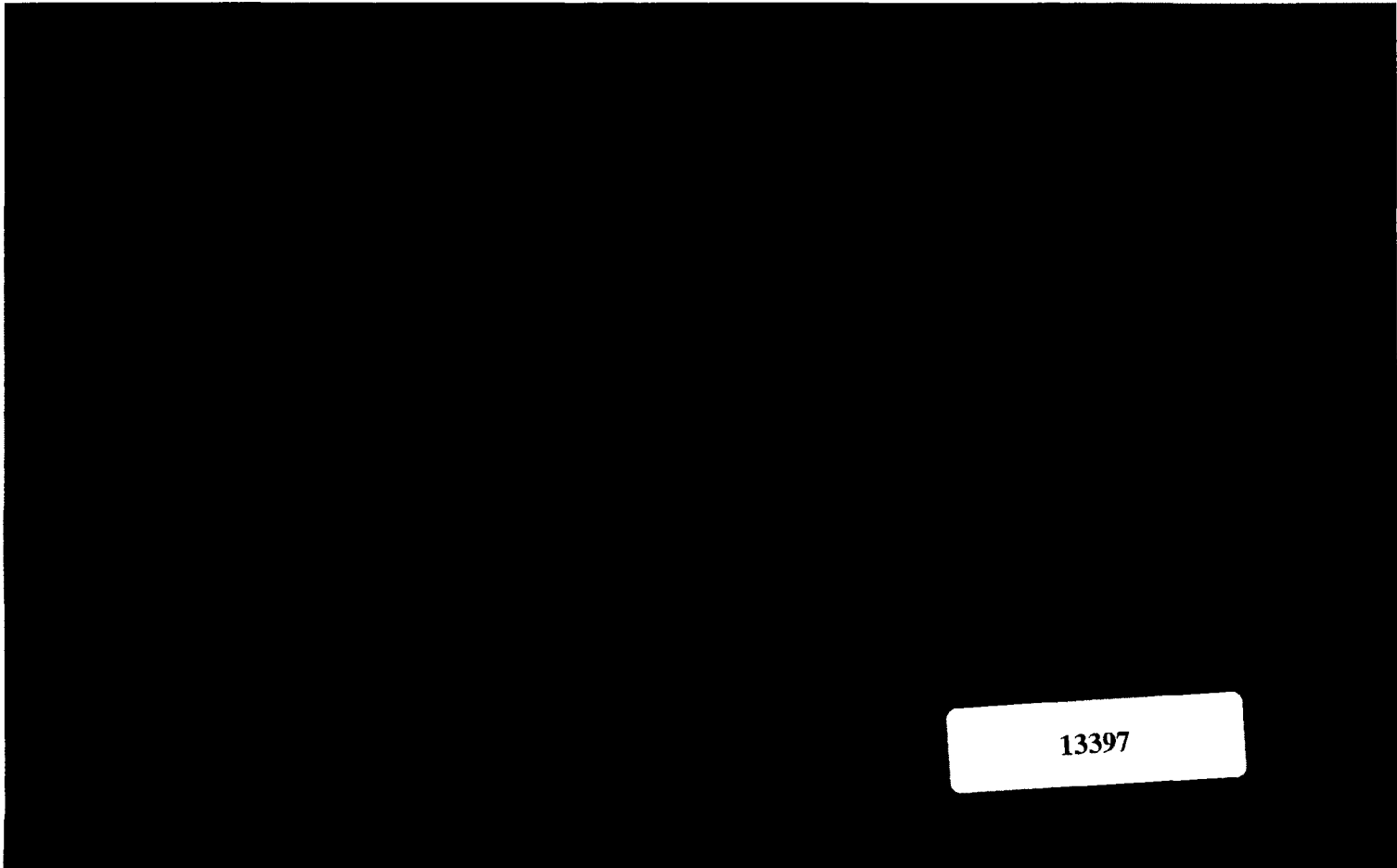
The statement is "There is no way whatsoever that John may receive faculties in the future in the Archdiocese."

It will go only to REDACTED

I told him I would check this with you and either you or I would call him back this afternoon.

REDACTED

*Yes that is true. Shanks.*



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# PIARIST FATHERS

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH -- MARIA AUXILIADORA

January 28, 1990

REDACTED

Foundation House  
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear REDACTED

Attached, please find the authorization by the competent superior concerning the destination of John A. Salazar upon his release from C.M.C. - W., San Luis Obispo, Ca on May 26, 1990.

We know he has been accepted to enter your program and we are also pleased about the good things said about it.

Although the Order of the Piarist Fathers cannot accept the financial burden of his staying, he will be helped by the Order for minor daily expenses.

Even though the official jurisdiction of his case is transferred to the Superior of the Catalonian Province in Spain, it is REDACTED REDACTED clearly stated will that all information concerning John A. Salazar be also relayed to REDACTED REDACTED in Los Angeles:

REDACTED  
3951 Rogers St.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90063

Yours in the love of Christ,  
REDACTED

Secretary

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## PIARIST FATHERS

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH -- MARIA AUXILIADORA

January 28, 1990

REDACTED

C.M.C. - West  
P.O. Box 8403  
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93403

Dear Father REDACTED

On behalf of REDACTED I want to thank you for joining us in our visitation with our brother John A. Salazar. It was indeed very nice of you to be there and furnish us with important information concerning our brother John's future upon his release from C.M.C. - W this May.

Our gratitude and our prayers go with you as you go about your ministry bringing hope and future to our brothers in detention.

On separate sheets, please find REDACTED authorization allowing John A. Salazar to join the program at Foundation House in Jemez Springs, N.M. upon his release.

Thank you so much.

Your brother in the same priesthood of Christ,  
REDACTED

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# PIARIST FATHERS

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH — MARIA AUXILIADORA

January 28, 1990

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, the undersigned, REDACTED REDACTED

of the Catalonian Province of the religious Order of the Pious Schools (also known as Piarist Fathers) do hereby grant permission to our brother John A. Salazar to attend and live at Foundation House entering the Module Program under the direction of the Servants of the Paraclete in Jemez Springs, New Mexico, upon his release from C.M.C. - West on May 26, 1990.

The rationale for the module experience is for John A. Salazar to explore and ascertain the possibility of remaining in the priestly ministry or choose other options.

All pertinent information on his case and final considerations concerning his juridical status with our Order are to be sent to:

REDACTED  
Catalonian Province  
Ronda Sant Pau, 80, 2on  
08001 Barcelona  
Spain

A copy of progress reports and evaluations is also to be sent to:

REDACTED  
3951 Rogers St.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90063

Executed this day the 28th of January of 1990 at Los Angeles, Calif.

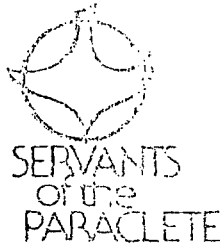
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Copies sent to: REDACTED, Chaplain C.M.C. - W. S.L.Obispo, Ca.  
REDACTED, Attorney at Law. Santa Ana, Ca.  
REDACTED Foundation House, Jemez Springs, N.M.

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COPY



OFFICE OF THE SERVANT GENERAL

February 1, 1990

REDACTED

The Catalonian Province  
Ronda Sant Pau, 80, 2on.  
08001 Barcelona  
Spain

Dear and Reverend REDACTED

My letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28, 1990 granting permission to the Reverend John A. Salazar, Sch.P. to attend and live at Foundation House, Servants of the Paraclete, Jemez Springs, New Mexico, 87025, USA., upon his release from C.M.C. - West on May 26, 1990. We are prepared to receive Father Salazar as a resident at Foundation House on or about May 26, 1990, or any time thereafter. The Foundation House Therapeutic Module Program in which he will be a participant begins July 16, 1990 and concludes December 7, 1990. During the interim between May 26, 1990 and July 16, 1990 we provide for Father Salazar physically, therapeutically and spiritually. Once the July 16, 1990 Module Program begins, there will be progress reports roughly at one month intervals which will be sent to yourself and to REDACTED REDACTED in Los Angeles, California, USA.

We appreciate that Piarist Community will be providing Father Salazar with financial resources for minor daily expenses. The Servants of the Paraclete, through our fund raising efforts, will provide Father Salazar with a scholarship to cover the costs of the his board, room and therapeutic program.

Please feel most welcome to contact me REDACTED  
REDACTED at any time in Father  
Salazar's regard. Approximately in October or November of 1990, we  
will be holding a Discharge Planning Conference with Father

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REDACTED

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Salazar, several clinical staff persons, myself and hopefully a representative from the Piarist Fathers. We will be in contact with you and Father REDACTED well in advance, so that we might negotiate a mutually convenient date and time for Father Salazar's Discharge Planning Conference.

Thank you for your support of the ministry of the Servants of the Paraclete to priests and Brother in personal difficulty, through the opportunity of working with Father Salazar. We ask for your prayers for our ministry, as we remember your community and your ministry in our prayers.

Sincerely in Christ for His priests and Brothers,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED  
3951 Rogers Street  
Los Angeles, CA. 90063, USA

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# diocese of amarillo

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL

REDACTED

California Vicariate of the Piarist Fathers  
 3951 Rogers Street  
 Los Angeles, CA 90063

May 23, 1991

REDACTED

Dear Father

REDACTED received a very favorable recommendation from  
 REDACTED, representing Foundation House at  
 Jemez Springs, New, Mexico, regarding Father John A. Salazar,  
 Sch. P. Based on this recommendation he is willing to give  
 Father Salazar an assignment ad experimentum.

We need clarification regarding Father Salazar's canonical  
 situation, his status with the Piarist Fathers, and the necessary  
 consent from his appropriate religious superior that he be given  
 assignment within the Diocese of Amarillo.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 REDACTED

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GÚRIA PROVINCIAL

RONDA SANT PAU, 89  
TEL. 341 26 04 - FAX 329 67 02  
08001 BARCELONA

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AMARILLO

REDACTED

El que suscribe, REDACTED Provincial  
de Catalunya e inmediato superior del P.John Salazar SchP., tiene  
mucho gusto en saludarle y agradecerle haya aceptado al P.John Salazar  
en su diócesis.

Su situación canónica actual es la de sacerdote profeso de  
votos solemnes, perteneciente a la Orden de las Escuelas Pias, incan-  
dinado en la Provincia de Catalunya (España), con permiso de ausencia  
de su comunidad por razón de su situación personal.

Doy mi permiso para que el P.John Salazar trabaje en su dió-  
cesis ad experimentum.

Con la expresión de mis mejores sentimientos, en Cristo.  
Barcelona, 4 de junio de 1991.

REDACTED

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 1991  
FROM: REDACTED  
TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
RE: Rev. John Salazar

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Inasmuch as our knowledge of Father Salazar is such that we would never allow him again to be in this Archdiocese, I think it might be wise for you to communicate with REDACTED of Amarillo, to be sure that he is fully informed about the case.

It would seem to me that there would even be legal implications for us in the Archdiocese if we did not go on record stating our experience and conclusions about the matter.

Incidentally, REDACTED REDACTED the Calasanzians, was willing to give us Father Salazar's address, and I suspect he thought that we would share his happiness in that he had finally found a placement for him.

Let me know if I can do anything further on this for you.

*Yes - please get me a brief summary of the matter - I will write*

REDACTED  
REDACTED

*9-12-91*

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Rev. John Salazar  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
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October 8, 1991

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

REDACTED

P.O. Box 5644  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
Amarillo, TX 79117-5644

Re: John Salazar  
REDACTED v. Salazar, et al.)  
Our File Number: 17895

Dear REDACTED

By way of follow-up to our telephone conversation earlier today, I am enclosing copies of the following:

1. A copy of the entire criminal file in People v. Salazar (the information is marked with the yellow "Post-It";
2. A copy of the first amended complaint in REDACTED v. Salazar, et al., filed in Los Angeles Superior Court;
3. A copy of the Los Angeles Times article (December 14, 1986) concerning the REDACTED case; and,
4. A copy of the Los Angeles Daily Journal article (October 13, 1987) concerning a similar, unrelated case, in Orange County.

