

***REV. WILLEBALDO CASTRO***

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev Willebaldo Castro**

*Current Primary Assignment*

*Birth Date*

*Age:*

*Birth Place*

*Deanery:* 0

*Diaconate Ordination*

*Priesthood Ordination*

5/30/1953

*Diocese Name*

Diocese of Tlalnepantla, Mexico

*Date of Incardination*

*Religious Community*

*Ritual Ascription*

Latin

*Ministry Status*

Left Archdiocese

*Canon State*

Extern Priest

*Incard Process*

*Begin Pension Date*

*Seminary*

*Ethnicity*

English

**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training**

*Date Background Check*

*Virtus Training Date*

**Assignment History**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Beginning Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Left Archdiocese	10/1/1980	
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pomona Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/9/1980	9/29/1980
St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Santa Maria Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/26/1976	7/8/1980
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	11/28/1972	1/25/1976
Left Archdiocese	7/8/1956	11/27/1972
San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	2/9/1956	7/7/1956
San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/28/1956	2/8/1956

**Background Information**



Por las presentes declaramos que el Sr. Pbro.

D. WILIBALDO CASTRO .

es Sacerdote perteneciente a esta Diócesis de Tlalnepantla y goza de todas sus facultades ministeriales. Tiene permiso para ausentarse de la Diócesis por algunos meses.

Lo recomiendo a las autoridades eclesiásticas. Agradezco cualquier atención.

Dadas en la Curia Episcopal de Tlalnepantla, a 14 de febrero de 1969.

*Fr. Felipe J. Cueto ofm.*  
Fr. Felipe de Jesús Cueto O. F. M.  
Obispo de Tlalnepantla.

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APARTADO 268  
TLALNEPANTLA, EDO. DE MEX.  
MEXICO

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Father Juan Arzube called. He is taking Father Castro to El Monte this afternoon since he understands that you told Father <sup>REDACTED</sup>, he could have him. He also presumes that you have given him the faculties of the diocese, but he will check back on Thursday morning since tomorrow is his day off.

REDACTED

March 4, 1969

*I received protection  
at El Monte*  
REDACTED

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Father Arzube - O. L. Guadalupe Mission, El Monte

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requests faculties for Father Willebaldo Castro who has returned from Mexico.  
He expects him to stay indefinitely.

*3 months  
letter from Bishop to  
be obtained*

Also for

C.M.F.

Father REDACTED / for Holy Week (he is there now)

(you gave him faculties for Mar. 22 & 23)

REDACTED

TELEPHONE 448-1776

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# Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

11359 COFFIELD ST. • EL MONTE, CALIF.

April 21, 1969

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April Twenty Third  
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Reverend Willebaldo Castro  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RECTORY  
11324 Coffield Street  
El Monte, California 91731

Reverend and dear Father Castro:

This will confirm the fact that your faculties  
have been withdrawn and your assignment terminated at Our  
Lady of Guadalupe Church, El Monte, in view of the recent  
action taken by the Sacred Congregation of the Faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

Chancellor

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SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

Prot. N.411/69

Beatissime Pater,

Dnus WILLEBALDUS CASTRO, sacerdos dioecesis Tlalnepantlanac-----  
humiliter ad pedes Sanctitatis Vestrae provolutus, implorat dispensatio-  
nem ab omnibus oneribus e sacris Ordinibus manantibus, non excepto onere  
servandi legem sacri coelibatus.

FERIA VI, 19 DECEMBRIS 1969

REDACTED

habita relatione de casu  
a Sacra Congregatione Pro Doctrina Fidei, statuere dignatus est:

Dnus WILLEBALDUS CASTRO-----reducatur ad statum laicalem  
cum dispensatione ab omnibus oneribus a S. Ordinibus (et a Professione re-  
ligiosa) manantibus, non excepto onere servandi S. Coelibatum.

Exc. mus Ordinarius Tlalnepantlanus-----curet pro posse ut res caute  
peragatur ad vitandum scandalum vel admirationem fidelium ideoque, ante  
Rescripti executionem, opportune oratorem moneat ut omnino a locis absit,  
ubi eius condicio antecedens nota sit.

Eundem oratorem et complicem loci Ordinarius ab omnibus censuris absolu-  
tos declarat cosque commonefaciat ut vita omnino exemplari gratiam comper-  
sent ac aliis exemplo sint atque aliquod opus pietatis vel caritatis ad-  
ciant.

