

***REV. ANGEL CRUCES***

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**  
Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev Angel Cruces**

*Current Primary Assignment*

<i>Birth Date</i>	8/30/1925	<i>Age:</i>	87
<i>Birth Place</i>	Laoag City, Philippines	<i>Deanery:</i>	22
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	3/18/1961		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Diocese of Nueva Segovia, Vigan City, Phillippine		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>			
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Left Archdiocese		
<i>Canon State</i>	Extern Priest	<i>Incard Process</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>			

*Seminary*

*Ethnicity*                      Filipino

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

*Date Background Check*

*Virtus Training Date*

**Assignment History**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Left Archdiocese, PRIEST NOT TO MINISTER.	3/1/1984	
St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Santa Paula Vicar), Active Service	5/25/1981	2/28/1984
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Maywood Vicar), Active Service	9/15/1980	5/24/1981
St. Philomena Catholic Church, Carson Associate Pro Tem, Active Service	7/1/1980	9/14/1980
St. Philomena Catholic Church, Carson Hospitality, Active Service	12/19/1978	6/30/1980

December 16, 1983

This was written in code. The first sentence looked like this-  
Fr. Angel\* Fr. Cruces\* Fr. Angel\* Fr. Cruces\* Fr. Angel\* Fr. Cruces\*

It was written about one of the times that I went with Frs. REDACTED and Cruces to the house on Rashdall Ave.:

March 7

He stood in front of me in his underwear. He looked shorter like that. I was still fully dressed. He moved towards me and held me in his arms, very close to him, pressing his penis against my leg. He was holding me so close and so tight it was hard for me to keep my balance. "I've longed so much to be alone with you," he whispered. I just stood there kind of stiff. I felt I had to say something.

"So have I".

He said something else that I can't remember, but I could feel his desire growing. He asked me to take off my clothes. I was sort of hesitant, but slowly I removed my shirt and finally my bra. This would be the first time he would see me completely naked. He was already naked. I couldn't look at him, but I knew he was watching me. A strange sound came from down in his throat when he saw my bare breasts. I glanced over at the child's bed. I looked around at the toys on the floor as I took off my pants. Fr. Cruces folded down the bed covers. He then stood back and watched me. I felt kind of self-concieous. I slipped my shirt off and I stood there for a moment before taking off my bra. I could feel Fr. Cruces' eyes on me. Trying not to think I unhooked my bra. I tossed it on the bed. Fr. Cruces groaned with lusty approval when he saw my bare breasts. He sat on the bed directly in front of me. He pulled me to himself and pushed his face against my breasts. He kept on moaning. His hands were running up and down my body. Fr. Cruces held me tighter. I nearly lost my balance, I was afraid of falling on him. He noticed that I was having trouble standing still. He let me loose just a bit.

Fr. Angel\* looked at me with a glazed look "why are you tipsy?" I didn't understand him "What?" "Why are you tipsy, have you been drinking?" "No

\*That is Father Cruces' first name.

*Exhibits to*  
*Deposition of* REDACTED  
REDACTED *taken on*  
*September 23, 1987*

Priests I had sex l relations with:

Fr. REDACTED

Fr. Angel Cruces 235 N. 9th St. Santa Paula, 93060

Fr. REDACTED REDACTED

Fr. REDACTED (he has a girlfriend there that is a nurse)

Fr. REDACTED

Fr. REDACTED Philippines

Fr. REDACTED

Addresses of some of the places where we had sex:

first place Fr. REDACTED took me when I was sixteen--

REDACTED Apartments REDACTED

(the apartment was rented by REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED)

House where Fr. REDACTED Fr. Cruces and I first had intercourse--

REDACTED

(the house is owned by REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED)

I went with Fr. REDACTED to this motel--

Raymore Motel 1645 W. Pacific Coast Hwy Long Beach 432-1256

I also went with him to this one--

Islander Motel 1130 W. Pacific Coast Hwy Wilmington 835-0291

Addresses of where I stayed while in the Philippines--

REDACTED, M.D. REDACTED

REDACTED

Other:

25

2 months at the house

REDACTED (this is an old number, maybe it's wrong now)

REDACTED (he went with Fr. Cruces, Fr. REDACTED and me to watch X rated movies. That night he spent the night with those priests, he slept with Fr. REDACTED even though Fr. REDACTED knew that REDACTED is gay. REDACTED says nothing happened between them.)

REDACTED (Shortly before I left for the Philippines Fr. REDACTED became sexually interested in REDACTED. She went to see X rated movies with some of the priests but they told her not to tell anyone about it. Fr. REDACTED now says that REDACTED has "disappeared" and no one, not even the aunt and uncle she was staying with, know where she is. Both Fr. REDACTED and Fr. Cruces claim that they did not know that Fr. REDACTED was interested in REDACTED They also claim that they did not take her to see X rated movies.)

REDACTED

*Deleted from original exhibit*

*Reprinted from REDACTED*

*EX. 3 (18)*

*9/23/87*

December 16, 1983

Here are some more notes that were also written in code:

Today I'm going to visit Fr. REDACTED and probably also Fr. Cruces.