It is rare that insurance coverage will extend to molestation claims.

Where the church or religious entity is on notice of prior molestations, and the subject molests again, courts have very little difficulty in holding the religious entity liable.

The Piarist Order, which I represent, has no money, no assets, and no insurance.

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Re: John Salazar  
October 8, 1991  
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Therefore, on behalf of our client, we respectfully but firmly request that John Salazar be removed from any pastoral or other work where he is likely to come into contact with children.

I will be pleased to discuss the matter further with you, but I would like a reply to our client's request.

Very truly yours,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

**Enclosures**

cc: REDACTED  
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(The Piarist Fathers, Inc.)  
REDACTED

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

October 23, 1991

REDACTED

REDACTED  
Amarillo  
P. O. Box 5644  
Amarillo, TX 79117

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**If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**With kindest personal regards, I am**

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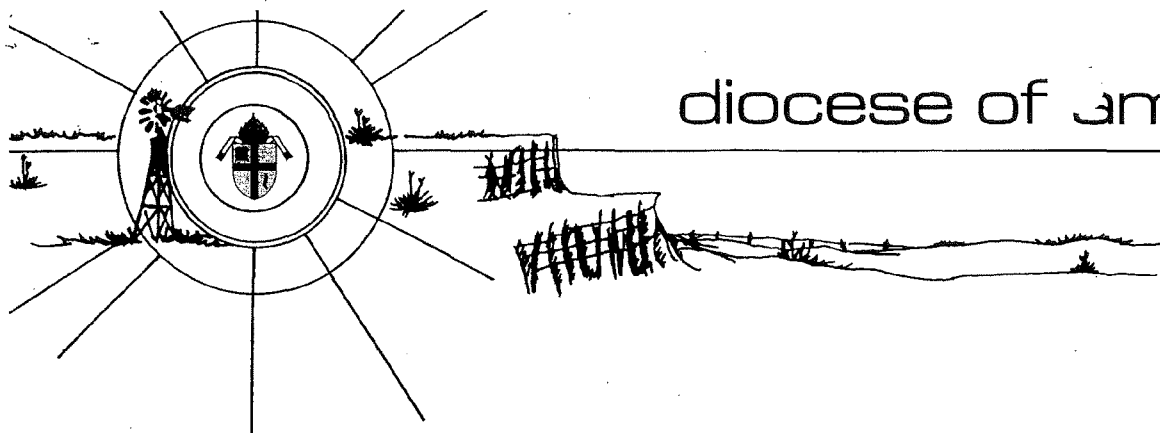
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# diocese of amarillo

Cardinal Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles  
Office of the Archbishop  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

**CONFIDENTIAL**

October 25, 1991


Dear Cardinal Mahony,

Thank you for your letter of advisement concerning Father John Salazar, Sch. P.

Your words will be given serious consideration.

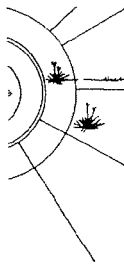
With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Leroy T. Matthiesen  
Bishop of Amarillo

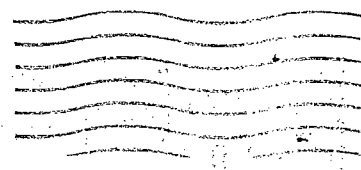
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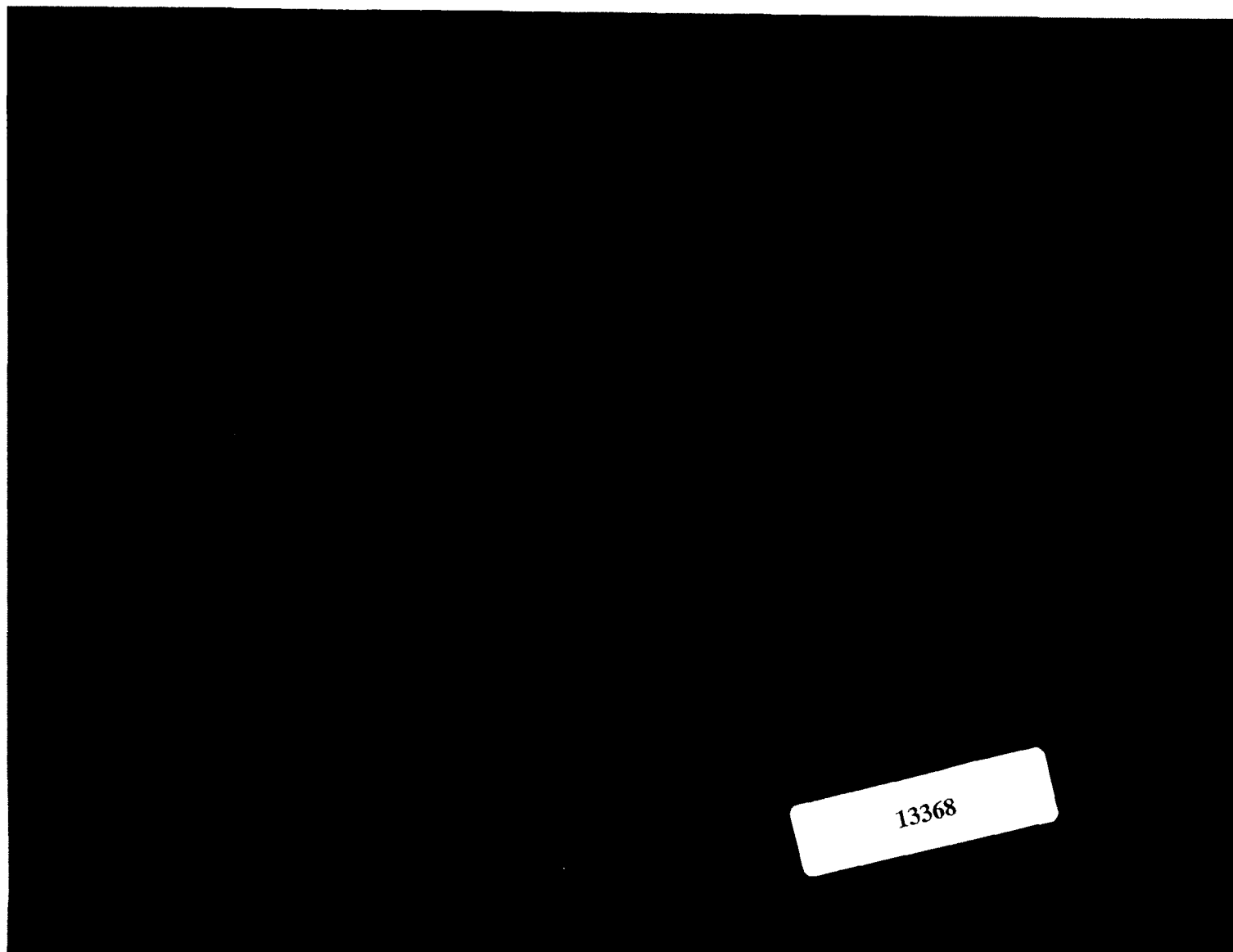
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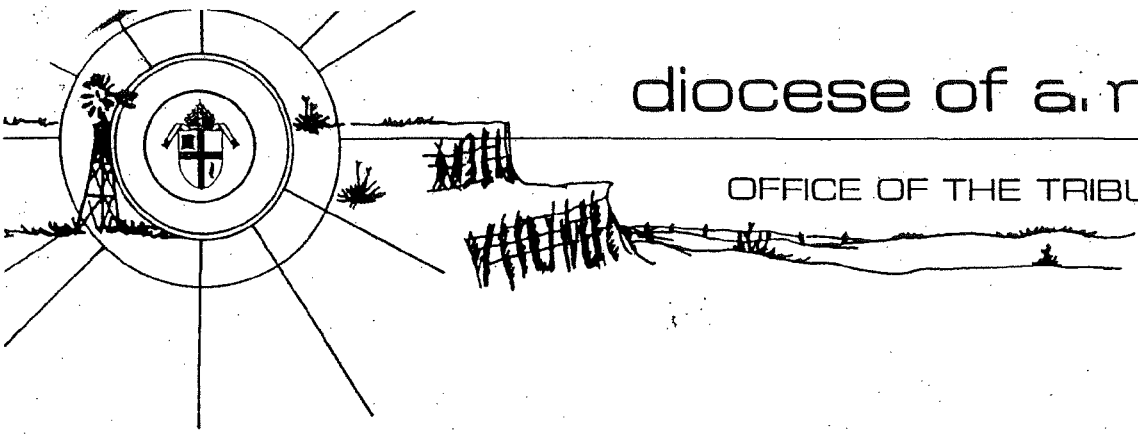


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# diocese of amarillo

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**OCT 28 1991**

MORGAN, WENZEL & McNICHOLAS

Mr. REDACTED  
REDACTED

October 25, 1991

Dear Mr. REDACTED

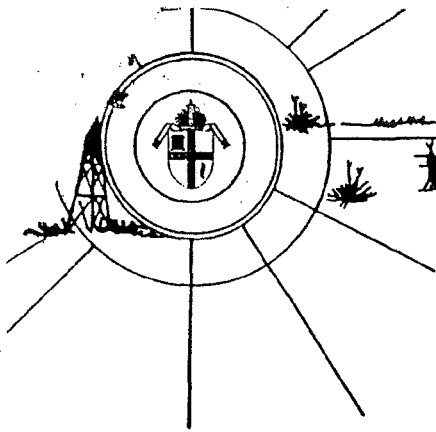
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With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Monsignor James C. Gurzynski  
Judicial Vicar

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# diocese of amarillo

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**REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY**

TO: Fr. Tim Dyer DATE: 10-28-91

- Please REVIEW, then SEE ME
- Please REVIEW, then RETURN to me
- Please REVIEW, then SEND me your COMMENTS
- Please REVIEW, then FILE
  
- Please HANDLE this matter ENTIRELY
- Please ANSWER; send copy of letter to me
- Please WRITE A REPLY for my signature
- For your INFORMATION
- Please XEROX - FAX and send copy/copies to:

original to file       original back to me

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thanks!*

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October 30, 1991

Reverend Monsignor James C. Gurzynski  
Judicial Vicar  
Diocese of Amarillo  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
P.O. Box 5644  
Amarillo, TX 79117-5644

Re: John Salazar  
REDACTED v. Salazar)  
Our File No.: 17895

Dear Monsignor Gurzynski:

Thank you for your letter of October 25, 1991 in which you advised me that you are preparing documents to incardinate John Salazar in the Diocese of Amarillo.

Please keep me informed as to the progress of this matter.

Warmest regards,

REDACTED

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cc: REDACTED

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

January 23, 1992

Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan  
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio  
3339 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008-3687

Dear Archbishop Cacciavillan:

I am writing to express my very grave concern because of the apparent willingness of Bishop Leroy Matthiesen, the Bishop of Amarillo in Texas, to accept into his Diocese for active priestly ministry priests who are known and proven to be seriously disordered and whose past priestly ministry demonstrates a grave danger for any parishioners to whom they would minister.

The first case involved the Reverend John Salazar, Sch.P., a member of the Piarist Fathers, who was convicted in the Criminal Courts, served jail time, and was sued civilly because of his actions. A copy of my letter to Bishop Matthiesen dated October 23, 1991 is attached.

The second and most recent case involves the Reverend REDACTED  
REDACTED

I am very reluctant to write to you about this matter, but I do believe that Bishop Matthiesen is placing the Church in our country and his parishioners at grave risk by taking the actions he has chosen.

