

DIOCESE	Los Angeles in California
NAME OF ORDINARY	Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
CDF PROT. NO.	none yet assigned
NAME OF CLERIC	Reverend George Neville Rucker

PERSONAL DATA	Date of Birth	14 September 1920	Age	86
	Ordination	4 May 1946	Years of ministry	41
DIOCESE OF ORDINATION AND INCARDINATION		Los Angeles in California		
CONTACT ADDRESS OF THE CLERIC		Nazareth House 3333 Manning Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90064		
CANONICAL ADVISOR		REDACTED		



ASSIGNMENTS			
Year	Parish	Location	Appointment
1946	Sacred Heart	Los Angeles, California	Parochial Vicar
1946	St. Alphonsus	Los Angeles, California	Parochial Vicar
1951	St. Basil	Los Angeles, California	Parochial Vicar
1955	Mary Star of the Sea	San Pedro, California	Parochial Vicar
1959	St. Mary Magdalen	Camarillo, California	Parochial Vicar
1961	Sick Leave		
1962	St. Anthony	El Segundo, California	Administrator
1967	St. Teresa of Avila	Los Angeles, California	Parochial Vicar
1968	Holy Trinity	Los Angeles, California	Parochial Vicar
1968	Holy Cross	Los Angeles, California	Pastor
1970	St. Agatha	Los Angeles, California	Pastor
1979	Corpus Christi	Pacific Palisades, California	Pastor
1987	Retires from ministry; remains in residence at Corpus Christi Parish with title of Pastor Emeritus		
2002	Removed from Corpus Christi Parish, takes up residence at Nazareth House (an assisted living facility for retired priests) and is forbidden from any public ministry		



ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CLERIC				
Year	Victim <small>REDACTED</small> pursuant to a an order of the civil Court enjoining anonymity for certain accusers, some names are not given in full or use a pseudonym)	Age	Imputable Acts	Denunciation
1965	Anonymous, two victims	6-14	Using hands too freely; engaging in imprudent relations with schoolgirls; reaching under girl's dress and into another girl's blouse	1965
1967	Anonymous, two victims	9	Touching girls' private parts under their dress	1967
1965-1967	REDACTED	7-10	Unspecified abuse	1989
1966-1967		9-10	Fondling of genitals and breasts; digital penetration; abuse sometimes took place during sacramental confession	1990
1946-1948		6-8	Digital penetration while seated on perpetrator's lap	1990
1963-1965		12-14	Rubbing shoulders and fondled breasts under clothes	2002
1962-1963		6-7	Placing hand inside her underwear and touching genitals and buttocks; rubbing chest under her clothes	2002
1963-1966		11-14	Fondling breasts over and under clothes	2003 (lawsuit)
1971-1975		6-10	Touching genitals and breasts both over and under clothes	2003 (lawsuit)
1963-1965		12-14	Touching breasts under clothes, rubbing against her in a sexual manner, penetration either with finger, foreign object or penis	2003 (lawsuit)
1961-1962		7-8	Placing girl on lap, introducing hand into her underwear and rubbing between her genitals and anus	2003 (lawsuit)
1971		9	Touching and caressing upper thigh	2003 (lawsuit)
1964-1967		12-15	Fondling breast and placing hand inside her clothes at underwear line near buttocks	2003 (lawsuit)
1965-1966		10-11	Rubbing genitals both over and under clothes; rubbing and massaging breasts and nipples; rubbing inner thigh under skirt	2003 (lawsuit)
1964-1968		7-11	Fondling breasts and rubbing thigh and genitals	2003 (lawsuit)
1973-1975		12-14	Placing girl on his lap while he had an erection; touching breasts and rubbing buttocks; digital penetration; placing girl's hand on his erection	2003 (lawsuit)
1962-1964		10-12	Fondling over clothes, placing hand down blouse and touching her breasts	2003 (lawsuit)
1972-1975		5-9	Inserting penis into vagina; performing oral sex on girl, digital penetration; rubbing and massaging body and breasts under clothes; hugging in a sexual manner	2003 (lawsuit)
1972-1977		5-7	Touching breasts, digital penetration	2003 (lawsuit)
1971-1974		11-14	Rubbing chest and buttocks over clothes	2003 (lawsuit)