They weren't there but Thursday right after school 3:30 they came to visit me together with Fr. REDACTED and Fr. REDACTED

We went to L.A. and had dinner then we went to a motel and had sex.\*

Next to that note there was a separate one that read:

You are the first  
and the last  
(Fr. Cruces April 28, 8:40)  
Monday

\*From other notes I figured that the date this happened was April 17, 1980 on a Thursday.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ZAMBOANGA

February 12, 1984

Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden  
Archdiocesan Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 W. Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, CA. 90015

Reverend and Dear Monsignor:

After reading yesterday in our local papers the news of seven "womanizing" priests (no names) in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I had a phone call this morning from my brother, Fr. Angel Cruces, to tell that he is implicated and included in the suit. You can imagine how shocked and worried I feel, Monsignor. Except praying and hoping for the best I do not know what to do. I advised Fr. Angel to likewise pray much, and entrust their case to the chancery, and keep me posted about further developments.

The news in our papers reports no details of the case except that some seven priests seduced her and one of them is the father of her child. Also that it was learned that she was pregnant, three of the priests sent her to the Philippines. This detail reminds me that last October or about a girl from L.A. was in our town, Laoag City, delivered a child and during her stay there was with the family of Fr. REDACTED I then wrote to Fr. Angel and asked if he had anything to do with the coming of the girl. He said he had nothing to do with the girl, no immoral relationship. When I talked to him on the phone this morning he claimed that he had had no contact with the girl but was just included in suit because he is with the group of priests. I hope this is true.

In the name of Fr. Angel's archbishop and archdiocese and of our family, I am begging you, Monsignor, to kindly do everything you can to help Fr. Angel and the other priests. I am sure you and the L.A. Archdiocese are working hard to settle the case. I am praying and hoping that the suit will be settled favorably to all concerned.

Thank you, dear Monsignor. Let me hear whatever you wish to communicate. With every good wish and prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours.  
REDACTED

REDACTED

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1 REDACTED MGM TORN LOS ANGELES CA 02-21 0758P EST

*Rev. A. Coates*

*File*

RAWDEN CHANCELLOR  
1531 W 9 ST  
LOS ANGELES CA 90015

THIS IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

TORN LOS ANGELES CA 02-21 0758P EST  
INT REDACTED REDACTED  
CHANCERY OFFICE PO BOX 1, GOV. R.T. LIM AVENUE  
ZAMBOANGA CITY (PHILIPPINES)  
REDACTED REDACTED PLEASE TELEPHONE ME AT 4PM PST, REDACTED,  
RAWDEN CHANCELLOR

COL 1, 4PM REDACTED

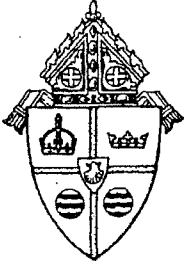
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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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July 2, 1991

THE CHANCERY

The Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire  
Chancellor - Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West 9th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Your Excellency:

May I ask your kind assistance in the following matter.

The Reverend Angel Cruces, a priest of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia, Phillipines, assisted in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles some time in the early part of the 80's. It has come to our attention that during this time he had been implicated in Los Angeles in a case involving sexual misconduct, which was tried in court.

Since Father Cruces is presently assisting in the Diocese of Brooklyn, I would appreciate whatever information you may be able to share regarding Father Cruces and this case, as well as any other information and evaluation you may have in regard to his character and ability to carry on his priestly ministry. I assure you that this information will be held in strict confidence.

I am grateful for your kind assistance in this matter.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ.  
REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

Los Angeles	St. Basil's	2/1/80
LEFT ARCHDIOCESE		2/10/84

CRUCES, Rev. Angel

Carson	St. Philomena	7/1/80
Maywood	St. Rose of Lima	9/15/80
Santa Paula	St. Sebastian	5/25/81
LEFT ARCHDIOCESE		1/10/84

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San Pedro	Mary, Star o/t Sea.	2/19/68
Los Angeles	Immaculate Concep.	4/27/73
Carson	St. Philomena	6/6/77
Wilmington	SS. Peter & Paul	10/10/81
ACTIVE LEAVE		3/1/84

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Wilmington	SS. Peter & Paul	5/22/79
Los Angeles	Immaculate Concep.	7/9/83
LEFT ARCHDIOCESE		2/10/84

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La Puente	St. Martha	7/1/81
Camarillo	St. Mary Magdalen	12/10/81
LEFT ARCHDIOCESE		11/15/82

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St. Philomena (Carson)	faculties 4/9/80 - 4/20/80
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REDACTED



Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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August 19, 1991

Rev. REDACTED  
REDACTED  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn  
P.O. Box C  
Brooklyn, New York 11202-3604

Dear Father REDACTED

I am writing in response to your letter of July 2 regarding Father Angel Cruces, who served in an extern capacity in this Archdiocese from approximately 1979 until February 1984.

I am enclosing a case report and articles from the public record that may be of help to you.

Father Cruces was one of the seven priests alleged to have been involved with REDACTED

Should you wish to ask me any further questions, I would be happy to talk to you by phone.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer  
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

Enclosures