I would be very open to provide you any further information or details in these cases, should you so request.

Because of the serious civil consequences that could redound to the Catholic Church in our country because of these decisions by Bishop Matthiesen, I am

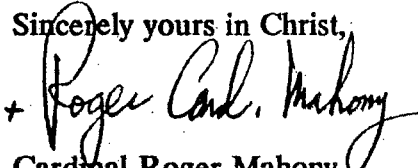
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*January 23, 1992*  
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taking the liberty to send a copy of this letter and its attachments to Monsignor Robert Lynch, the General Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, so that he and our General Counsel might be aware of this very serious situation.

Remaining available to assist you further in this matter if required, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Cardinal Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Reverend Monsignor Robert Lynch  
General Secretary, NCCB

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

January 23, 1992

Most Reverend Leroy T. Matthiesen  
Bishop of Amarillo  
P.O. Box 5644  
Amarillo, TX 79117

Dear Bishop Matthiesen:

REDACTED

Because this case closely duplicates the case of Father John Salazar, Sch.P., about which I wrote you on October 23, 1991, I really have no choice but to present these matters to Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, our Apostolic Pro-Nuncio. I fear that you are placing the Church and your parishioners at serious and grave risk because of your decisions to place in active priestly assignment

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*Confidential Letter to Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen*  
*January 23, 1992*  
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priests whom we all know have very serious psychological difficulties and disorders, and which could redound negatively and harmfully on your parishioners.

REDACTED

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Roger Card. Mahony*

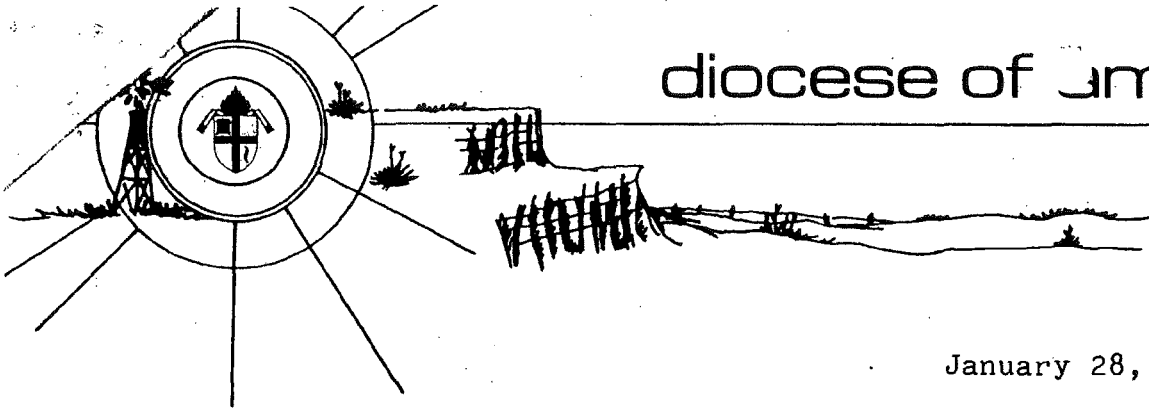
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Archbishop of Los Angeles

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## diocese of Amarillo



January 28, 1992

CONFIDENTIAL

Cardinal Roger Mahony  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles CA 90015-1194

Dear Cardinal Mahony:

REDACTED

I consider the case of Father John Salazar, Sch. P., to be quite different. I have full disclosure from him, you, his community, and the Servants of the Paraclete, who recommended him for priestly ministry. He continues in therapy here, meeting monthly with a psychiatrist in whom I have full confidence, and with a priestly support group. I personally stay in close touch with him. He continues to do fine work and is highly regarded by the parishioners.

You must think that I don't screen applicants well. I assure you I do, and that I have rejected a number of them.

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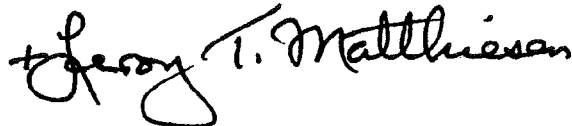
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January 28, 1992

The Diocese of Amarillo has 38 parish priests and 38,000 registered Catholics. I can give it very personal care. I am able to keep careful tabs on all our priests. I am doubly concerned that no harm is done to our Catholic people, for both the moral and legal consequences. What I observe now is a lot of good taking place.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leroy T. Matthiesen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen

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## CLERGY DATABASE

Last: Salazar Sch.P. Title: Rev. First: John Middle:

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10/23/91 Excerpts from Card. Mahony's letter to Bishop Leroy Matthiesen, the Bishop of Amarillo, Texas: Card. has learned that he accepted Fr. for priest ministry in his Diocese. The news was communicated to his Provincial. The REDACTED family and other families who decided not to bring civil lawsuits against Fr. and the Ad. were very serious. REDACTED was significant. 01/23/92 Card. Mahony wrote to the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to expr his concern because of the apparent willingness of Bishop Leroy Matthiesen, accept into his Diocese for active priestly ministry priests who are known a proven to be seriously disordered and whose past priestly ministry demonstra a grave danger for any parishioner to whom they would minister. Such is the with Fr. Salazar who was convicted in the Criminal Courts, served jail time, was sued civilly because of his actions. 11/30/94 We received word from Fr. Joaquin Hereu, Sch.P., the Provincial of the Order that Fr. Salazar was incardinated into the Diocese of Amarillo, TX on 10/19/94.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 1994  
 FROM: REDACTED  
 TO: Msgr. Dyer and C-File  
 RE: Rev. John Salazar

Left Archdiocese February 1986

Was a Calasanzian Father. We have a sizeable C-File.

Today we received a call from Rev. Joaquin Hereu, Sch.P. in which he informed us that Father Salazar was incardinated into the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas on October 19 this year.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****MEMORANDUM****January 15, 1995**

**TO:** Cardinal Mahony  
**FROM:** Father Timothy Dyer TD  
**RE:** Rev. John Salazar

I have received word from Rev. Joaquin hereu, Sch. P., that former Piarist, Fr. John Salazar was incardinated into the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas in October 1994.

As you know, we have a substantial C-File on Fr. Salazar regarding molestation of minors.

Attached is one of your letters to Bishop Matthiesen on the subject. Since we are, therefore, "on file" -- I don't suppose there is much more you can or need to do.

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April 23, 1998

Most Reverend John W. Yanta, D.D.  
Bishop of Amarillo  
P.O. Box 5644  
Amarillo, Texas 79117

Dear Bishop Yanta,

I think you should know that, earlier today I was called by the secretary of Fr. Sergio Negro, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fresno, with an inquiry about Father John Salazar, a priest of your Diocese. She had received an inquiry from a REDACTED whose sister also lives in your Diocese.

REDACTED was seeking to verify if Father John Salazar-Jimenez, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, in Tulia, Texas, was the same Father John Salazar who had at one time been a Piarist Father. It seems her sister has grave concerns about Father Salazar-Jimenez's behavior, citing the altar servers do not want to serve Mass with him. She was inquiring if it was true that he had a history in California of problems with minors.

In case you are not aware of the history in this case, I have attached a copy of Cardinal Mahony's letter of October 23, 1991, to your predecessor, Bishop Matthiesen.

I thought you should be aware that there is concern over this priest's behavior and that inquiries are being made into his past. I advised Father Negro's secretary to encourage the woman involved to contact your office directly.

PAX!

Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis  
Vicar for Clergy


cc: Reverend Sergio P. Negro, V.G.

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**Confidential Database Clergy**



**Victims**

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**Therapist**

02/12/1986 Mrs. REDACTED met with Msgr. Curry. She asserted that over a period of almost two years, her son, REDACTED, who is now 15 years-old, has been sexually abused by Father John Salazar. The incidents took place on a camping trip and while he was staying at Casa Calasanz. She informed REDACTED That Father is undergoing psychological counseling by REDACTED and that the latter had reported the case to the authorities. REDACTED also informed him that two other adolescent boys were involved. Msgr. Curry told her that he would contact Father Salazar's superiors immediately. Her concern was that he be removed from contact with youth. After Msgr. Curry met with REDACTED, he checked with Father REDACTED and found this to be correct. Msgr. Curry wrote to the Provincial to inform him that he had terminated Father Salazar's appointment in the Ad. and that he no longer possesses the faculties of the Ad. He checked himself into a residential psychiatric facility for nine months after his arrest. 07/31/1987 He was sentenced to six years in state prison for molesting two altar boys at St. Luchy's in East LA. 3/1991 Excerpts from Card. Mahony's letter to Bishop Leroy Matthiesen, REDACTED Amarillo, Texas: REDACTED has learned that he accepted Father for priestly ministry in his Diocese. The news was communicated to REDACTED the REDACTED family and other families who decided not to bring civil lawsuits against Father and the Ad. were very serious. REDACTED 01/23/1992 Card. Mahony wrote to the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to express his concern because of the apparent willingness of Bishop Leroy Matthiesen, to accept into his Diocese for active priestly ministry priests who are known and proven to be seriously disordered and whose past priestly ministry demonstrates a grave danger for any parishioner to whom they would minister. Such is the case with Fr. Salazar who was convicted in the Criminal Courts, served jail time, and was sued civilly because of his actions. 01/15/1995 We received word from Fr. Joaquin Hereu, Sch.P.; REDACTED of the Order that Fr. Salazar was incardinated into the Diocese of Amarillo, TX on 10/19/1994. -- 02/02/2000 File was sent to Archives.

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**Cox, Msgr. Craig A.**

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**From:** REDACTED  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2002 3:52 PM  
**To:** Cox, Msgr. Craig A.  
**Subject:** Call from REDACTED REDACTED

REDACTED Diocese of Amarillo, TX, returned your call. You can call him at home this evening at REDACTED  
REDACTED or he will call you tomorrow morning before 9:00 a.m.

REDACTED

*SPOKE TO HIM.  
NOW OUT OF MISSION.*

TO: File  
FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox  
RE: Reverend John Salazar (originally Sch.P., later Amarillo, Texas)  
DATE: 23 April 2002

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I received a phone call this morning from REDACTED Pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Sun Valley. His phone is REDACTED

Father REDACTED had spoken with REDACTED who claims to have been abused by a Father John Salazar, a Piarist priest, during the time he served at St. Lucy Parish in Los Angeles. The phone number of Mr. REDACTED

According to Father REDACTED the Archdiocese supposedly helped this young man with some therapy earlier, but REDACTED has no record of this. Perhaps it was the Piarists who did this.

Our records indicated that Father Salazar went to the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas. I phoned their chancery and eventually connected with REDACTED He informed me that Father Salazar was recently removed from all ministry and will not be reinstated.

I phoned Father REDACTED and passed along this information. He will be in touch with REDACTED REDACTED. I told Father REDACTED that if REDACTED is seeking additional help, it might be best to refer him directly to REDACTED of the Piarist Fathers rather than have him go indirectly through us. I promised to write REDACTED

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April 23, 2002

**Personal and Confidential**

REDACTED

Piarist Fathers Provincial House  
3940 Perry Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

REDACTED  
Dear Father

It is my sad duty to write to you to pass along a report about Father John Salazar, a former member of your community. REDACTED spoke with his pastor, Father REDACTED of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Sun Valley. Father REDACTED contacted me.

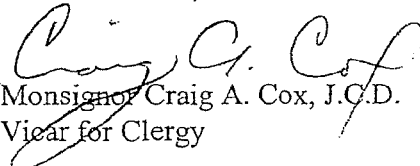
As you know, Father Salazar was arrested, convicted of misconduct and sentenced in the 1980's. As you also know, he left the Piarists and was incardinated into the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas. Currently, he has been removed from ministry.

