

Clerics of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Updated April 24, 2024

1) Juan Alers

*Diocesan Priest*

Born: 1943

Ordained: 1969 for the Archdiocese of San Juan in Puerto Rico

First Affiliated with the Diocese of Lake Charles: 1987

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings

Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale

Chaplain, Torrance County Detention Center, New Mexico

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct: Puerto Rico

Date of Misconduct: 1980-1985

Date Allegation Received by the Diocese of Lake Charles: 1997

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Removal from Ministry in 2002

Current Status:

Deceased (2011)

2) Mark Broussard

*Diocesan Priest*

Born: 1956

Ordained: 1986 for the Diocese of Lake Charles

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

In residence, Saint Henry, Lake Charles

Chaplain, Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles

Pastor, Saint Eugene, Grand Chenier

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings

Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

Saint Henry, Lake Charles

Date of Misconduct: ca. 1980-1991

Date Allegation received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

1994

2009

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Removal from ministry in 1994

Current Status:

Laicized (defrocked) (2013)

Incarcerated (2016)

3) Gerard (Gerald) Smit

*Diocesan Priest*

Date of Birth: 1924

Date of Ordination: 1950 for the Diocese of Nijmegen, Holland

First Affiliated with the Diocese of Lafayette beginning in 1958 and then with the Diocese of Lake Charles in 1980.

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles (and Lafayette):

Parochial Vicar, Saint Joseph, Iota

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

Parochial Vicar, Saint Ann, Youngsville

Temporary Administrator, Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosco

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chataignier

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

Administrator, Saint John Berchman, Cankton

Pastor, Saint John Berchman, Cankton

Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur

Pastor, Saint Raphael, Iowa

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with Minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Youngsville

Cankton

Date of Misconduct: 1950s, 1960s

Date when Allegation was received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

2002

2010

2022 (2)

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Prohibited from all ministry and presenting himself as a priest in 2002.

Since Misconduct took place in the Diocese of Lafayette, investigation turned over to the Diocese of Lafayette in 2002.

Current Status:

Deceased (2022)

4) Charles Soileau

*Diocesan Priest*

Date of Birth: 1928

Date of Ordination: 1957 for the Diocese of Lafayette

First Affiliated with the Diocese of Lake Charles: 1980

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles (and Lafayette):

Parochial Vicar, Saint Peter, New Iberia

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Lourdes, Erath

Pastor, Saint Eugene, Grand Chenier

Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur

Pastor, Saint Anthony, Eunice

Pastor, Sacred Heart, Oakdale

Pastor, Saint Lawrence, Hathaway

Pastor, Saint Joseph, Vinton

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with a minor

Location of Misconduct:

Houston, Texas

Vinton, Louisiana

Date of Misconduct: 1995

Date when Allegation was received by the Diocese of Lake Charles: 1999

Number of Victims: One

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Removed from Ministry in 1999

Current Status:

Deceased (2011)

Clerics and religious who were serving in the Diocese of Lake Charles at the time of the allegation and the diocese was notified of the accusation. The investigation and final disposition of the allegation was the responsibility of the religious order or diocese.

1) Kerry Guillory, OFM Conv.

*Conventual Friars (Franciscans)*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Pastoral Assistant, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Jennings

Date of Misconduct: 1983

Date Allegation received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

1986

2015

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Prohibited from ministry in the Diocese of Lake Charles in 1986. The case was then referred to the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation, Mount St. Francis, Indiana.

Current Status:

Prohibited from Ministry

*Refer to the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation, Mount St. Francis, Indiana for more information.*

2) Brennan Harris, OFM Conv.

*Conventual Friar (Franciscans)*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Principal of Saint Maria Goretti High School, Lake Arthur

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Lake Arthur, Louisiana

Port Arthur, Texas

Date of Misconduct: 1983-1987

Date Allegation received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

1991

1995

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Since he had left the Diocese of Lake Charles before the allegations were received, the Conventual Friars Province of Our Lady of Consolation were informed of the accusations.