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1968	7	Rubbed penis in boy's face and orally copulated boy; one of two males alleging abuse	2003 (lawsuit)
1963-1968	8-13	Fondling breasts, legs, thighs and pelvic area	2003 (lawsuit)
1963-1965	10-12	Fondling breasts under clothes; placing hand inside her underwear; rubbing his penis on her	2003 (lawsuit)
1962-1964	9-11	Digital penetration; fondling genitals over clothes; rubbing breasts and nipples; fondling buttocks	2003 (lawsuit)
Not known	Not known	Touching breasts under blouse	2003 (lawsuit)
1969-1973	8-12	rubbing his hands over victim's body and skin, including her chest, buttocks and legs, and reaching under her dress to touch her underwear	2003 (lawsuit)
1970-1971	5-6	Rubbing back and buttocks; placing hand in her underwear; touching her with penis, ejaculating on her; having girl masturbate him	2003 (lawsuit)
1970-1978	6-14	Fondling breasts and genitals both over and under clothes	2003 (lawsuit)
1956-1957	8-9	Digital penetration	2003 (lawsuit)
Not known	Not known	Rubbing breast over clothes	2003 (lawsuit)
1970-1974	8-12	Touching breasts under clothes; touching inner thigh	2003 (lawsuit)
1970-1977	7-14	Rubbing inner thigh, genitals and buttocks	2003 (lawsuit)
1970-1974	10-14	Touching breasts and buttocks both over and under clothes	2003 (lawsuit)
1969-1977	6-14	Rubbing girl's body and breasts, both over and under her clothes; running hand down towards her waistline	2003 (lawsuit)
1972	11	Fondling breasts over clothes; an incident in Rucker's bedroom, of which the victim does not recall the details, other than Rucker giving her a wetted towel so she could clean her hands	2003 (lawsuit)
1964-1965	10	Fondling breasts, touching breasts under clothes, touching genitals over clothes	2003 (lawsuit)
1959-1960	7-8	Fondling girl's breasts, legs and genital area both over and under clothing	2005 (lawsuit)
1969-1972	6-9	Rubbing back and chest over; rubbing bare legs	2005 (lawsuit)
1971-1978	7-13	Rubbing breasts both over and under clothes	2006 (lawsuit)
1969-1975	7-13	Rubbing body and breasts both over and under clothes	2006 (lawsuit)
1969-1974	6-11	Moving hands down chest, breasts and back, generally over clothes	2006 (lawsuit)
1974-1978	7-11	Unspecified abuse; one of two males alleging abuse	2006

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CLERIC		
Year	Type/Case	Results
1967	Police investigation of Rucker for possible child molestation	No corroboration of allegation initially found; parents of a second child later came forward with corroboration from their child who claimed similar abuse, but the parents elected not to file a formal complaint; no charges were brought against Rucker
1990	Civil lawsuit for damages filed against Rucker by complainant Tammy Helm	Settlement of \$20,000 offered by Rucker to complainant
2002	Rucker arrested and charged with 23 counts of lewd conduct with a child	Charges dismissed after U.S. Supreme Court struck down California State law retroactively extending criminal statute of limitations
2003	22 civil lawsuits for damages are filed (19 individual suits and 3 joint suits with 8, 5 and 2 plaintiffs respectively)	All lawsuits are pending
2005	Two civil lawsuits for damages are filed	Both lawsuits are pending
2006	Three civil lawsuits for damages are filed	All lawsuits are pending
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESE		
Year	Action taken	
2002	Rucker is moved from Corpus Christi Parish, where he had been living in retirement as Pastor Emeritus, to a special residence for retired priests [REDACTED] and he is forbidden to engage in any public ministry.	
2005	Rucker is asked to consider making a voluntary petition for laicization, and he informs the Archbishop that he does not wish to be laicized.	
2005	By Decree, Rucker is bound to a life of prayer and penance by which he is obligated to spend one half hour daily in prayer for the intentions of those harmed by sexual abuse, and is also prohibited from visiting any site where children or young people typically gather, from publicly celebrating Mass or the other sacraments, from wearing clerical attire publicly or privately, from presenting himself publicly as a priest, from traveling outside the Archdiocese without permission, and — within the Archdiocese — from engaging in any activity that might give the appearance of luxury or that does not witness to simplicity of life and a spirit of penitence.	
SUSTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESE TO THE CLERIC		
Since his retirement in 1987, Father Rucker has been given the support enjoyed by all retired diocesan priests, including access to his full monthly pension. Since his relocation to [REDACTED], he has continued to receive the same benefits.		