REDACTED indicated to Father REDACTED that he had received some counseling in the past and had been doing well, but the spate of news stories has unsettled him. Father REDACTED will communicate to him that Father Salazar is out of any priestly ministry. That assurance that no one else is at risk often brings great comfort to victims.

Should REDACTED desire some additional counseling, Father REDACTED will refer him to you. Since he was a Piarist at the time of the events in question, the Diocese of Amarillo cannot be expected to offer counseling. I trust that, if REDACTED contacts you to seek pastoral assistance, you will respond to him appropriately. If you wish the names of well qualified counselors who might assist, please feel free to contact REDACTED or REDACTED REDACTED here.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

  
Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
Vicar for Clergy

cc: REDACTED

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Cox, Msgr. Craig A.

From: Bishop T. J. Curry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 10:34 AM
To: Monsignor Craig Cox (E-mail)
Subject: John Salazar Case

Dear Craig:

First of all, I want to thank your staff for being such a help to me. I called on Friday regarding materials pertaining to the John Salazar case, and both REDACTED were most helpful. REDACTED immediately got all the materials that pertained to my time in the office and faxed them to me.

This morning I spoke to Officer REDACTED of the LAPD. She wanted to know was if the Archdiocese had paid for counseling for REDACTED in 1987. At that time, REDACTED was an adult and was not one of the four who has made the complaints about Salazar that lead to his arrest. Because he was an adult, the matter apparently was not reported to the police by the counselor.

The Office had talked to REDACTED earlier this month, and he had told her that he had been contacted by the mother of REDACTED in 1987 and that she had asked for help for her son. REDACTED then contacted me to see if counseling could be arranged. He knows that REDACTED did receive counseling, but he is not aware if the Archdiocese paid for it or if the Community did so. Shortly after the contacted me he left to study in Rome and was not involved further.

There is nothing pertaining to his matter in the materials REDACTED sent me, and I do not remember the incident.

Would it be possible to find out if there is anything in the file or elsewhere to indicated if we either arranged with the Piarist Community to provide counseling or if the Archdiocese paid for it?

I told the Office I would find out what I could and get back to her.

Sorry to add to your many burdens. I will be home in case you have any questions.

Many thanks,

+TC

Handwritten note: Called REDACTED 10/22/03 REDACTED will look for info in album

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to Bishop Curry who  
then was Progr. Curry,  
Vicar

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*BISHOP (MAY)  
APPLIED - NOTHING  
MONT NEEDS*

Cox, Msgr. Craig A.

To: Bishop T. J. Curry  
Subject: RE: John Salazar Case

Tom,

I have gone through the entire file we have on Fr. Salazar, and also spoken with REDACTED. The first time the name of REDACTED appears in the file is April of 2002, when I learned that he had claimed to be a victim of Fr. Salazar. I wrote the current provincial of the Piarists at that time, but did not ask him to report back to me. REDACTED does not recall that we ever paid anything for therapy of REDACTED. There is nothing in the file reflecting that REDACTED contacted you about this gentleman.

It may be that REDACTED informed you, and you simply phoned the Piarists and referred the young man to them. I can call REDACTED to inquire about this if you wish, or perhaps you would want to speak to him directly. If you do speak with him, please let me know what you learn.

I hope this helps.

Craig

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# Los Angeles

## 2 Ex-Priests Charged in L.A. Molestations

One of them has served time in prison. They are the fourth and fifth former priests to be charged by county prosecutors.

By RICHARD WINTON  
Times Staff Writer

Two former priests, including one who was already imprisoned for child molestation, have been charged with sexually assaulting minors in Los Angeles, authorities said Monday.

John Anthony Salazar, believed to be at large in Canada, was charged with sexually assaulting a male student at St. Bernard High School and an altar boy at St. Teresita Church in Los Angeles.

Salazar was convicted of mo-

lestering children in 1988 and served nearly three years of a six-year prison sentence. While on parole, he was hired by the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, where he worked for 11 years.

Matthew Michael Sprouffske, 75, was arrested at his home in Darien, Ill., on Monday afternoon and was being held in lieu of \$200,000 bail. He was charged with four felonies, committing lewd acts with minors under the age of 14.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles said the church had been advised of the allegations against Sprouffske, who was removed from the priesthood in April.

The spokesman said the church was unaware of the new allegations against Salazar.

They are the fourth and fifth former priests to be charged in Los Angeles County Dist. Atty.

Steve Cooley's investigation of criminal misconduct in the Roman Catholic priesthood.

Sprouffske was charged with crimes allegedly committed in 1955 and 1959. Salazar was charged with crimes allegedly committed from 1980 to 1983.

Sprouffske allegedly molested a female relative in the 1950s when he was assigned to Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles, said Deputy Dist. Atty. William Hodgman, who heads the Sex Crimes Unit.

"What this priest did warrants prosecution. This is not the oldest case we are prosecuting," Hodgman said.

Salazar, who resigned from the priesthood in May, was serving at a parish in the Diocese of Amarillo. He faces up to six years in prison.

He was sentenced in 1987 to six years in prison for molesting two altar boys at St. Lucy's

Catholic Church in East Los Angeles. He plead guilty to two felony counts.

He was convicted of molesting the boys, ages 13 and 14, when he invited them to spend nights at his living quarters on the church grounds.

At the same time, he was teaching at the Santa Teresita School in Los Angeles.

After serving time in prison, Salazar was allowed to return to the active ministry by a bishop in Amarillo. He was hired directly from a treatment program for sexual abusers in New Mexico, where he was paroled.

He was last assigned to the Church of Holy Spirit in Tulla near Amarillo.

Hodgman said Texas authorities were helping to track Salazar. Law enforcement sources said Monday they believe that Salazar may have gone to Canada.

Sprouffske was a member of the Carmelite order. Salazar was a Fiarist priest. Neither order returned calls for comment Monday.

J. Michael Hennigan, attorney for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, said the archdiocese was informed in April of Sprouffske's removal from the active priesthood.

The Carmelite order informed Los Angeles Archdiocese officials that a previously reviewed and resolved allegation had been reexamined, Hennigan said.

The alleged victim, police said, contacted Napa police earlier this year, and the matter was referred to the LAPD.

The district attorney's office has already charged two former priests and one retired priest with multiple counts of child molestation.

All are awaiting preliminary

hearings, where a judge will determine if there is enough evidence to order them to stand trial.

Former priest Michael Stephen Baker, 54, of Long Beach is charged with molesting a boy repeatedly from 1976 to 1981. Former priest Carlos Rodriguez, 37, of Commerce is charged with molesting an altar boy in the mid-1980s. Retired priest G. Neville Rucker, 82, of Los Angeles is accused of molesting 10 girls over a nearly 30-year period dating to 1946.

All three have pleaded not guilty.

Police agencies across the Los Angeles Archdiocese, which includes Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, are investigating more than 70 former and current priests.

Los Angeles prosecutors may file charges in at least 10 other cases.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
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CURT HAZELL • Director

December 23, 2002

REDACTED

601 South Figueroa Street, Suite 3300  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: People v. John Anthony Salazar, Case No. BA239265 ✓  
REDACTED

Dear Mr. REDACTED

Enclosed is a copy of the complaints filed in the above-entitled cases. The attorney for Anthony Salazar is REDACTED who may be contacted at REDACTED REDACTED. The attorney for REDACTED is Deputy Public Defender REDACTED who may be contacted REDACTED REDACTED.

REDACTED is out of the office until December 30, 2002. I will inform him that you are awaiting his decision regarding the stipulation. If you have any questions regarding these subpoenas, please contact me at (213) 974-1611.

Very truly yours,

REDACTED  
District Attorney

REDACTED

Enclosures

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Los Angeles, CA 90012  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
01 JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR (8/20/1955),  
aka JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR-JIMENEZ  
Defendant(s).

CASE NO. BA239265

**FELONY COMPLAINT  
FOR ARREST WARRANT**

The undersigned is informed and believes that:

**COUNT 1**

On and between January 1, 1980 and December 31, 1982, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of ORAL COPULATION OF A PERSON UNDER 18, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288a(b)(1), a Felony, was committed by JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR, who did unlawfully participate in an act of oral copulation with REDACTED a person under the age of eighteen years.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require the court to order you to submit to a blood test for evidence of antibodies to the probable causative agent of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Penal Code section 1202.1."

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to provide specimens and samples pursuant to Penal Code section 296. Willful refusal to provide the specimens and samples is a crime."

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Penal Code section 290. Willful failure to register is a crime."

It is further alleged, pursuant to Penal Code section 803(g), as to to count 1 that the statute of limitations has been extended.

"The District Attorney alleges that prosecution of the above-described crime(s) is commenced pursuant to Penal Code section 803, subdivision (g)(3)(A)(iii), and further alleges that:

- on June 17, 2002 the victim reported to a law enforcement agency that he, while under the age of 18 years, was the victim of a sexual crime, as specified in Penal Code section 803, subdivision (g);
- a complaint was filed within one year of the date of that report;
- the limitation period specified in section 800 or 801 has expired as to the charged crim(s);
- the crime(s) involved substantial sexual conduct;
- there is independent evidence that clearly and convincingly corroborates the victim's allegation, to wit evidence that this defendant sexually abused other child victims.

"It is further alleged that these crimes were committed under circumstances of duress as contained within the definition of Penal Code section 667.6."

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COUNT 2

On and between January 1, 1981 and December 31, 1983, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of ORAL COPULATION OF A PERSON UNDER 16, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288a(b)(2), a Felony, was committed by JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR, who did unlawfully, being over the age of 21 years, participate in an act of oral copulation with REDACTED a person under the age of sixteen years.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require the court to order you to submit to a blood test for evidence of antibodies to the probable causative agent of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Penal Code section 1202.1."

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to provide specimens and samples pursuant to Penal Code section 296. Willful refusal to provide the specimens and samples is a crime."

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Penal Code section 290. Willful failure to register is a crime."

It is further alleged, pursuant to Penal Code section 803(G), that the statute of limitations has been extended.

"The District Attorney alleges that prosecution of the above-described crime(s) is commenced pursuant to Penal Code section 803, subdivision (g)(3)(A)(iii), and further alleges that:

- on June 17, 2002 the victim reported to a law enforcement agency that he, while under the age of 18 years, was the victim of a sexual crime, as specified in Penal Code section 803, subdivision (g);
- a complaint was filed within one year of the date of that report;
- the limitation period specified in section 800 or 801 has expired as to the charged crime(s);
- the crime(s) involved substantial sexual conduct;
- there is independent evidence that clearly and convincingly corroborates the victim's allegation, to wit evidence that this defendant sexually abused other child victims.

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It is further alleged that the preliminary arrangements requisite to the commission of the above violation occurred in the city and county of Los Angeles within the meaning of Penal Code section 781 and the holding of People v. Malloy (1962) 199 Cal.App.2d 219.

"It is further alleged that these crimes were committed under circumstances of duress as contained within the definition of Penal Code section 667.6."

Further, attached hereto and incorporated herein are official reports and documents of a law enforcement agency which the undersigned believes establish probable cause for the arrest of defendant(s) JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR, for the above-listed crimes. Wherefore, a warrant of arrest is requested for JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR.

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER BA239265, CONSISTS OF 2 COUNT(S).

Executed at LOS ANGELES, County of Los Angeles, on November 22, 2002.

DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

STEVE COOLEY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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It appearing to the Court that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for the above-named defendant(s), for all the charges in this complaint, the warrant is so ordered.

