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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the past sixteen years, in compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we have had in place protocols for reporting abuse to law enforcement, background checks for anyone working with youth, ongoing training in awareness and prevention of abuse, and policies to ensure appropriate interaction between youth and adults in all our programs. In the wake of recent national reports of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, on August 18, 2018, I informed Catholics in northern Nevada that I wanted a review of our commitment as a diocese to safeguard all minors. I asked the Diocesan Review Board, comprised of lay women and men, to conduct this review. Since then the members of the board have diligently undertaken this task. In addition to an examination of current policies and procedures, I also asked them to review the clergy files because I decided, as a measure of transparency and accountability, to make public the names of clergy and religious who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing minors.

As a result of this review, the Diocesan Review Board recommended the following [list of names of priests and religious](https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#List) (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#List>) who have been credibly accused. The determination of a "credible" accusation was based on such factors as corroborating evidence or criminal prosecution or admission of guilt by the accused. The process of determining credibility was not a formal legal process. In publishing this list, it is our hope that it may bring some healing to those who have been abused. We can read the names of the perpetrators, but what is not seen in print are those men and women who have suffered the harm inflicted and the pain they have carried through their lives. That clergy inflicted such grave injury on minors fills me with shame and sorrow. In the name of the Diocese of Reno I offer my profound apology to them and to their families.

The clergy files examined extend back over eighty years from the inception of the Diocese of Reno. The following list includes names of clergy and religious who served in the twelve counties that currently comprise the diocese: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe. In the first three categories, the priests and religious were accused of committing sexual abuse of minors in the state of Nevada. Those listed are:

1. diocesan priests who formally belonged to the Diocese of Reno, i.e., permanently dedicated to its service (the technical term is "incardinated"):

Robert Anderson (deceased)  
Edmund Boyle (deceased)  
Eugene Braun (removed from ministry)  
Robert Despars (deceased)  
William Duff (deceased)  
Florence Flahive (deceased)  
Harold Vieages (deceased);

2. diocesan priests incardinated in another diocese who worked on a temporary basis in the Diocese of Reno:

Carmelo Baltazar (deceased)  
Timothy Ryan (deceased);

3. religious order priests who worked in the Diocese of Reno:

David Brusky SDS (deceased)  
Stuart Campbell OP (deceased);

4.a diocesan priest who was ordained for service in another diocese and then transferred to and was incardinated in the Diocese of Reno. Many years after his incardination in Nevada, his diocese of origin (the Archdiocese of Louisville) found credible allegations of sexual abuse committed by him when he was part of the Archdiocese of Louisville and has posted his name on its list of credibly accused:

Robert Bowling (deceased).

Most of the priests on the list are deceased and for some of them, an accusation of sexual abuse was made after their deaths. Nevertheless, the Diocesan Review Board found evidence to conclude the accusation was credible.

Recently, allegations have been investigated regarding Philip Napolitano FSR, a member of the Brothers of the Holy Rosary here in Reno. These allegations concerned incidents that took place at St. Christopher's School in Las Vegas between the years 1964-1974. In accordance with the Essential Norms promulgated pursuant to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, a canonical process will be initiated to determine Brother Philip's guilt; at its conclusion, the results will be made public.

The Diocesan Review Board will continue to evaluate all information as it is received and thus the list of names may be updated or expanded in the future.

Anyone who has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy, a church employee or volunteer is encouraged to contact civil authorities and/or the Victims' Assistance Coordinator (Eastern Nevada): Marilyn Janka at 775-753-9542, or (Western Nevada): David Caloiaro at 775-450-3618 or the Diocesan Victim's Assistance Hotline at 1-844-669-8911).

Attached to this letter is the [list of the assignments \(https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#List\)](https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#List) of each of the priests named above.

May God strengthen our resolve as a church to protect children from abuse and to uphold the dignity of every human being.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo  
Bishop of Reno

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## FAQ'S

### **Who is on the list?**

The following list includes names of priests and religious who served in the 12 counties that currently comprise the Diocese of Reno: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe. The Diocesan Review Board (<https://renodiocese.org/safe-environment/#ReviewBoard>), determined that these men have been credibly accused. None of them are still in ministry. In the first three categories, the clergy and religious were accused of committing sexual abuse of minors in the state of Nevada. Those men listed include:

1. diocesan priests incardinated in (formally belonging to) the Diocese of Reno and permanently dedicated to its service;
2. diocesan priests incardinated in another diocese who worked on a temporary basis in the Diocese of Reno; and
3. religious order priests who worked in the Diocese of Reno.

