

# Publication of Names of Clergy Credibly Accused of Sexually Abusing a Minor

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**To: Parishes and Members of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

**From: Bishop Brendan J. Cahill**

**Re: Publication of the names of Roman Catholic clergy against whom credible allegations have been made that they committed sexual abuse of minors**

In conformance with Bishop Cahill's desire to encourage accountability in the Church, the governance of the Diocese of Victoria and for the spiritual good and assistance of victims of clerical sexual abuse of minors, the Diocese of Victoria is publishing the names of Roman Catholic clergy against whom credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor have been made.

## **Definition of Credible Allegation**

This list includes only priests and religious who served in the Diocese of Victoria and who have been credibly accused of committing sexual abuse of minors within the Diocese of Victoria. A "credible allegation" is one that the bishop determines there is reason to believe is true after review of reasonably available, relevant information in consultation with the Diocesan Review Board or other professionals.

A determination that an allegation against a member of the clergy is credible and, therefore, should be published, is not equivalent to a finding by a judge or jury that the cleric is liable for sexual abuse of a minor under civil law or has committed criminal sexual abuse of a minor under the Texas Penal Code unless specifically indicated below.

## **Important Information about the formation of the Diocese of Victoria and the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Victoria**

Prior to the formation of the Diocese of Victoria on April 13, 1982, the geographical boundaries that now compose the Diocese of Victoria were parts of three different archdiocese/dioceses. All of the parishes of the El Campo, Schulenburg and Victoria deaneries and the former Hallettsville deanery (with the exception of St. James Parish, Gonzales; Sacred Heart Mission, Gonzales; and St. Patrick

Mission, Waelder) were part of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. The Holy Cross Parish, Bay City and its mission, Sacred Heart, Wadsworth; Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Bay City; Holy Cross Parish, East Bernard; St. John the Baptist Parish, Hungerford; Holy Family Parish, Wharton and its mission St. Joseph, Boling; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wharton were part of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Immaculate Conception Parish, Goliad, and the missions of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Berclair; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Charco; Our Lady of Assumption, Fannin (all three no longer open); and the old Franciscan Presidio La Bahia, Our Lady of Loreto, Goliad were part of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. In addition, in December of 1989 the following parishes entered the Diocese of Victoria from the Diocese of Austin: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Eagle Lake; Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Freelsburg; and St. Roch Parish, Mentz. On March 1, 1995, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe were joined and merged. The parish was named The Parish of the Nativity.

The names of any priests and religious who served in any of the above parishes prior to the parish joining the Diocese of Victoria who have been credibly accused of committing sexual abuse of minors will appear on the list of the respective archdiocese/diocese to which the parish belonged at the time the events leading to the individual being credibly accused occurred.

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	<a href="https://www.archgh.org/">https://www.archgh.org/</a>
Archdiocese of San Antonio	<a href="https://www.archsa.org">https://www.archsa.org</a>
Diocese of Corpus Christi	<a href="https://diocesecc.org/">https://diocesecc.org/</a>
Diocese of Austin	<a href="https://austindiocese.org/">https://austindiocese.org/</a>

**Members of the clergy who served in the Diocese of Victoria against whom allegations of sexual abuse of minors have been made but whose names do not appear on the list**

The Diocese of Victoria has made a diligent effort to include the names of all clergy against whom credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors within the Diocese of Victoria have been made. There have been instances where allegations have been made against a member of the clergy but have been determined not credible, not involving a minor, or not committed in the Diocese of Victoria. The names of members of the clergy who fall into these category are not listed. It is possible that there are members of the clergy that have committed sexual abuse against a minor in the Diocese of Victoria, but whose names do not appear on the list because the abuse was never

reported to the Diocese of Victoria. Any person with knowledge of a member of diocesan clergy whose name is not on the list, and who allegedly committed sexual abuse of a minor within the Diocese of Victoria, should report such allegations to local law enforcement agency and, if the victim is still a minor, to Child Protective Services. Additionally, the individual can also report the allegations to Vicki Pyatt, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach by calling 361-827-7186. The Diocese of Victoria will promptly investigate the allegations.

## **List of Names**

### **David L. Colella, O.Ss.T.**

Reverend Colella is a member of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, O.Ss.T. He was ordained on June 8, 1957. He is currently retired from ministry and residing at the Trinitarians' Provincialate in Baltimore, MD where he is no longer conducting any type of public ministry. While in active ministry, he held the following assignments in the Diocese of Victoria:

1981-1990      Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Victoria, TX  
                    Pastor

### **Alfred Prado, O.M.I.**

Reverend Prado was a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I. He was ordained in 1957. In 1988, he was placed on restricted ministry. In 1997, he was removed from public ministry. In 2004, he was dismissed from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In 2006, he was canonically dismissed from the clerical state. He has since been attempting to conduct ministry in a cult-like community setting in Costa Rica. While in active ministry, he held the following assignments in the Diocese of Victoria:

1981-1983      Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Port Lavaca  
                    Parochial Vicar

### **Guido Miguel Quiroz Reyes**

Reverend Quiroz Reyes was a member of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscan), O.F.M. He was ordained on January 16, 1944. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Victoria on April 11,

1986. He retired from active ministry on August 1, 1988. He died on May 15, 2008. While in active ministry, he held the following assignments in the Diocese of Victoria:

1982-1988 Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Victoria, TX  
Parochial Vicar