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Judge of the Above Entitled Court

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FELONY COMPLAINT - ORDER HOLDING TO ANSWER - P.C. SECTION 872

It appearing to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty thereof, to wit:

(Strike out or add as applicable)

<u>JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR</u>				
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I order that the defendant(s) be held to answer therefor and be admitted to bail in the sum of:

JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

and be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County until such bail is given. Date of arraignment in Superior Court will be:

JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR \_\_\_\_\_ in Dept \_\_\_\_\_

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# Last Jailed Priest in County Is Released

As court ruling's effects unfold, the D.A. vows to press an inquiry into alleged sex abuses by clergy.

By STEVE BERRY AND RICHARD WINTON  
Times Staff Writers

The only priest still jailed while awaiting trial in Los Angeles on child molestation charges was released Monday as the county's top prosecutor vowed to press forward with his

investigation of alleged wrongdoing in the Roman Catholic Church.

"This is not over by any means," Dist. Atty. Steve Cooley said Monday. "The fat lady hasn't sung yet."

"There is no doubt there was a huge moral institutional failing and personal moral failing," Cooley said. "Whether that amounts to criminal culpability remains to be seen. We don't have the facts yet."

Across California, prosecutors struggled Monday with the legal ramifications of a controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling that prohibits prosecution in decades-old child molestation offenses. The decision affects about 800 cases statewide, involving people who have been convicted, who have confessed or who have charges pending. About 200 cases are in Los Angeles County.

Prosecutors are finding an average of about 10 cases per county in California that are affected by the ruling, said Nancy O'Malley, head of the sexual assault committee of the California District Attorneys Assn.

In other developments Monday:

■ Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Horwitz ordered former priest Carlos Rene Rodriguez released from County Jail, pending a court appearance July 9.

■ Superior Court Commissioner Jeffrey Hafkavy said he probably would dismiss child molestation charges against John Anthony Salazar on Wednesday.

■ In Ventura County, a judge dismissed molestation charges against retired priest Carl Suthphn.

In each case, judges cited the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Last week's ruling overturned a portion of a California law that allowed prosecution of certain sex offense cases, even if the stat-  
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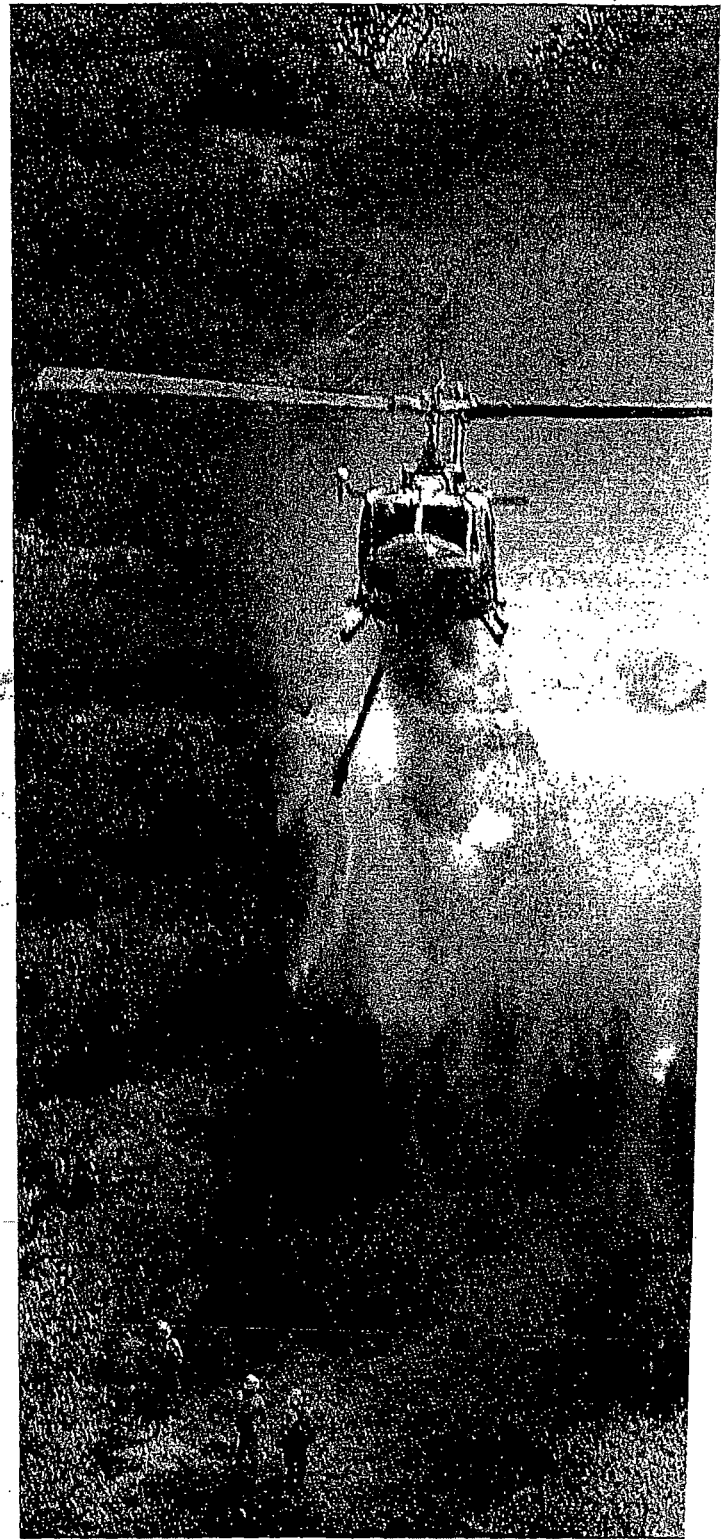
Stanley "Tookie" Williams, 49, convicted of four 1979 murders, is on death row.

## Crips Target of Prison Lockdown

A link between an expected execution and possible attacks on staff is under investigation.

By JENIFER WARREN AND DAN MORAIN  
Times Staff Writers

SACRAMENTO — Authorities at Corcoran State Prison have locked 1,300 African American general-population inmates in their cells with limited privileges as they investigate whether



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# Last Priest Still Jailed in L.A. County Is Released by Judge

[Priest, from Page B1] ute of limitations had expired, if district attorneys filed charges within a year after the offense was reported.

In Rodriguez's case, Deputy Los Angeles County Public Defender Arthur C. Braudrick said he expects the case to be dismissed, probably on a motion by the prosecution.

Rodriguez, 46, of Commerce, was charged with molesting an altar boy from 1985 to 1987 when he served at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Rodriguez has been in jail since September, awaiting trial. His bail was \$400,000.

Salazar's case is expected to be dismissed Wednesday with the defendant's having to return to court, unless the district attorney's office decides to try to continue prosecuting him, the court commissioner said.

Salazar was charged last No-

vember with molesting a youth at the rectory house at St. Bernard High School in Playa del Ray.

"It's a kick in the head," said Carlos Perez-Carillo, 37, the complaining witness in the Salazar case. "I've been in therapy for a year, and I feel like I'm back to square one," he said. "The criminal case would have been priceless for me, because I would have received justice and there would have been a message sent out to people who molest children that they were not going to get away with that."

In Ventura County, the charges against Sutphin, 71, were dismissed at the request of the district attorney's office.

Sutphin was accused of molesting six boys, ages 7 to 12, between 1968 and 1978 while he was an associate pastor at a Camarillo church and a chaplain at an Oxnard hospital.

Saying that those who claimed to have been attacked by Sutphin are extremely disappointed "doesn't even come close to describing the emotions they are feeling right now," Deputy Dist. Atty. Doug Ridley said outside the courtroom. "It's a sad day for victims of child molestation in this state and in this county."

Sutphin, who had pleaded not guilty, had tears in his eyes after Judge James Cloninger granted the dismissal, said defense lawyer James Farley.

In San Diego, authorities have said that they would seek the dismissal of charges against a retired San Diego priest accused of molesting a 15-year-old church worker in the late 1970s. The priest, Franklyn Becker, was



STEPHEN OSMAN *Los Angeles Times*  
**DISMISSAL: A Ventura County judge dismissed charges Monday against former priest Carl Sutphin.**

to priests accused of molesting children.

There was concern that accused priests would leave the country as their criminal cases were dismissed to try to avoid being deposed in the civil litigation, said Venus Soltan, a Costa Mesa attorney. Soltan has filed 30 suits against the dioceses in Southern California and is expected to file at least 20 more.

Once subpoenaed, if they flee, "we can have an order of attachment issued to bring them back to the state of California," said Beverly Hills attorney Raymond P. Boucher, who represents more than 200 alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests. "It significantly limits their ability to hide."

Lager also granted a request by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to halt all other proceedings, at least until the next court hearing on July 17.

Cooley is scheduled to meet today with his top managers and prosecutors to decide how to proceed on the 200 child molestation cases affected by the ruling.

"These cases involve not only priests, but doctors, fathers, boyfriends and Scout leaders," Cooley said.

A pending ruling by a retired judge on whether prosecutors are entitled to more than 2,000 pages of church communications may be key to that decision. Cooley's office is seeking the information through a grand jury subpoena. Lawyers for Mahony and individual priests are fighting to keep them secret.

*Times staff writers Jean Guccione, Li Fellers and Fred Alvarez contributed to this report.*

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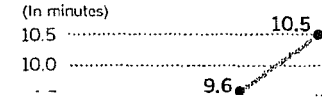
[Police, from Page B1] that response times are not the only measure of effective policing. "Obviously, if you're making an arrest, you're not available for radio calls," he said.

Chief William Bratton "isn't someone who ever put response time at the top of his list," the mayor said.

Hansohn said there could be many reasons for the longer lag

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Gordon Lawler, a city analyst, said officials would discuss the issue with the department and the police union this year. He added that there were no firm plans to change the schedule.

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## Molestation focus shifting

### Alleged victims of priest sexual abuse say they'll push for justice in civil cases

By Michael Gougis  
Staff Writer

As authorities freed more people facing decades-old charges of child molestation, victim claimants and their attorneys announced Monday that they would seek justice in civil court for those abused as children.

During a noontime news conference, alleged victims of abuse by priests expressed their outrage at the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week that overturned California's 1994 law retroactively lifting the statute of limitations on sexual abuse cases.

"I'm hopeful that somehow, some way, justice will be done," said Jackie Dennis, one of several men who claim to have been victims of former priest George Neville Rucker of St. Agatha Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

Rucker was arrested last year while on a

cruise ship in Alaska and pleaded not guilty to 29 felony counts relating to alleged incidents that occurred between 1947 and 1979.

While prosecutors had used the law in high-profile investigations against priests accused of sex crimes decades ago, the ruling affected far more than clergy. Prosecutors are going through at least 200 cases in Los Angeles County — and more than 800 statewide — which could be invalidated by the ruling.

Former priest Carl Sutphin, 71, was ordered released Monday after Ventura County prosecutors sought dismissal of charges stemming from allegations that he abused six boys in local churches in the 1970s.

According to prosecutors, Sutphin was accused of molesting the children on several trips, including a fishing trip and on the way home from a local mission. He was also accused of abusing a child during the

sacrament of confession, prosecutors said.

"Because of his position of authority, he was able to convince the children to go along with the sexual acts, and it took them years to be able to come forward," Ventura County Deputy District Attorney Doug Ridley said. "The victims are disgusted and bitter."

Sutphin, who had pleaded not guilty to the charges, was an associate pastor at St. Vibiana's Cathedral in 1995 and at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

In Los Angeles, a judge ordered former priest Carlos Rene Rodriguez, 46, who had been in custody for nine months, released on his own recognizance. Rodriguez is charged with eight felony counts stemming from alleged crimes that occurred between 1984 and 1986 when he was a priest assigned to St. Vincent's Church in Los Angeles.

And another Superior Court commissioner warned prosecutors that they had

two days to evaluate the case against another former priest, John Anthony Salazar, before ruling on a defense motion to dismiss — something the commissioner suggested he was likely to do.

