

The Accused



Fr. Nicolas Aguilar Rivera
Ordained 1970
Abused at least 26 boys in Los Angeles
On Mexico's Federal Most Wanted List
Mahony knew risk, kept priest in parish

Complete file: http://www.abusedinsocal.com/documents/LA Release/1_31/Aguilar-Rivera, Nicolas.pdf

Complete timeline: http://www.andersonadvocates.com/Files/13/Timeline-of-Fr--Nicholas-Aguilar-Rivera

Rivera

Fr.. Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera, a priest from Cuacnopala, Mexico, was sent to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in March 1987, after he was severely attacked at his previous parish. A letter from Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera to Cardinal Roger Mahony said that Aguilar Rivera had been beaten due to "homosexual issues" involving boys.

In May of 1987, a parish secretary witnessed a victim going into Aguilar Rivera's room. When he asked the boy if the priest was abusing him, the boy said yes. Aguilar Rivera was immediately transferred to St. Agatha's. Within weeks of Aguilar Rivera's arrival at St. Agatha's, the pastor (who later refuses to cooperate with police) witnesses Aguilar Rivera sexually abusing a boy.

In January, parents of two Aguilar Rivera victims at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in East Los Angeles came forward and reported to a nun school teacher and the pastor. He begged the parents to remain silent and told Msgr. (now Bishop) Thomas Curry about the allegations.

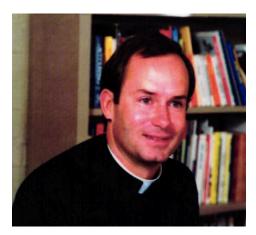
The nun school teacher reported the abuse to the school principal. She called the police. Unfortunately, Curry had already alerted Aguilar Rivera of the danger and allowed the priest to escape to Mexico.

Police and prosecutors in the case stated publicly that the archdiocese hindered any investigation of the crime. They charge that the archdiocese officials, including Roger Mahony and Thomas Curry, abetted Aguilar Rivera's escape, refused to turn over files and names of potential victims, and did not aid in returning the priest to the US.

According to court documents and press reports, accusations against Aguilar Rivera in Mexico date back to the 1970s. He has been accused of molesting at least 26 boys in Los Angeles.

In 1997, Aguilar-Rivera was charged with child sexual abuse in Mexico. Although he was convicted in 2003, he was not sentenced because the judge determined that the charges were too old.

Aguilar-Rivera remains at large and is on Mexico's Federal Most Wanted list on charges of rape and indecent assault. He is also wanted in Los Angeles for charges of lewd acts on a child.



Fr. Michael Steven Nocita Ordained 1977, Laicized 2006

Accused of abuse by at least four girls

Nocita, a former priest in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, was accused of abuse at least two years before his 1977 ordination. Nocita spent most of his career as a teacher and high school principal, where he allegedly targeted his victims. Nocita was put on inactive leave in 1991 due to allegations of abuse. He was laicized in 2006.

At least four girls have come forward and filed lawsuits saying that Nocita sexually abused them. Three were a part of the 2005 Archdiocese settlement with more than 500 victims of abuse.

Schools where Nocita worked include St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, Paraclete High School in Lancaster, and Bishop Allemany High School in Mission Hills.

Nocita's personnel file was released in 2013. As of January 2013, Nocita was married and living in Southern California.

The file and his complete assignment history can be viewed at http://www.abusedinsocal.com/documents/LA%20Release/1_31/Nocita,%20Michael.pdf

The civil complaint can be viewed at: www.abusedinsocal.com.

John Malburg

Former teacher and dean of students, Daniel Murphy High School

Serving prison sentence for child sexual abuse

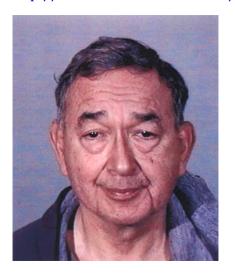
John Malburg, son of Leonis Malburg, the disgraced former mayor of Vernon, spent his 20-year career as a teacher at Daniel Murphy (formerly St. John Vianney) High School.

According to court documents, school officials knew for a decade that Malburg was spending an inappropriate amount of time with students in his home and other locations. In 2005, another teacher at the school found a photo of a nude student on Malburg's scanner and alerted the administration.

Instead of reporting to the police or informing parents, school administrators instead promoted Malburg to dean of students in 2006. Later that same year, Malburg was charged with 12 counts of sexual abuse. Parents at the school learned about the arrest in the press and were angered that the archdiocese did not alert parents of the danger.

Malburg pled guilty to one charge in 2009 and is currently serving an 8-year prison sentence. The victim in this case was the victim who filed criminal charges.

The civil complaint can be viewed at: http://www.abusedinsocal.com/documents/DOC084.pdf.



Fr. George M. Miller

Ordained 1963; placed on inactive leave 1997; Laicized 2005

Pled guilty to sexual abuse

At least six other victims have come forward

Fr. George Miller lived and worked in parishes in Ventura, Oxnard, Pacoima, Carson and Santa Clarita. Allegations of abuse date back to soon after his ordination. Archdiocese documents show that church officials learned about the abuse as early as 1972, more than 20 years before he was finally removed from ministry. In 1996, due to mounting allegations, Miller was sent out of state for treatment at a church-owned facility that treated child-molesting clerics. At the end of the treatment, then-Vicar for Clergy Msgr. Dick Loomis told Miller in a letter that due to changed statutes of limitation for child sexual abuse Miller would need to remain out of the state, so that he and the archdiocese could avoid civil and criminal liability.

At least a dozen additional allegations of child sexual abuse were made against Miller during his career. Although Cardinal Roger Mahony was kept apprised of the allegations against Miller, neither Mahony nor any other church officials aware of the abuse and the risk reported to the police.

Miller was arrested in 2002 for child sexual abuse, but charges against him were dropped after the 2003 US Supreme Court's Stogner decision.

Six child sex abuse civil cases against Miller settled in 2006 and 2007.

In July 2007, Miller was arrested for child sex abuse dating back to 1988. He pled guilty to the charges in 2009 and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Miller's personnel file was released in 2013. It can be viewed at: http://www.abusedinsocal.com/documents/LA%20Release/1_31/Miller,%20George.pdf

Rene Valmonte

Worked in Carson parish

Convicted of child sex abuse

Died in prison

Rene Valmonte, a Philippine national who may have impersonated a priest, worked in a Carson parish where he ingratiated himself into families in the local Filipino community. After working in Los Angeles, he was convicted of child sex abuse. He died of AIDS in prison.