Quod autem attinet ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, Ordinarius curet  
ut a quacumque pompa vel adparatu abstinatur et coram sacerdote probato  
et secreti tenaci ac sine testibus vel, si opus fuerit, cum duobus testi-  
bus ad Curiam pertinentibus, illud peragatur, cuius acta in secreto Curia  
tabulario adserventur; in libris autem baptizatorum parociae sive orato-  
sive compartis adnotetur consulendum esse Ordinarium loci si quando noti-  
tia vel documenta exquirantur.

Si qua tandem fidelium admiratio exoriat, curet Ordinarius opportuna  
explicatione providere.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus S. Congregationis Pro Doctrina Fidei, die 19 Decembris 1969.



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

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Roma, die 29 Januarii 1972  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

PROT. N. 411./69  
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

Exc. me ac Rev. me Domine,

Litteris, die 3 m. curr. datis, Excellentia Tua Reverendissima iterum enixe postulavit readmissionem intra Clerum simulque rehabilitationem Rev. Willibaldi Castro, e diocesi Tlalnepantlana, cujus antea patrata Tibi nota sunt atque E. T. eundem commendare intendit ut in ista Archidiocesi benevole recipiatur ut ibi sacrum ministerium exerceat.

Ut autem aliquid in casu hic decerni possit, interest hujus S. Congregationis certior fieri circa confirmatam disponibilitatem Ordinarii istius Archidioceseos eundem recipiendi intra clerum diocesenum non obstantibus ab Oratore antea patratibus quæ eadem E. T. eidem Ordinario nota facere stricte tenetur. Insuper, etiamsi nihil obstaret ex parte utriusque Ordinarii sive Tlalnepantlani sive Angelorum in California ad reintegrationem ac rehabilitationem Rev. W. Castro, antequam idem Orator rehabilitari possit, necesse est ut ipsemet in aliqua Pia Domo humiliter se recipiat et tantum postquam ibi per congruum temporis spatium pietatis ac pœnitentiæ operibus incubuerit, loqui poterit de ejusdem rehabilitatione, eaque tamen gradatim peragenda.

Quæ cum ita sint, præcognitis dispositionibus utriusque prædicti Ordinarii necnon Oratoris adhaesione conditionibus supra expositis, faveat Excellentia Tua, quæso, huic S. Dicasterio omnia patefacere documentisque probare ut aliquid in casu hic statui possit ac inde Tibi notum facere.

Quæ dum petita expecto, hanc occasionem nactus, impensos æstimationis meæ sensus Tibi pando permanens

Excellentiæ Tuæ Reverendissimæ  
addictissimus

Most Rev. JUAN ARZUBE  
Auxiliary Bishop of

LOS ANGELES

*Juan Arzube*

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Tlalnepantla Mex. 28 Febraio 1972.

Eminenza Reverendissima:

Rispondo alla pregiata vostra del 29 Gennaio 1972 (Prot. N. 411/69) riguardo al caso del P. Willibaldo Castro gia ridotto al stato laicale con totale dispensa dagli oneri sacerdotali.

Questo Rescritto del 2 Genn. 1970 veniva consegnato al P. Willibaldo il 25 Aprile 1970. E stato per lui un colpo durissimo e lo ha accettato con rassegnazione

Con gioia ho letto la lettera di Vostra Eminenza e mi fa piacere sapere che S. E Msgr Arzube REDACTED ausiliare di Los Angeles intercede per una reintegrazione Il P. Willibaldo colpito duramente benché giustamente ha avuto tempo di meditare seriamente per prendere una decisione verso il Signore. Io non lo visto piu neppure ho saputo dove si trovava dal 1970 Ben considerato tutto questo affare credo opportuna una reintegrazione ad experimentum. E un uomo molto capace e sodo nella sua dottrina catolica. Certamente fara molto bene alle anime

Consiglierei che rimanga nella Archidiocesi di Los Angeles. Qui nella mia Diocesi non credo si possa sentire tranquillo. Io raccomando la petizione di Msgr Arzube.

Mi raccomando alle sue buone preghiere e mi confermo

Suo Dev. mo in Cristo.

REDACTED

A Sua Eminenza Reverendissima  
Francesco Card. Seper  
Roma.

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TLALNEPANTLA, MEXICO

TRANSLATION

FOR: His Excellency  
Bishop Juan Arzube

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2/28/72

His Eminence  
Cardinal Seper  
Rome Italy

Your Eminence:

With this I am replying to your very esteemed letter of January 29, 1972 (Prot. Num. 411/69), regarding the case of Fr. Willibaldo Castro, already reduced to the lay state, with total dispensation from priestly obligations.

This rescript of January 2, 1970, was given to Fr. W. Castro on the 25th of April of 1970 and it was for him a very hard shock, and at the time he accepted it with resignation. With pleasure I have read the letter of Your Eminence and I am happy to know that His Excellency Arzube, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, is interceding for a reinstatement of Fr. Castro.