With the state lifting for one year the statute of limitations on civil claims alleging sexual abuse by clergy, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has been bracing for an onslaught of lawsuits this year anyway. The change in the criminal landscape hasn't altered the way the church is approaching civil litigation, spokesman Tod Tamberg said.

"We're still hoping that we can work toward a mediated settlement of claims against the church," he said.

Staff Writer Grace Lee and City News Service contributed to this story.

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### Charters do more with less, study finds



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### Davis tells trial jury he's loyal to Oakland

Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis testified Monday that he



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West Texas priest accused of sexual assault  
By Domingo Ramirez Jr.  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

IRVING - A Dallas County grand jury will consider a case in which a West Texas priest convicted in the 1980s of molesting children has been accused of sexually assaulting a teen-ager at a motel in September.

A decision by the grand jury is expected this month, authorities said.

The Rev. John Salazar, who has not worked as a parish priest since April 2002, is accused of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old Amarillo man at an Irving motel Sept. 21 after a wedding.

The grand jury received the case after Irving police investigated, authorities said.

The teen and Salazar had been friends for more than five years, family members said.

The teen's mother, REDACTED of Tulia, said the family did not know about Salazar's criminal record.

"We had no idea what he was all about," REDACTED said. "This all just sickens me."

Salazar could not be reached to comment Friday.

His attorney, REDACTED said he didn't expect the grand jury to return an indictment.

"This all is very unfortunate," REDACTED said Friday. "But this one doesn't sound like the real deal. There could be a monetary motive for bringing such an allegation."

Salazar was sentenced to prison in the 1980s for molesting two teen-agers in Los Angeles, according to an official with the Amarillo Diocese.

He was ordained as a priest in Los Angeles after he got out of prison and was hired as a priest in Texas in 1991. He remained at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia until 2002. There, the teen's family members said, he befriended the teen and his family.

Salazar was forced to resign in April 2002 because a new Catholic Church policy required priests accused of sexual misconduct to be removed, said REDACTED a spokeswoman for the Amarillo Diocese.

He was not allowed to celebrate Mass or perform any ministerial duties after his resignation, REDACTED said.

Salazar told the REDACTED family that he had to leave the church because he had some trouble with a woman in the 1980s, REDACTED said.

"We kept in contact even after he left the church," REDACTED said. "He had dinner with us a couple of times."

The family even paid for Salazar's room at the Days Inn in Irving on the weekend of the wedding.

"He knew everyone in the family, so I wasn't surprised to see him," REDACTED said.

According to an Irving police report, the teen became ill early on Sept. 21.

At some point that morning, a man invited the teen into a motel room, where the teen was sexually assaulted, the police report said.

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# 4 Priests Who Avoided Old Charges Facing Prosecution Anew

By RICHARD WINTON  
Times Staff Writer

Four of 10 priests who escaped sexual abuse charges in Los Angeles County last summer after a U.S. Supreme Court decision are facing new charges of sexual abuse.

One former priest faces life in prison in Texas if convicted, two more are awaiting sentencing, and the fourth is awaiting trial in new charges.

"One by one, these guys are going down," said Los Angeles County Deputy Dist. Atty. William Hodgman. "If they struck once, they tend to strike again."

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the 1994 California law allowing the retroactive prosecution of decades-old child sex crimes. But the state attorney general's office has concluded that crimes that occurred after Jan. 1, 1988, are still prosecutable.

Michael Wempe faces trial on allegations that he sexually abused a boy in his hospital chaplain's office as recently as

1995. Earlier molestation charges against Wempe were dropped last summer. He was forced to retire from the ministry in 2002.

John Anthony Salazar was charged with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old in a Texas hotel room last September, six months after charges were dismissed against him for molesting two boys in the 1980s at an Eastside Los Angeles parish. Salazar, who was working as a priest at the time of the alleged assault, has since been removed from the ministry.

Lawrence Lovell, who has been removed from the priesthood, is awaiting sentencing in Prescott, Ariz., for molesting a 13-year-old boy there in the late 1970s. Charges that Lovell abused four altar boys at the San Gabriel Mission from 1980 to 1984 were dropped last year after the high court decision.

Carlos Rene Rodriguez faces 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to molesting two boys at a Santa Paula parish from 1988 to 1993. Rodriguez was

arrested in December, five months after charges that he molested a Los Angeles altar boy in the 1980s were dismissed. He has been removed from the ministry.

Hodgman, the L.A. County prosecutor, said his office is continuing to pursue charges against the 10 priests.

"We haven't finished yet in Los Angeles," he said. "I can say, we expect to charge some of these guys again. It's far from over."

On Wednesday, the 64-year-old Wempe was ordered to stand trial for allegedly molesting a boy, now age 24, as recently as 1995 — a year within the new window of prosecution.

The alleged victim came forward last fall after publicity over the dismissal of charges against Wempe that he molested two brothers in the 1970s — crimes too old to prosecute under the high court ruling.

Wempe is charged with molesting the boy between 1990 and 1995 in his car and chaplain's office at Cedars-Sinai Medical

Center. He was assigned there by Cardinal Roger M. Mahony after the archdiocese learned he had molested other boys in 1980s and sent him for therapy.

Wempe has been a particularly troublesome case for the archdiocese. Mahony has said that he erred in reassigning Wempe instead of forcing him to resign. Wempe, now accused of molesting 13 youths, was forced to retire in 2002 as the priest scandal escalated.

In Texas, the stakes are high for Salazar if he is convicted of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old Amarillo college student. Salazar was previously imprisoned on a California conviction for child abuse.

"Under Texas law, because he has a prior conviction for a sex crime in California, it's a life sentence here," said Howard Blackmon, a Dallas County assistant district attorney.

Salazar, 48, was convicted in 1987 of molesting two boys, ages 13 and 14, in his living quarters at St. Lucy Church in Los Angeles. A registered sex offender, he

served nearly three years of a six-year prison sentence.

After he was assigned to a church-run New Mexico treatment facility for sexually abusive priests, he was hired by the Diocese of Amarillo in Texas in 1991, officials said.

Salazar was a parish priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulla, Texas, until April 2002 when he was forced out of the ministry by Bishop John Yantia. The diocese cut off financial assistance for him in September after the latest allegations, said Cathy Lexa, diocese spokeswoman.

Blackmon said it was in Tulla that Salazar met the man he allegedly assaulted. Sept. 21 as they stayed at the Days Inn in Irving, Texas, for a wedding. The assault allegedly occurred about 2:30 a.m. after the man, feeling sick, was helped to his room by Salazar. The man reported it the next day to the Amarillo Diocese, which contacted police.

Salazar is being held at the Dallas County jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail. His attorney has

denied the charges.

Lovell was convicted of molesting a boy in the San Gabriel Mission in 1986 and subsequently left the ministry.

New charges that Lovell abused four additional altar boys at the San Gabriel Mission from 1980 to 1984 were dropped last year after the Supreme Court decision.

He pleaded guilty recently to molesting a boy in Prescott, Ariz., in 1985 and is awaiting sentencing.

A Maricopa County grand jury indicted him last month for fondling an altar boy at Sacred Heart parish in Phoenix from July 1984 to May 1985, said Bill FitzGerald, spokesman for the Maricopa County district attorney.

Lovell faces a prison term of five to 15 years at sentencing, according to the plea.

In Ventura County, Carlos Rodriguez, 48, pleaded guilty to molesting two boys while serving at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Santa Paula from 1988 to 1993.

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## Abuse Ruling Spares Judge, Priest

By Susan McRae

Daily Journal Staff Writer

Child molestation charges were dismissed Wednesday against former Orange County Superior Court Judge Ronald C. Kline, following last week's Supreme Court ruling overturning a California law that had allowed prosecution of decades-old sex crimes.

Also Wednesday, a former priest became the first Los Angeles County defendant to have his molestation charges dropped, also because of the high-court ruling.

Kline's lawyer, Paul Meyer, asked the court to drop the case, which involved allegations that the former judge orally copulated a 14-year-old boy in 1979.

The case had been on hold pending the outcome of federal child pornography possession charges also filed against the former jurist. Kline, 62, did not appear in court for the hearing.

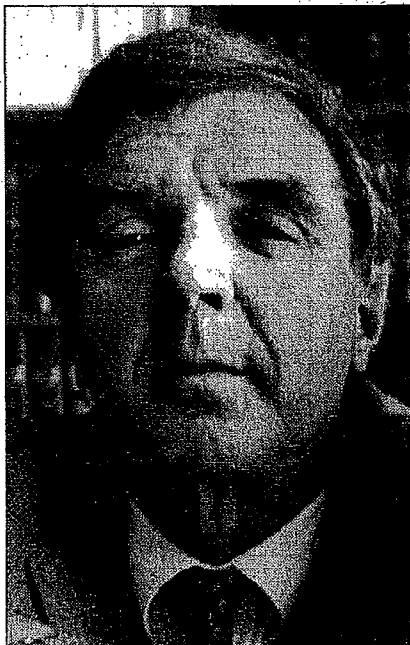
Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Daniel Pratt in the Norwalk courthouse granted the motion, dismissing six felony counts.

"We pled not guilty from Day One in this case," Meyer said after the hearing.

"In all the hoopla about the Supreme Court [decision], let's not forget the presumption of innocence," Meyer added. "I am satisfied that Judge Kline would have been acquitted at trial."

A spokeswoman for the Orange County district attorney's office, which prosecuted the Kline case, said that the office had to obey the Supreme Court decision, which made the extension of the statute of limitations in certain sex crimes unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, at the downtown Los Angeles Criminal Justice Center, Superior Court Commissioner Jeffrey Harkaway dismissed the case of Anthony Salazar, a



RONALD C. KLINE

47-year-old former priest who allegedly sexually molested a male student and an altar boy nearly two decades ago.

Neither Salazar nor his attorney was present for the hearing.

A statement from the Los Angeles district attorney's office said that this was the first case from that office to be dismissed following the court's decision.

According to the California District Attorneys Association, 800 cases statewide likely will be aborted or overturned in wake of the Supreme Court's decision, including 200 to 250 in Los Angeles. The court threw out the law used in their prosecutions, which had allowed sexual-abuse charges to be brought after the statute of limitations

expired.

A handful of other priests and other molestation defendants have been released throughout the state because of the high-court decision.

Kline was up for re-election last year when federal prosecutors charged him with child pornography possession following a tip from a Canadian man who illegally hacked into Kline's home computer. Those charges quickly were followed by allegations from a 37-year-old man that Kline had molested him. The teen allegedly was 14, and Kline in his mid-to-late 30s, at the time.

Kline, who pleaded not guilty to all charges, was allowed to withdraw from a November runoff election.

In Kline's federal case, U.S. District Judge Consuelo Marshall earlier this year threw out key evidence, ruling that the hacker was working as a law enforcement informant when he allegedly found hundreds of pictures of naked boys and a personal diary on Kline's home computer. A hearing is set for Sept. 15 on whether evidence found on Kline's courthouse computer also will be thrown out.

Meyer declined to comment on the pending federal case.

Salazar, who resigned in May from the Amarillo, Texas, diocese, was charged in November with one count of oral copulation of a person younger than 18 and one count of oral copulation of a person younger than 16. The statute of limitations in those cases expired in 1985 and 1986, the district attorney's office said.

Following last week's Supreme Court ruling nullifying California's 1994 retroactive change in the statute of limitations, any case concerning sexual molestations that took place before Jan. 1, 1988, is barred from prosecution.

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## First Former Priest in Los Angeles Has Sex Abuse Charges Dropped

(AP)—Molestation charges against a former Roman Catholic priest were dismissed yesterday because of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against a California law that allowed prosecution of old sex abuse cases in which the statute of limitation had expired.

