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Those Credibly Accused of Sexually Abusing a Minor

The list of those who have abused a minor is divided into four parts:

- Living Members of the Western Province
- Deceased Members of the Western Province
- Former Members of the Western Province
- Former Members no longer Affiliated with the Society of the Divine Word

Living Members of the Western Province

These members of the Western Province have been credibly accused of the sexual abuse of a minor. They are prohibited from performing public ministry, are not able to wear clerical attire or identify themselves as priests or religious and are not to have any contact with minors. Their conduct is strictly monitored.

| Name/Dates | Location/Time of Abuse | Assignment Locations |
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| Ponciano Ramos Born: 1946 Employee: 1960-79 Ordained: 1985 Current location: Riverside CA | Philippines / 1960s Indianapolis IN / 1992 | Philippines 1960-1970s Techny IL 1979 Bay St Louis MS 1980-1981 Chicago IL 1981-1985 Indianapolis IN 1985-1994 Riverside CA 1994–Present |

Deceased Members of the Western Province

These are members who of the Western Province against whom there is a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. Included in this list are members who sexually abused a minor while in the Western Province and then were transferred to another Province and are now deceased.

| Name/Dates | Location/Time of Abuse | Assignment Locations |
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| Raymond Etienne Born: 1937 Ordained: 1979 Deceased: 1998 | Camp Riverside CA / 1967-1969 Camp Riverside CA / 1972 Camp Riverside CA / 1975-1977 | Riverside CA 1959-1969 Epworth IA 1970 Riverside CA 1971-1977 Weston MA 1977 Riverside CA 1978 Oakland CA 1979 San Bernardino CA 1980-1988 Oakland CA 1988 |

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| | | Riverside CA 1988 Bay St Louis MS 1989-1998 |
| Joseph Fertal Born: 1931 Ordained: 1959 Deceased:2021 | Techny IL / 1968 Niles IL / 1971 Scranton PA / 1972 Corona CA / 1995 | Philippines 1960-1967 Techny IL 1967-1972 Philippines 1972-1989 California 1990-1994 Dittmer MO 2004-2016 Techny IL 2016-2021 |
| Peter Alphonse Horne Born: 1918 Professed: 1947 Deceased: 1991 | California / 1958 East Troy WI / 1960 Washington DC / 1968-1970 | Bay St Louis MS 1953-1957 Riverside CA 1958 Epworth IA 1959 East Troy WI 1960 Washington DC 1961-1963 Conesus NY 1964 Washington DC 1965-1978 Conesus NY 1979 Augusta GA 1980-1991 Techny IL 1991 |
| Bro William Morgan Born: 1919 Employee: 1947-78 Professed: 1979 Deceased: 2008 | Columbia MD / 1980-1990s | Bordentown NJ 1947-1949 Papua New Guinea 1950-1991 Bordentown NJ 1992-1985 Western Province 1995-1997 East Troy WI 1998-2008 |
| Lucas Bao Telema Born: 1946 Ordained: 1975 Deceased: 2011 | Los Angeles CA / 1995-1997 | 1975-1993: Indonesia Los Angeles CA 1993-1997 Indonesia 1997 Indonesia 2011 |
| Vance Thorne Birth: 1921 Ordination: 1953 Deceased: 2004 | Los Angeles CA / 1957-1959 Vicksburg MS / 1960s Jackson MS / 1970s | Ghana 1953 Bay St Louis MS 1954-1957 Los Angeles CA 1957-1959 Southern Province 1960-1991 Bordentown NY 1991-2004 |
| Bro. Camillus (Michael) Turkalj Born: 1907 Professed: 1934 Deceased: 1987 | East Troy WI / 1955 Riverside CA / 1959-1962 | Techny IL 1934 Duxbury MA 1934-1936 East Troy WI 1938-1938 Techny IL 1939-1944 East Troy WI 1945-1950 Epworth IA 1951-1952 East Troy WI 1953 Techny IL 1954 East Troy WI 1955 Gogebic MI 1956 |

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| | | Perrysburg OH 1957-1958 Riverside CA 1959-1962 Pittsburgh PA 1963 Hollywood CA 1964-1976 Techny 1977-1987 |
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Former Members of the Western Province assigned to another province

THERE ARE NO PERSONS IN THIS GROUP

Credibly accused Members who are alive but assigned to another province of the Society of the Divine Word. When they were transferred by the Superior General, a full disclosure was made about the allegation of abuse along with a recommendation that they not be allowed to engage in public ministry and that they be prohibited from all contact with minors.

| Name/Dates | Location/Time of Abuse | Assignment Locations |
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Former Members of the Western Province who are no longer SVDs

Members who are no longer affiliated with the Society of the Divine Word against whom there is a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor that occurred while they were affiliated.

| Name/Dates | Location/Time of Abuse | Assignment Locations |
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| Alejandro Castillo Born: 1953 Ordained 1981 Current location: Unknown | Ontario CA / 2003-2004 Ontario CA / 2008-2009 | Los Angeles CA 1981 Los Angeles CA 1982 San Bernardino CA 1988 Riverside CA 1989 San Bernardino CA 1989 Sacramento CA 1996 Rialto CA 1999 Ontario CA 2003-2010 Left the SVD: 2010 |
| Dominic Gaioni Born: 1939 Ordained: 1967 Current location: Italy | Los Angeles CA / 1981 | Philippines 1968 Los Angeles CA 1981-1985 Riverside CA 1985 San Bernardino CA 1991 Philippines 1993 Italy 1998-2008 Left the SVD: 2008 |