Fr. Castro was badly struck by all this, although justly he has had time to meditate seriously and to make a decision that can lead him towards the Lord. I have not seen him nor heard from him since 1970. Considering all this, I think that a reinstatement "as an experiment" may be opportune. He seems to be a very capable man and very solid in his Catholic doctrine, and most likely will do a great deal of good for souls.

I would suggest that he remain in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I do not think he would feel very tranquil in our Diocese and, therefore, I recommend the petition of Bishop Arzube.

Asking for your good prayers, I am

Very devotedly yours in Christ,

REDACTED

*Translated by :*  
Reverend REDACTED  
March 16, 1972

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**San Conrado R. Catholic Mission**

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Priesthood.

A million thanks for your interest in helping this  
Priest of God.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assis-  
tance in this case.

Humbly asking your prayers and blessings,

Your Excellency

obedient servant  
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Rev REDACTED

## MEMORANDUM

TO: ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY MANNING

FROM: BISHOP JUAN ARZUBE

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DATE: APRIL 24, 1972

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The next time he came to this country was in 1969. I was in need of an assistant at Our Lady of Guadalupe in El Monte, and so Father REDACTED at whose rectory he was staying, recommended him to me. He was officially assigned as an assistant to the mission in El Monte on March 4, 1969. During his stay there everyone was very happy with him. I myself was delighted to have such a priest work with me because he had sincere zeal for the people, personal piety and sound theological thinking. I could not understand how a priest of that caliber was working here when he could have been such an asset in Mexico.

The sad explanation came to me as a shock, when one day he came to my office and showed me a letter he had received from his Bishop. It seems that while he was working in his Mexican parish, he was accused of a morals charge at the Chancery Office when the Bishop was out of town. The REDACTED took the statements of the complaining party under oath and proceeded to send them to the Vatican. When his Bishop returned he called him in and suggested that they let the matter run its course, since it had already been sent to Rome, and that he come to the United States to work for a while and that he would probably be given some penance to perform. That is when he came to work at El Monte.

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ubi eius condicio antecedens nota sit.

Eundem oratorem et complicem loci Ordinarius ab omnibus censuris absolu-  
tos declaret cosque commonefaciat ut vita omnino exemplari gratiam comper-  
sent ac aliis exemplo sint atque aliquod opus pietatis vel caritatis adi-  
ciant.

Quod autem attinet ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, Ordinarius curet  
ut a quacumque pompa vel adparatu abstineatur et coram sacerdote probato  
et secreti tenaci ac sine testibus vel; si opus fuerit, cum duobus testi-  
bus ad Curiam pertinentibus, illud peragatur, cuius acta in secreto Curia  
tabulario adserventur; in libris autem baptizatorum paroeciae sive orato-  
sive compartis adnotetur consulendum esse Ordinarium loci si quando noti-  
tia vel documenta exquirantur.

Si qua tandem fidelium admiratio exoriatur, curet Ordinarius opportuna  
explicatione providere.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus S. Congregationis Pro Doctrina Fidei, die 19 Decembris 1969.

*L. Laurenti*



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

Roma, die 29 Januarii 1972  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

Prot. N. 411/69

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Litteris, die 3 m. curr. datis, Excellentia Tua Reverendissima iterum enixe postulavit readmissionem intra Clerum simulque rehabilitationem Rev. Willibaldi Castro, e diocesi Tlalnepantlana, cujus antea patrata Tibi nota sunt atque E. T. eundem commendare intendit ut in ista Archidiocesi benevole recipiatur ut ibi sacrum ministerium exercent.

Ut autem aliquid in casu hic decerni possit, interest hujus S. Congregationis certiolem fieri circa confirmatam disponibilitatem Ordinarii istius Archidioceseos eundem recipiendi intra clerum diocesenum non obstantibus ab Oratore antea patratas quæ eadem E. T. eidem Ordinario nota facere stricte tenetur. Insuper, etiamsi nihil obstarit ex parte utriusque Ordinarii sive Tlalnepantlani sive Angelorum in California ad reintegrationem ac rehabilitationem Rev. W. Castro, antequam idem Orator rehabilitari possit, necesse est ut ipsemet in aliqua Pia Domo humiliter se recipiat et tantum postquam ibi per congruum temporis spatium pietatis ac pœnitentiæ operibus incubuerit, loqui poterit de ejusdem rehabilitatione, eaque tamen gradatim peragenda.