The case against ~~John Anthony Salazar, 47~~ was the first such prosecution in Los Angeles County to be dropped because of the high court decision.

Salazar was charged with two counts of oral copulation for allegedly molesting a student and an altar boy in the early 1980s. He did not appear for the brief proceeding in which Superior Court Commissioner Jeffrey Harkavy approved a dismissal motion by the district attorney's office.

Irene Wakabayashi, assistant chief of the district attorney's sex crimes unit, said the prosecutions of 10 priests and a seminarian were being reviewed "on a case-by-case basis" but Salazar was given priority because he had been due for a pretrial hearing yesterday.

She said the dismissal was required in response to last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating California's 1994 extension of the statute of limitations on molestations.

The law, prompted by victims who came forward belatedly, had brought a flood of allegations including those against priests. District Attorney Steve Cooley has said that some 200 molestation cases will have to be dropped.

Salazar resigned as a priest in May from the Amarillo, Texas, diocese. The charges against him involved allegations when he was assigned to St. Bernard High School and Santa Teresita Church in Los Angeles.



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# 4 Priests Face New Abuse Charges

Earlier cases were dismissed or dropped after a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court

By Richard Winton Times Staff Writer

Four of 10 priests who escaped sexual abuse charges in Los Angeles County last summer after a U.S. Supreme Court decision are facing new charges of sexual abuse.

One former priest, accused in prison in Texas if convicted, two more are awaiting sentencing and the fourth is awaiting trial on new charges.

One by one, these guys are going down, said Eps Angeles County Deputy Dist. Atty. William Hodgman. If they strike once, they tend to strike again.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the 1992 California law allowing the retroactive prosecution of decades-old child sex crimes. But the state attorney general's office has concluded that crimes that occurred after Jan. 1, 1988, are still prosecutable.

Michael Wempe faces trial on allegations that he sexually abused a boy in his hospital chaplain's office as recently as 1995. Earlier molestation charges against Wempe were dropped last summer. He was

forced to retire from the ministry in 2002.

John Anthony Salazar was charged with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old in a Texas hotel room last September, six months after charges were dismissed against him for molesting two boys in the 1980s at an Ensignside Los Angeles parish. Salazar, who was working as a priest at the time of the alleged assault, has since been removed from the ministry.

Lawrence Lovell, who has been removed from the priesthood as awaiting sentencing in Prescott, Ariz., for molesting a 13-year-old boy there in the late 1970s. Charges that Lovell

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# 4 Priests Face New Sex Abuse Charges

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abused four altar boys at the San Gabriel Mission from 1980 to 1984 were dropped last year after the high court decision.

■ Carlos Rene Rodriguez faces 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to molesting two boys at a Santa Paula parish from 1988 to 1993. Rodriguez was arrested in December, five months after charges that he molested a Los Angeles altar boy in the 1980s were dismissed. He has been removed from the ministry.

Hodgman, the L.A. County prosecutor, said his office is continuing to pursue charges against the 10 priests.

"We haven't finished yet in Los Angeles," he said. "I can say, we expect to charge some of these guys again. It's far from over."

On Wednesday, the 64-year-old Wempe was ordered to stand trial for allegedly molesting a boy, now age 24, as recently as 1995 — a year within the new window of prosecution.

The alleged victim came forward last fall after publicity over the dismissal of charges against Wempe that he molested two brothers in the 1970s — crimes too old to prosecute under the high court ruling.

Wempe is charged with molesting the boy between 1990 and 1995 in his car and chaplain's office at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He was assigned there by Cardinal Roger M. Mahony af-



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**CARLOS RODRIGUEZ:** He has admitted molesting two boys in Santa Paula.

ter the archdiocese learned he had molested other boys in the 1980s and sent him for therapy.

Wempe has been a particularly troublesome case for the archdiocese. Mahony has said that he erred in reassigning Wempe instead of forcing him to resign. Wempe, now accused of molesting 13 youths, was forced to retire in 2002 as the priest scandal escalated.

Leonard Levine, Wempe's attorney, insists that the accuser is trying to avenge his brothers.

In Texas, the stakes are high for Salazar if he is convicted of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old Amarillo college student. Sa-



Los Angeles Times

**MICHAEL WEMPE:** He is charged with molesting a boy at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

lazar was previously imprisoned on a California conviction for child abuse.

"Under Texas law, because he has a prior conviction for a sex crime in California, it's a life sentence here," said Howard Blackmon, a Dallas County assistant district attorney.

Salazar, 48, was convicted in 1987 of molesting two boys, ages 13 and 14, in his living quarters at St. Lucy Church in Los Angeles. A registered sex offender, he served nearly three years of a six-year prison sentence.

After he was assigned to a church-run New Mexico treatment facility for sexually abusive



Associated Press

**JOHN SALAZAR:** He is charged with a sexual assault in September in Texas.

priests, he was hired by the Diocese of Amarillo in Texas in 1991, officials said.

Salazar was a parish priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia, Texas, until April 2002 when he was forced out of the ministry by Bishop John Yanta. The diocese cut off financial assistance for him in September after the latest allegations, said Cathy Lexa, diocese spokeswoman.

Blackmon said it was in Tulia that Salazar met the man he allegedly assaulted Sept. 21 as they stayed at the Days Inn in Irving, Texas, for a wedding. The assault allegedly occurred about

2:30 a.m. after the man, feeling sick, was helped to his room by Salazar. The man reported it the next day to the Amarillo Diocese, which contacted police.

Hospital tests conducted after the assault supported the man's allegation, Blackmon said.

Salazar is being held at the Dallas County jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail. His attorney has denied the charges.

Lovell was convicted of molesting a boy in the San Gabriel Mission in 1986 and subsequently left the ministry. New charges that Lovell abused four additional altar boys at the San Gabriel Mission from 1980 to 1984 were dropped last year after the Supreme Court decision.

He pleaded guilty recently to molesting a boy in Prescott, Ariz., in 1985 and is awaiting sentencing.

A Maricopa County grand jury indicted him last month for fondling an altar boy at Sacred Heart parish in Phoenix from July 1984 to May 1985, said Bill FitzGerald, spokesman for the county district attorney.

Lovell faces a prison term of five to 15 years at sentencing, according to the plea.

In Ventura County, Carlos Rodriguez, 48, pleaded guilty to molesting two boys while serving at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Santa Paula from 1980 to 1993. According to his attorney, James Farley, he decided to plead guilty to spare the victims from testifying.

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# Former Priest Charged With Molestation to be Released

(CNS)—A former priest accused of child molestation was ordered released from jail yesterday in light of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down a law allowing for prosecution of old sex crimes.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David Horwitz ordered Carlos Rene Rodriguez—who has been in custody for about nine months—released on his own recognizance.

It's unclear when the release-processing procedure would be completed and Rodriguez freed, said defense attorney Arthur Braudrick.

Rodriguez, 46, is due back in court July 9, when prosecutors are expected to announce whether they will oppose the case being dismissed.

Rodriguez's lawyer told reporters outside court that he fully expects the case to be dismissed then—likely on the prosecution's own motion.

"Mr. Rodriguez wants to get out of jail, live his life and put all this behind him," Braudrick said.

Rodriguez is the third former priest to be ordered released from jail on his own recognizance in connection with the Supreme Court's ruling.

Last week, former priests Michael Wempe and Lawrence Joseph Lovell were ordered released from jail as a result of the high court's ruling. Their cases are due back in court July 8 and July 11, respectively.

Meanwhile, also yesterday, Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Jeffrey Harkavy said he will likely grant the defense's motion to dismiss the case against another former priest, John Anthony Salazar.

The commissioner gave the prosecution two days to evaluate its options in light of the high court's ruling.

Salazar was escorted out a back exit of the downtown Los Angeles courthouse by sheriff's deputies.

Salazar, Rodriguez, Wempe and Lovell are among 10 former priests recently charged in connection with child molestation cases, with charges against one dating back to the 1940s.

Two priests already have been ordered to stand trial; others are awaiting similar hearings or extradition from other states or Canada.

Besides the former priests, prosecutors have filed criminal charges against a former seminary student accused of molesting two boys in the 1980s.

Several other potential cases remain under investigation by the Los Angeles Police and Sheriff's departments and other agencies in Los Angeles County, according to officials with the District Attorney's Office.

After the Supreme Court's ruling last week, District Attorney Steve Cooley said his office will review more than 200 cases that might be affected.

# Charges Dropped Against 4 Suspected of Sex Crimes

After a Supreme Court ruling, cases of ex-judge, two ex-priests and an ex-teacher are dismissed.

By CHRISTINE HANLEY  
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*Times Staff Writers*

Child molestation charges were dropped against former Orange County Superior Court Judge Ronald C. Kline and three other suspected Southern California molesters Wednesday following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that bars prosecution of old sex cases.

A San Bernardino judge also ordered the release of a man who recently began serving a sen-

tence for a molestation in the 80s.

One week after Supreme Court justices found a California law unconstitutional because it waived the statute of limitations in sexual abuse cases, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Daniel Solis Pratt dismissed five felony charges against Kline. They stemmed from an incident in which Kline allegedly molested a 14-year-old boy in 1979. Authorities charged Kline after a computer hacker obtained a copy of his diary and forwarded it to police.

Kline's molestation case is one of hundreds statewide that exceed a six-year statute of limitations on molestation and may be abandoned as a result of the

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# Charges Dismissed in 4 Molestation Cases

[Dismissed, from Page B1] high court's ruling. The California attorney general has directed prosecutors across the state to re-examine cases that may be affected by the ruling and estimates that as many as 800 cases may need to be reviewed.

"It's a very difficult process to identify people who were prosecuted under this statute," said Halle Jordan, spokeswoman for the attorney general's office. "We're still trying to figure out how many cases we have here."

Charges were dropped against Kline, who would have faced up to six years in prison if convicted, after defense attorney Paul S. Meyer filed a motion to dismiss them. Saying she had no other choice, Deputy Dist. Atty. Sheila Hanson declined to oppose the motion.

"I'm disappointed that the victim and the public have lost their chance to seek justice for the abuse that occurred," Hanson said. "But the United States Supreme Court has ruled, and as a result, Mr. Kline cannot be prosecuted for these offenses."

After Wednesday's hearing, Kline's lawyer said he would have expected the same outcome had the case gone to trial.

"We plead not guilty from Day One," Meyer said. "In all of the hoopla about the Supreme Court, let's not forget the presumption of innocence. I am confident Judge Kline would have been acquitted in trial."

The dismissal of the state charges is the second dose of good news for Kline in three weeks. It comes after a federal judge's decision to throw out most of the key evidence in a separate child pornography case against him.

Two years after Kline's arrest



**DISMISSED:** Five felony charges against former Judge Ronald Kline have been dropped. One count remains.

and his decision to give up his bid for another term on the Orange County bench, the cases against him have been greatly reduced.

Kline, 64, once faced a combination of state and federal felonies and misdemeanors. Now, unless the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals restores crucial evidence in the federal case, the former judge faces a single federal count of possession of child pornography, a felony that carries a maximum of five years in prison.

In addition to the dismissal of Kline's case Wednesday, authorities in Orange and Los Angeles counties announced the dismissal of charges against two former priests and an ex-teacher.

Orange County prosecutors reported that charges have been dismissed against two abuse suspects, Carl Buley, a Huntington Beach middle school teacher

accused of molesting a female student in the early 1970s, and Ronald Birkmeier, a former priest accused of impregnating a 14-year-old girl who allegedly gave birth to his child almost 30 years ago.

In Los Angeles County, a former priest in the county to have molestation charges dismissed against him. Salazar was charged with molesting a student at St. Bernard High School in Playa del Rey and an altar boy at Santa Teresita Church in Los Angeles more than 20 years ago. Prosecutors said the cases against nine other priests will probably be dismissed as well.