Also included is:

4. a diocesan priest who was ordained for service in another diocese and then transferred to and was incardinated in the Diocese of Reno. Many years after his incardination in Nevada, his diocese of origin (the Archdiocese of Louisville) found credible allegations of sexual abuse committed by him when he was part of the Archdiocese of Louisville and has posted his name on its list of credibly accused.

### **Where are these priests today?**

There are 12 names on the list. Of those, 11 are deceased and the one remaining was removed from ministry in 1974. Some of the accusations of sexual abuse were made after the accused died, but the Diocesan Review Board found evidence to conclude the accusation was credible.

Detailed information on clergy and religious assignments and their dates of service in the Diocese of Reno can be found here (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Anderson>). The Review Board will continue to evaluate all information as it is received and this list of names may be updated or expanded at a future date.

### **How did you determine what names to place on the list?**

The process began with a review of clergy files dating back over 80 years. This review was conducted independently by the Diocesan Review Board, which is primarily comprised of lay men and women with a variety of expertise and experience in areas such as law enforcement, social work, mental health, the practice of law and education. The intent of the file review was to identify clergy who worked in the Diocese of Reno who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.

Determination of credible accusation was based on the presence of one or more of the following factors:

- corroborating evidence;
- criminal prosecution; or
- admission of guilt by the accused.

## **Describe the process the Diocesan Review Board underwent to determine whether to place the name of a clergy member on the list.**

The Diocesan Review Board:

1. Selected members to conduct the initial review of clergy files. These Review Board members evaluated clergy files and identified those needing further review because there might have been potential for sexual abuse of minors. Those files were brought to the full board for examination.
2. Developed criteria for credibly accused to be used throughout the review process. Determination of credible accusation was based on the presence of one or more of the following factors:
  - corroborating evidence;
  - criminal prosecution; or
  - admission of guilt by the accused.
3. Conducted a thorough review of each clergy file that had been flagged for potential abuse of a minor. The committee determined whether the case met the established criteria for credible accusation based on the material available. Those meeting any one of the three criteria were included on the list.

## **How were decisions made regarding placing a name on the list?**

Decisions were made based on review of the available information.

## **Is anyone on this list still serving in any of our parishes or schools?**

No. All but one are deceased and the one who is living was removed from ministry 45 years ago. Moreover, today, if an allegation is made, the accused is reported to civil authorities as mandated by law, and per our policies which have been in place since 2003, is immediately placed on administrative leave.

## **Does this list include the names of all clergy in Nevada who have been accused of abuse of a minor?**

This list includes those clergy and religious who served in the 12 counties that currently comprise the Diocese of Reno: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor in Nevada as determined by the Diocese of Reno. Credibility was based on corroborating evidence, criminal prosecution or admission of guilt. If none of the criteria for credible accusation was met, the person's name was not included on this list.

It also includes one priest who was ordained for service in another diocese and then transferred to and was incardinated in the Diocese of Reno. Many years after his incardination in Nevada, and a few months before he died, his diocese of origin found credible allegations of sexual abuse committed by him when he was part of the Archdiocese of Louisville and has posted his name on its list of credibly accused. Because he was incardinated in the Diocese of Reno, we chose to include him on our list.

In addition, there are religious and clergy not incardinated in the Diocese of Reno, but who formerly served in the Diocese of Reno, whose names have been placed on lists composed by other dioceses or by religious orders, based on conduct that occurred outside our diocese. They are not included on our list because the Review Board did not have access to the

underlying information about the allegations and was unable to investigate those claims. However, the Review Board did examine those clergy files to verify the absence of claims in the Diocese of Reno. None of those persons is in ministry in our Diocese or would be allowed to minister in our diocese.