Quæ cum ita sint, præcognitis dispositionibus utriusque prædicti Ordinarii necnon Oratoris adhæsione conditionibus supra expositis, faueat Excellentia Tua, quæso, huic S. Dicasterio omnia patefacere documentisque probare ut aliquid in casu hic statui possit ac inde Tibi notum facere.

Quæ dum petita expecto, hanc occasionem nactus, impensos aestimationis meæ sensus Tibi pando permanens

Excellentiæ Tuæ Reverendissimæ  
addictissimus

*Juan Arzube*

Most Rev. JUAN ARZUBE  
Auxiliary Bishop of

LOS ANGELES

28945

## TRANSLATION

FOR: His Excellency  
Bishop Juan Arzube

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2/28/72

His Eminence  
Cardinal Seper  
Rome Italy

Your Eminence:

With this I am replying to your very esteemed letter of January 29, 1972 (Prot. Num. 411/69), regarding the case of Fr. Willibaldo Castro, already reduced to the lay state, with total dispensation from priestly obligations.

This rescript of January 2, 1970, was given to Fr. W. Castro on the 25th of April of 1970 and it was for him a very hard shock, and at the time he accepted it with resignation. With pleasure I have read the letter of Your Eminence and I am happy to know that His Excellency Arzube, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, is interceding for a reinstatement of Fr. Castro.

Fr. Castro was badly struck by all this, although justly he has had time to meditate seriously and to make a decision that can lead him towards the Lord. I have not seen him nor heard from him since 1970. Considering all this, I think that a reinstatement "as an experiment" may be opportune. He seems to be a very capable man and very solid in his Catholic doctrine, and most likely will do a great deal of good for souls.

I would suggest that he remain in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I do not think he would feel very tranquil in our Diocese and, therefore, I recommend the petition of Bishop Arzube.

Asking for your good prayers, I am

Very devotedly yours in Christ,

S/ Fr. Felipe de Jesus Cueto O.F.M.

*Translated by:*  
Reverend REDACTED  
March 16, 1972

28943

April 27, 1972

ARCHBISHOP

I would recommend that you write a letter to the Sacred  
Congregation of the Faith that Father Castro be permitted "ad experimentum"  
to exercise his ministry in Los Angeles but that you would not consider him for  
incardination for a minimum of five years, reserving the right to extend that  
period or refuse incardination.

Monsignor Rawden

fd

Will you so  
prepare the letter  
Thanks

May 1, 1972

His Eminence  
 Franjo Cardinal Saper  
 The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
 34 Via Della Conciliazione  
 Rome, ITALY

Your Eminence:

Living within this ecclesiastical jurisdiction is

FATHER WILLIBALDO CASTRO,

whose proper Ordinary is Most Reverend Felipe de Jesus Cueto, O.F.M.,  
 Bishop of Tlalnepantla, Mexico, and who has been reduced to the lay  
 state (Prot. N. 411/69 rescript enclosed.)

May we respectfully request that Your Eminence grant per-  
 mission for Father Castro to be returned to the active priesthood "ad  
 experimentum" and for him to exercise his ministry in this jurisdiction.

We would, however, not be willing to consider Father Castro  
 for incardination in this Archdiocese before he has completed five years of  
 active service here. We would then reserve the right to extend beyond  
 five years or to refuse incardination. We are most willing to abide by your  
 decision in this matter.

Enclosed please find correspondence from interested parties,  
 including His Excellency, Most Reverend Juan Arzube, Auxiliary Bishop of  
 Los Angeles.

Very respectfully yours,

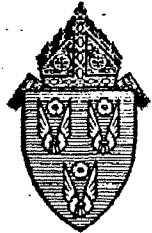
Timothy Manning  
 Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

encl.  
 cc Bishop Arzube  
 Bishop Cueto, Tlalnepantla

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

DUnkirk 8-8101  
August 3, 1972

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Seper  
THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR  
THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11  
Rome, Italy

Prot. N. 411/69

Your Eminence:

Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of May 24th, 1972, but it has taken this long to arrange for and contact the psychological examinations and tests that you required in connection with the case of Willebaldo Castro.

I am enclosing a report written by Dr. REDACTED PH.D., ACSW., which summarizes the findings and recommendations of the psychiatrist and psychologists there mentioned. Dr. REDACTED is well known in Rome at the Sacred Congregation of Religious, especially to Father REDACTED.

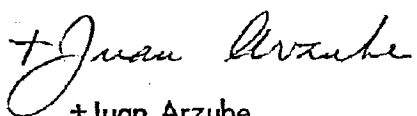
In talking with Dr. REDACTED personally, she mentioned it would be inadvisable at this time for Willebaldo Castro to enter into any kind of monastic environment, such as a retreat, for a long period of time, but rather that he could be allowed to participate in parish work as a priest, provided he received periodic psychotherapeutic counseling for a period of two to three years.