"As Mr. [Dist. Atty. Steve] Cooley said before, it looks like all those are going to be dismissed," said Deputy Dist. Atty. Irene Wakabayashi, assistant head deputy of the sex-crimes division.

Though priests only account for a small fraction of the more than 200 cases throughout L.A. County thought to be affected by the ruling, they are the only cases so far that authorities have been able to identify outright.

The priests' cases are easy to identify, said Jane Robison, spokesperson for the L.A. County district attorney's office. "They are the only pending cases we have right now."

Also Wednesday, in San Bernardino County Superior Court, a judge ordered a 60-year-old man released from jail where he recently began serving a six-year sentence for molesting a female minor in his family between 1980 and 1984. A jury convicted Elk Mallor in January.

Times staff writers Lance Pignone and Monte Morrison contributed to this report.

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### Molestation Case Dropped Against Fifth Former Priest in County

(CNS)—A judge yesterday dismissed criminal charges against the fifth of 10 former priests charged in Los Angeles County in child molestation cases dating back several decades.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David Horowitz granted the prosecution motion to dismiss the case against [redacted] in light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The high court held unconstitutional a California law that extended the statute of limitations on sex crimes. Deputy District Attorney Christy Frey said outside court that the prosecution had no choice but to drop the case in light of the ruling.

"It's very disappointing," she said after the brief hearing. He had confessed twice on tape to these crimes against an altar boy at St. Vincent Church in Los Angeles nearly two decades ago.

Rodriguez's lawyer, Arthur C. Braudrick, said he believed his client was "relieved" about the dismissal. The attorney did not want to comment on the allegations that had been leveled against the former priest.

Rodriguez was at the courthouse, but not in the courtroom to hear the judge's announcement, Braudrick said.

Rodriguez was charged last Sept. 26 with eight counts of committing a sex act on a child under 14. The alleged crimes occurred between September 1984 and September 1986.

Rodriguez conferred with a detective during a police investigation and apologized in a taped conversation to the victim and admitted what he had done, the prosecutor said.

It will be up to authorities in neighboring Ventura and Santa Barbara counties to determine if they can prosecute Rodriguez in other possible cases, Frey said.

Rodriguez was ordered released from jail on his own recognizance shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Since then, cases also have been dismissed against ex-priests Michael Vanni, George Neville Rucker, John Anthony Salza and Matthew Michael Sproullski.

Four other former priests are due in court over the next month to find out whether their cases will go forward or be dropped.

Another former priest, along with an ex-seminary student, were awaiting extradition when the nation's highest court made its ruling on the California law.

# Last Jailed Priest in County Is Released

As court ruling's effects unfold, the D.A. vows to press an inquiry into alleged sex abuses by clergy.

By STEVE BERRY AND RICHARD WINTON  
*Times Staff Writers*

The only priest still jailed, while awaiting trial in Los Angeles on child molestation charges was released Monday as the county's top prosecutor vowed to press forward with his

investigation of alleged wrongdoing in the Roman Catholic Church.

"This is not over by any means," Dist. Atty. Steve Cooley said Monday. "The fat lady hasn't sung yet."

"There is no doubt there was a huge moral institutional failing and personal moral failing," Cooley said. "Whether that amounts to criminal culpability remains to be seen. We don't have the facts yet."

Across California, prosecutors struggled Monday with the legal ramifications of a controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling that prohibits prosecution in decades-old child molestation offenses. The decision affects about 800 cases statewide, involving people who have been convicted, who have confessed or who have charges pending. About 200 cases are in Los Angeles County.

Prosecutors are finding an average of about 10 cases per county in California that are affected by the ruling, said Nancy O'Malley, head of the sexual assault committee of the California District Attorneys Assn.

In other developments Monday:

■ Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Horwitz ordered former priest Carlos Rene Rodriguez released from County Jail pending a court appearance July 9.

■ Superior Court Commissioner Jeffrey Harkavy said he probably would dismiss child molestation charges against John Anthony Salaza on Wednesday.

■ In Ventura County, a judge dismissed molestation charges against retired priest Carl Sullivan.

In each case, judges cited the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Last week's ruling overturned a portion of a California law that allowed prosecution of certain sex offense cases, even if the stat-

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Associated Press

**ARRAIGNMENT:** Former priest John Salazar appears in court for his arraignment. Molestation charges against him may be dismissed Wednesday.



RICHARD HARTOG Los Angeles Times

**RELEASED:** Carlos Rodriguez, an ex-priest accused of child molestation, appears in court prior to his release because the Supreme Court overturned a state law that allowed the filing of charges beyond the statute of limitations.

## Last Priest Still Jailed in L.A. County Is Released by Judge

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ute of limitations had expired, if district attorneys filed charges within a year after the offense was reported.

In Rodriguez's case, Deputy Los Angeles County Public Defender Arthur C. Braudrick said he expects the case to be dismissed, probably on a motion by the prosecution.

Rodriguez, 46, of Commerce, was charged with molesting an altar boy from 1985 to 1987 when he served at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Rodriguez has been in jail since September, awaiting trial. His bail was \$400,000.

Salazar's case is expected to be dismissed Wednesday with the defendant's having to return to court, unless the district attorney's office decides to try to continue prosecuting him, the court commissioner said.

Salazar was charged last No-

vember with molesting a youth at the rectory house at St. Bernard High School in Playa del Rey.

"It's a kick in the head," said Carlos Perez-Carrillo, 37, the complaining witness in the Salazar case. "I've been in therapy for a year, and I feel like I'm back to square one," he said. "The criminal case would have been priceless for me, because I would have received justice and there would have been a message sent out to people who molest children that they were not going to get away with that."

In Ventura County, the charges against Sutphin, 71, were dismissed at the request of the district attorney's office.

Sutphin was accused of molesting six boys, ages 7 to 12, between 1968 and 1978 while he was an associate pastor at a Camarillo church and a chaplain at an Oxnard hospital.

Saying that those who claimed to have been attacked by Sutphin are extremely disappointed, "doesn't even come close to describing the emotions they are feeling right now," Deputy Dist. Atty. Doug Ridley said outside the courtroom. "It's a sad day for victims of child molestation in this state and in this county."

Sutphin, who had pleaded not guilty, had tears in his eyes after Judge James Cloninger granted the dismissal, said defense lawyer James Farley.

In San Diego, authorities have said that they would seek the dismissal of charges against a retired San Diego priest accused of molesting a 15-year-old church worker in the late 1970s. The priest, Franklyn Becker, was



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**DISMISSAL:** A Ventura County judge dismissed charges Monday against former priest Carl Sutphin.

arrested in May 2002 in Mayville, Wis., and was to be extradited to California next week. The California attorney general's office has decided not to pursue extradition, said Peter Quon, deputy attorney general in San Diego.

As prosecutors, defense attorneys and state corrections officials struggled with the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision, the non-criminal claims against priests continued to advance in court.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Marvin Lager, who is overseeing hundreds of claims against the Catholic Church, Monday agreed to let lawyers for alleged victims issue subpoenas

to priests accused of molesting children.

There was concern that accused priests would leave the country as their criminal cases were dismissed to try to avoid being deposed in the civil litigation, said Venus Soltan, a Costa Mesa attorney. Soltan has filed 30 suits against the dioceses in Southern California and is expected to file at least 20 more.

Once subpoenaed, if they flee, "we can have an order of attachment issued to bring them back to the state of California," said Beverly Hills attorney Raymond P. Boucher, who represents more than 200 alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests. "It significantly limits their ability to hide."

Lager also granted a request by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to halt all other proceedings, at least until the next court hearing on July 17.

Cooley is scheduled to meet today with his top managers and prosecutors to decide how to proceed on the 200 child molestation cases affected by the ruling.

"These cases involve not only priests, but doctors, fathers, boyfriends and Scout leaders," Cooley said.

A pending ruling by a retired judge on whether prosecutors are entitled to more than 2,000 pages of church communications may be key to that decision. Cooley's office is seeking the information through a grand jury subpoena. Lawyers for Mahony and individual priests are fighting to keep them secret.

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## 2 Ex-Priests Charged in L.A. Molestations

One of them has served time in prison. They are the fourth and fifth former priests to be charged by county prosecutors.

By RICHARD WINTON  
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Two former priests, including one who was already imprisoned for child molestation, have been charged with sexually assaulting minors in Los Angeles, authorities said Monday.

John Anthony Salazar, believed to be at large in Canada, was charged with sexually assaulting a male student at St. Bernard High School and an altar boy at St. Teresita Church in Los Angeles.

Salazar was convicted of mo-

lestation children in 1988 and served nearly three years of a six-year prison sentence. While on parole, he was hired by the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, where he worked for 11 years.

Matthew Michael Sproufske, 75, was arrested at his home in Darien, Ill., on Monday afternoon and was being held in lieu of \$200,000 bail. He was charged with four felonies, committing lewd acts with minors under the age of 14.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles said the church had been advised of the allegations against Sproufske, who was removed from the priesthood in April.

The spokesman said the church was unaware of the new allegations against Salazar.

They are the fourth and fifth former priests to be charged in Los Angeles County Dist. Atty.

Steve Cooley's investigation of criminal misconduct in the Roman Catholic priesthood.

Sproufske was charged with crimes allegedly committed in 1955 and 1959. Salazar was charged with crimes allegedly committed from 1980 to 1983.

Sproufske allegedly molested a female relative in the 1950s when he was assigned to Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles, said Deputy Dist. Atty. William Hodgman, who heads the Sex Crimes Unit.

"What this priest did warrants prosecution. This is not the oldest case we are prosecuting," Hodgman said.

Salazar, who resigned from the priesthood in May, was serving at a parish in the Diocese of Amarillo. He faces up to six years in prison.

He was sentenced in 1987 to six years in prison for molesting two altar boys at St. Lucy's

Catholic Church in East Los Angeles. He plead guilty to two felony counts.

He was convicted of molesting the boys, ages 13 and 14, when he invited them to spend nights at his living quarters on the church grounds.

At the same time, he was teaching at the Santa Teresita School in Los Angeles.

After serving time in prison, Salazar was allowed to return to the active ministry by a bishop in Amarillo. He was hired directly from a treatment program for sexual abusers in New Mexico, where he was paroled.

He was last assigned to the Church of Holy Spirit in Tulia near Amarillo.

Hodgman said Texas authorities were helping to track Salazar. Law enforcement sources said Monday they believe that Salazar may have gone to Canada.

Sproufske was a member of the Carmelite order. Salazar was a Piarist priest. Neither order returned calls for comment Monday.

J. Michael Hennigan, attorney for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, said the archdiocese was informed in April of Sproufske's removal from the active priesthood.

The Carmelite order informed Los Angeles Archdiocese officials that a previously reviewed and resolved allegation had been reexamined, Hennigan said.

The alleged victim, police said, contacted Napa police earlier this year, and the matter was referred to the LAPD.

The district attorney's office has already charged two former priests and one retired priest with multiple counts of child molestation.

All are awaiting preliminary

hearings, where a judge will determine if there is enough evidence to order them to stand trial.

Former priest Michael Stephen Baker, 54, of Long Beach is charged with molesting a boy repeatedly from 1976 to 1981. Former priest Carlos Rodriguez, 37, of Commerce is charged with molesting an altar boy in the mid-1980s. Retired priest G. Neville Rucker, 82, of Los Angeles is accused of molesting 10 girls over a nearly 30-year period dating to 1946.

All three have pleaded not guilty.

Police agencies across the Los Angeles Archdiocese, which includes Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, are investigating more than 70 former and current priests.

Los Angeles prosecutors may file charges in at least 10 other cases.