### **Why did Bishop Calvo publish these names?**

In the wake of recent national reports of sexual abuse of minors by clergy, Bishop Calvo asked the Diocesan Review Board to examine diocesan policies and procedures established to safeguard young people. In addition, he also asked them to review clergy files to identify cases of credible sexual abuse of minors by clergy in order to publish those names as a matter of transparency and accountability. All of this was done for the safety of our youth and to bring healing to the men and women who were abused.

### **What exactly is the Diocesan Review Board?**

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocesan Review Board is primarily comprised of lay men and women with a variety of expertise and experience in areas such as law enforcement, social work, mental health, the practice of law, and education. They advise the bishop on matters involving allegations of abuse of minors and vulnerable adults.

### **How is the diocese helping the victims?**

The diocese encourages all victims of clergy abuse to report the abuse to civil authorities and to call one of the Diocese of Reno's Victims' Assistance Coordinators or the Victims Assistance Hotline. The diocese has provided counseling to those victims desiring it. In some cases, the diocese has also paid settlement claims.

### **How much has the diocese paid to settle claims?**

Since 1998, the diocese had paid \$1,385,100. Settlements were paid through insurance and from unrestricted general operating funds of the diocese.

### **Are my donations to the Catholic Services Appeal or the Capital Campaign being used to pay settlements?**

No. Funds raised for the Catholic Services Appeal and for the Capital Campaign are restricted in use and can only be used for the purposes identified by those campaigns. Donations made to individual parishes remain in those parishes. Additionally, the Catholic Community Foundation is a separate charitable foundation and those funds may not be used to pay settlement claims.

### **What is the diocese doing to protect minors from abuse now?**

The Diocese of Reno has been in compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the past 16 years. This Safe Environment Program works to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm. Clergy, religious, employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Reno working in a ministry that puts them in contact with children are required to complete the mandatory Safe Environment training. They also undergo a criminal background check. This program is in place in every parish, mission and school in our diocese. Nearly 10,000 people in this diocese have been trained to recognize the signs of abuse and how to report those suspicions to law enforcement since the diocese implemented the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2003. This program mandates that suspected abuse is reported to authorities according to law.

Anyone who has been sexually abused by clergy, a church employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Reno is encouraged to contact civil authorities and the appropriate Victims' Assistance Coordinator or the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment.

Victim's Assistance Coordinators are:

- Eastern Nevada: Marilyn Janka 775-753-9542
- Western Nevada: David Caloiaro 775-450-3618
- Diocesan Victim's Assistance Hotline: 1-844-669-8911

## **What happens today when abuse is reported?**

First, civil authorities are notified. Nevada Revised Statutes demand that any suspicion of child abuse must be reported within 24 hours to civil authorities for investigation. If the clergy member, lay employee or volunteer is currently in ministry, he or she is placed on administrative leave. The Diocesan Review Board conducts a review of the matter and advises the bishop on recommended action. Civil authorities conduct their own, independent investigation. If the allegation is found to be credible, then the process established in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is initiated and could result in sanctions such as the dismissal from the clerical state for clergy or termination of employment/volunteer status for laity.

## **How does the diocese evaluate the mental and spiritual health of men seeking vocations?**

Prior to their full acceptance, candidates to the seminary or permanent diaconate must undergo a complete physical and psychological evaluation. After this initial process, the candidate may formally apply for admission. Prior to admission, the diocesan Seminary Board or Diaconate Formation Board, whichever is appropriate, fully assesses the candidate's maturity, life experience, character and interpersonal skills as well as any other personal issues that may need to be addressed.

Candidates undergo a thorough background check and are required to complete the mandatory Safe Environment training as well as ongoing education on best practices to ensure the protection of minors. They are also educated on the mandatory reporting requirements in the case of suspected abuse.