RESPONSE/RECOURSE MADE BY THE CLERIC	
1990	Rucker agreed to pay the cost for a year of twice-weekly therapy sessions, at \$60 an hour, for victim REDACTED REDACTED
1991	At meetings with victim REDACTED, Rucker admitted his abuse of her and apologized; he paid her \$55,370 as reimbursement for therapy and other expenses, and as compensation for mental anguish and suffering.
1994	Rucker offered to settle a civil suit brought against him by victim REDACTED with a payment of \$20,000.
2005	In a sworn deposition pertaining to lawsuits in which he is named as having sexually abused young children (21 November 2005), Rucker three times invoked his constitutional right to avoid self-incrimination and refused to answer direct questions about whether he had molested three of the victims listed above.
2006	In a sworn deposition pertaining to lawsuits in which he is named as having sexually abused young children (19 September 2006), Rucker stated that at the time he is alleged to have committed acts of sexual abuse against young children, he was not aware that it was illegal for an adult to have sexual relations with a minor, he also stated that he had no recollection of ever being informed that it was wrong for an adult to engage in sexual conduct with a minor.
2006	In a sworn deposition pertaining to lawsuits in which he is named as having sexually abused young children (13 October 2006), Rucker eighteen times invoked his constitutional right to avoid self-incrimination and refused to answer direct questions about whether he had molested eighteen of the victims listed above.
2006	Rucker declined invitation (18 October 2006) to make a statement for inclusion in the Report to CDF.
2006	Invited by Cardinal Mahony (6 November 2006) to meet with him in order to discuss his case before the required Report was made to CDF and also asked to reconsider his decision not to petition for laicization, Rucker declined to meet personally with the Cardinal and stated that he did not wish to seek laicization.
BISHOP'S VOTUM	
<p>The measures taken to date do not sufficiently redress the harm done to the individual victims, nor do they adequately repair the scandal given or restore justice. Moreover, the life of prayer and penance to which Rucker has been bound may not even be sufficient in providing for his personal correction and spiritual welfare. It is clear that further action is required on the part of the Church. Given the serious nature of the offenses committed, their great number, the ample publicity surrounding them and the immense harm done to both the Christian faithful and the community at large, it is clear that anything short of an <i>ex officio</i> dismissal will not properly resolve the issue. A formal trial is neither indicated nor necessary in that there is positive proof of Rucker's culpability, both by his own admission and by attendant circumstances, and in that his imputability is also plainly evident. It is moreover noted that should the penalty of an <i>ex officio</i> dismissal be imposed upon Rucker, the obligations set forth in canon 1350, §2 will be fulfilled, wherefore the Archdiocese will continue to do what it can to ensure that Rucker does not lack anything required for his decent support.</p> <p>The <i>votum</i> expressed in the matter, therefore, is that Rucker be dismissed <i>ex officio</i> from the clerical state, <i>in poenam</i> and <i>pro bono Ecclesiae</i>, by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.</p>	

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