Current Status:

Deceased (1993)

*Refer to the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation, Mount St. Francis, Indiana for more information.*

3) Gregory Mosca, OSB

*Olivetian Benedictines*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Pastor, Saint Henry, Lake Charles

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Saint Henry, Lake Charles

Houston, Texas

Date of Misconduct: 1980-1982

Date Allegation received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

1986

1993

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Removed from Ministry in 1986.

Current Status:

Deceased (2018)

*Refer to the Olivetan Benedictines of the Abbey of Santa Maria di Monte Oliveto Maggiore, Italy for more information.*

4) Edmund Normantowicz, MS

*LaSalette Missionaries*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Pastoral Assistant, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur

Pastoral Assistant, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur

Pastoral Assistant, Our Lady of LaSalette, Sulphur

Pastoral Assistant, Immaculate Conception, Sulphur

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Sulphur, Louisiana

Date of Misconduct: 1976-1978, 1980

Date of Allegation received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

2003

2019 (Informed by the LaSalette Missionaries)

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Since he had left the Diocese of Lake Charles before the allegations were received, the LaSalette Missionaries in Hartford, Connecticut were informed of the accusations.

The LaSalette Missionaries informed the Diocese of Lake Charles of the 2019 accusation; the Diocese of Lake Charles informed law enforcement and is cooperating with the investigation.

Current Status:

Deceased (2024)

*Refer to the LaSalette Missionaries in Hartford, Connecticut for more information.*

5) Simon Palathingal, SBD

*Religious Congregation of the Salesians, Bangalore Province*

Date of Birth: 1942

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct with minors.

Location of Misconduct:

Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles

Date of Misconduct: 2000

Date when Allegation was received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

2000

2002

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Prohibited from performing ministry in the Diocese of Lake Charles

Informed the Salesian Provincial of the Accusation in 2001.

Current Status:

Incarcerated in Wisconsin (2004)

*Refer to the Salesian Province, Bangalore Province in India for more information.*

6) Valerie Pullman

*Diocese of Lafayette*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

In Residence, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles

Accusation:

Sexual abuse of a minor.

Location of Misconduct:

Our Lady of Lake, Lake Arthur

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles

Date of Misconduct: 1971/1972,1987

Date Allegation received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

October 1999, February 2021

Number of Victims: More than one

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Returned to the Diocese of Lafayette in 1987 before the accusation was received.

Current Status:

Deceased (2017)

*Refer to the Diocese of Lafayette for more information.*

Clerics who served in the area before Lake Charles became a diocese, and against whom the Diocese of Lake Charles received an accusation.

1) Richard Chachere

*Diocesan Priest of the Diocese of Lafayette*

Assignments in the Lake Charles Area:

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Accusation:

Sexual Misconduct of a minor.

Location of Misconduct:

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School

Date of Misconduct: ca. 1964

Date when Allegation was received by the Diocese of Lake Charles:

2009

Number of Victims: One

Response from the Diocese of Lake Charles:

The Diocese of Lake Charles referred the case to the Diocese of Lafayette.

Current Status:

Deceased

*Refer to the Diocese of Lafayette for more information.*

Religious who served in the Diocese of Lake Charles, who appear on other lists of known Perpetrators, and for whom the Diocese of Lake Charles has no knowledge of an accusation of misconduct.

1) Austin Park, SJ

*Jesuits US Central and Southern Province*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

In Residence, Saint Philip Neri, Kinder

Current Status:

Deceased (2013)

*Refer to the Jesuits US Central and Southern Province for more information.*

2) Louis Perrault, CSSp

*Holy Ghost Fathers*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles

Current Status:

Deceased

*Refer to the Diocese of San Bernardino in California for more information.*

*Refer to the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Province of the United States for more information.*

3) J. Patrick Walsh, SJ

*Jesuits US Central and Southern Province*

Assignments in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

Saint Louis High School, Lake Charles

Current Status:

Deceased (1993)

*Refer to the Jesuits US Central and Southern Province for more information.*

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