## **➔ PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF RENO CREDIBLY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH A MINOR**

### **Robert Anderson**

Served in the Diocese 1942-1978

Status: Deceased in 1978

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Anderson>)

### **Edmund Boyle**

Served in Diocese 1943-1986

Status: Deceased 1974

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Boyle>)

### **Eugene Braun**

Served in the Diocese 1957-1974

Status: Removed from ministry

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Braun>)

## **Robert Despars**

Served in the Diocese 1952-1979

Status: Deceased in 1983

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Despars>)

## **William Duff**

Served in the Diocese 1963-1993

Status: Deceased 2005

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Duff>)

## **Florence Flahive**

Served in the Diocese 1940-1958

Status: Deceased in 1958

List of Assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Flahive>)

## **Harold Vieages**

Served in the Diocese 1964-1991

Status: Deceased in 2004

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Vieages>)

- ➔ THOSE WHO BELONGED TO A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY AND SERVED WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF RENO

## **David Brusky SDS**

Served in the Diocese 1973-1975

Status: Deceased in 2014

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Brusky>)

## **Stuart Campbell OP**

Served in the Diocese 1959-1976

Status: Deceased 1988

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Campbell>)

- ➔ THOSE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER DIOCESE BUT SERVED WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF RENO

## **Carmelo Baltazar (Diocese of Malolos Bulacan)**

Served in the Diocese 1980

Status: Deceased

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Baltazar>)

## **Timothy Ryan**

### **(Diocese of Juneau)**

Served in the Diocese 1951

Status: Deceased 1960

List of Assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Ryan>)

- ⊕ THOSE CLERGY UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIOCESE OF RENO  
⊕ BUT WERE ACCUSED ELSEWHERE PRIOR TO THEIR MOVING TO THE  
DIOCESE

## **Robert Bowling (Archdiocese of Louisville)**

Served in the Diocese 1969-2002

Status: Deceased 2003

List of assignments (<https://renodiocese.org/home/about-our-diocese/tribunal/5360-2/#Bowling>)

## ⊕ LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS

### **Robert Anderson**

Sacred Heart (Ely)--1942-1944

St. Joan of Arc (Las Vegas)--1944

St. Andrews (Boulder City)--1944-1947

Catholic Welfare (Ely)--1947

St. Michaels (McGill)--1947-1948

Bishop Manogue Catholic High School--1948

Cathedral (Reno)--1949

St. Albert the Great (Reno)--1950-1952

Immaculate Conception (Sparks)--1952-1952

St. Patricks (Fallon)--1953

Cathedral (Reno)--1953-1961

St. Christopher (N. Las Vegas)--1962-1963

St. Peter the Apostle (Henderson)--1963-1969

Our Lady of Tahoe (Zephyr Cove)--1969-1978

Cathedral (Reno)--1978

### **Edmund Boyle**

Cathedral (Reno)--1943

St. Therese of the Little Flower (Reno)--1947

St. Michael's (McGill)--1948

Sacred Heart (Ely)--1949

Cathedral (Reno)--1950

St. Patricks (Fallon)--1951

Cathedral (Reno)--1951



Diocese of Salt Lake City--1952-1955  
Leave of Absence--1955-1958  
St. Joseph's (Elko)--1958-1961  
Incardinated in Archdiocese of Seattle--1961  
St. Mary's Hospital (Reno)--1966

## **Eugene Braun**

Our Lady of the Snows (Reno)--1957  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Hawthorne)--1957  
St. Christopher's (Las Vegas)--1957  
St. Joan of Arc (Las Vegas)--1958  
St. Teresa of Avila (Carson City)--1958  
St. Therese of the Little Flower (Reno)--1959  
St. Josephs (Elko)--1960  
Our Lady of the Snows (Reno)--1961  
St. John Vianney (Las Vegas)--1963  
St. John Bosco (Battle Mountain)--1964  
Leave of Absence--1965  
St. Francis de Sales (Las Vegas)--1970  
removed from ministry--1974

## **Robert Despars**

Cathedral (Reno)--1952-1953  
St. Albert the Great (Reno)--1953-1954  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Hawthorne)--1954  
Bishop Manogue Catholic High School-1954-1962  
Cathedral (Reno)--1962  
Holy Family (Yerington)--1962-1967  
St. Christopher (Las Vegas)--1968-1970  
St. Therese of the Little Flower (Reno) 1970-1975  
St. Bridget's (Las Vegas)--1975-1979

## **William Duff**

St. Albert the Great (Reno)--1963-1964  
St. Peter the Apostle (Henderson)--1964-1965  
Immaculate Conception (Sparks)--1965-1965  
St. Joseph (Elko)--1965-1968  
Our Lady of Las Vegas (Las Vegas)--1968-1968  
Our Lady of the Snows (Reno)--1968-1970  
St. Thomas Aquinas (Wells)--1970-1973  
Sick Leave--1973  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Hawthorne)--1973-1974  
Cathedral (Reno)--1974-1976  
Sick Leave--1976  
St. Therese of the Little Flower (Reno)--1976-1977  
St. Albert the Great (Reno)--1977-1978  
St. Francis de Sales (Las Vegas)--1978-1982  
St. John Bosco (Battle Mountain)--1982-1988  
St. Francis de Sales (Las Vegas)--1988-1993  
Retired--1993

## **Florence Flahive**

Cathedral (Reno)-1940  
St. Joan of Arc (Las Vegas)-1940-1941  
Our Lady of the Snows (Reno)-1942-1943  
St. Josephs (Elko)-1943-1944

St. Michaels (McGill)–1944-1947  
St. Brendans (Eureka)–1947-1948  
St. Andrews (Boulder City)–1949-1950  
Sacred Heart (Ely)–1951  
Holy Family(Yerington)–1952-1958

## **Harold Vieages**

St. Albert the Great (Reno)–1964-1966  
Our Lady of Las Vegas (Las Vegas)–1966-1968  
St. Teresa of Avila (Carson City)–1968-1971  
St. John the Baptist (Lovelock)–1971-1988  
Holy Family (Yerington)–1988-1991  
Retired–1991

## **David Brusky SDS**

Our Lady of the Snows (Reno)–1973-1973  
St. Teresa of Avila (Carson City)–1974  
St. Albert the Great (Reno)–1974-1975

## **Stuart Campbell OP**

Cathedral (Reno)–1959-1960  
St. Albert the Great (Reno)–1960-1961  
St. Thomas Aquinas (Wells)–1960-1963  
St. John Bosco (Battle Mountain)–1963-1964  
St. Teresa of Avila (Carson City)–1964-1965  
Our Lady of Las Vegas (Las Vegas)–1966-1970  
Our Lady of the Snows (Reno)–1970-1971  
St. Robert Bellarmine (Fernley)–1971-1973  
St. Patricks (Tonopah)–1973  
St. Mary's (Virginia City)–1974  
Retired–1976

## **Carmelo Baltazar**

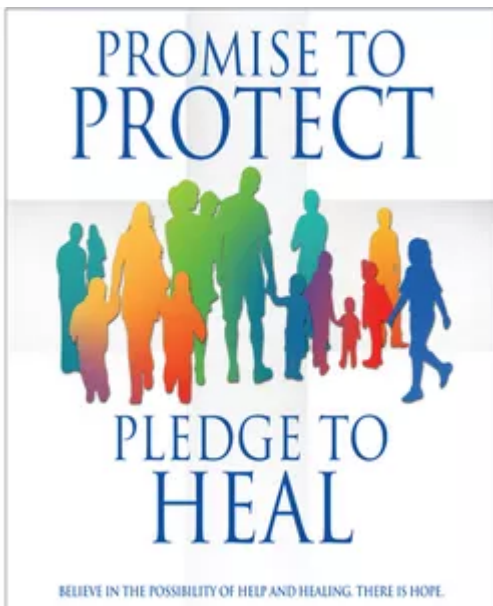
Washoe Medical (Reno)–1980

## **Timothy Ryan**

St. Brendans (Eureka)–1953-1954  
Holy Child (Caliente) –1955-1959

## **Robert Bowling**

Our Lady of Las Vegas (Las Vegas)–1969-1971  
St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral (Reno)–1971-1974  
St. Therese of the Little Flower (Reno)–1974-2002



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The Diocese of Reno is committed to the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

We are in full compliance with the Dallas Charter and remain diligent in maintaining this compliance.

Through the "Protecting God's Children" program we train all adults who are employed as well as those who volunteer within our parishes and agencies who have contact with children. This training helps all to be more aware of how to protect children and vulnerable adults, and also the possible warning signs of abuse and neglect.

As well, each year all children within our Religious Education programs and within our schools are provided the opportunity to participate in Personal Safety.

Together, all of us working together, can help to create safe environments in our parish, schools, facilities and even beyond.



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