I feel that there are many priests with this or similar problems who are presently functioning as such, and present greater probabilities of making moral mistakes than the case we are here considering, because Willebaldo Castro will be sustained not only by the counseling he will be receiving, which the others do not have, but also by a remembrance of the unpleasant purgatory he has lived during the last three years.

In the past three years he has been living in Mexico City, working for his brothers' business dealing with automotive repairs. He was engaged in their office department rather than in the mechanic section of the business. In January of this year he came to Los Angeles, and has been staying with a family recommended by Father REDACTED, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 4509 Mercury Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90032. He is in daily contact with Father REDACTED and helps part time at the rectory with paper work. Father REDACTED speaks very highly of him, and I am sure he would be happy to write a letter of recommendation as you so desire.

In view of all the aforesaid, I repeat my request that Father Castro be permitted to work in a parish as a priest, while undergoing psychotherapeutic counseling and receiving competent spiritual direction.

Very respectfully yours,



+Juan Arzube  
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

encl.

Translation of letter received from Card. Seper

Your Excellency's letter of May 1 has been received in which you state your willingness to benevolently receive into the clergy of your Archdiocese Rev. Willibado Castro and that ad experimentum without incardination, at least before he has gone through a five year experiment looking toward his happy integration and rehabilitation. At the same time, we have received a favorable recommendation from the Ordinary of Tlalnepantl, a positive expert judgment from a Psychologist, and a renewed commendation from Auxiliary Bishop J. Arzube.

It is my duty to communicate to you the decision of this Holy Congregation, having seen and reviewed the recommendations from the Ordinaries and the medical expert, The Supreme Pontiff grants the petition of the Petitioner and accordingly decrees: "That Rev. Willibaldo Castro, from the Diocese of Tlalnepantl and now living in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, already dispensed from all Priestly duties, is readmitted to the priestly state and can once again offer Mass, without however the faculty of hearing the sacramental Confessions of the faithful, and that for one year, and under the observation of the Ordinary of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, who is to make available to him opportune psychotherapeutic care from a licensed Psychologist, so that after this period is ended, a report on the way of life of this priest be rendered to this Sacred Congregation.

When the above decision is communicated, Your Excellency should warn and exhort the Petitioner to live a truly priestly life granted him by the good will of the Holy See.

Note: The petitioner may be reached through Fr. REDACTED



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

Roma, die 5 Octobris 1972

Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Rite pervenerunt Litteræ, die 1 Maji n. e. datæ, quibus Excellentia Tua Reverendissima Suam patefaciebat disponibilitatem ad benevole recipiendum intra Clerum istius Archidioceseos Rev. D. Willibaldum Castro, idque ad experimentum absque incardinatione, saltem antequam pertranseat quinquennium experimenti, prævia fortuita integratione ac rehabilitatione prædicti Sacerdotis. Itemque pervenerunt favorabiles sententias sive ex parte Exc. mi Ordinarii Tlalnepantlani necnon positivum iudicium peritale ex parte Psychologi una cum renovata commendatione Exc. mi D. ni J. Arzube, Episcopæ Auxiliarii.

Ad rem officii mei est nunc Tibi notum facere hanc S. Congregationem, rite atque attente visis ac perspectis sententiis sive ex parte Ordinariorum sive ex parte peritali medica, benigne adprobante Summo Pontifice, adnuisse petitioni Oratoris ac proinde ita decrevisse: "Pro gratia, qua Rev. Willibaldus Castro, e diocesi Tlalnepantlana at nunc in Archidiocesi Angelorum in California commorans, jam dispensatus ab omnibus oneribus Sacerdotio adnexis, readmitti ad statum sacerdotalem ac rehabilitari valeat ad Sacrum litandum, absque tamen facultate fidelium sacramentalis confessiones audiendi, idque ad annum, ac sub vigilantia Ordinarii Archidiocesis Angelorum in California qui eundem assidere faciat opportunis curis psychotherapeuticis a Psychologo præscriptis atque, termino concessionis instante, de ejusdem Sacerdotis vitæ ratione ad hoc S. Dicasterium referat".

Dum vero cum interesse habentibus prædictam decisionem communicabit, velit simul Excellentia Tua Oratorem monere ac exhortari ut benignitati REDACTED vita vere sacerdotali respondere sedulo satagat.

Hanc occasionem nactus, impensos æstimationis meæ sensus Tibi pando permanentes

Excellentiæ Tuæ Reverendissimæ  
addictissimus

Exc. mo ac Rev. mo Domino  
D. No TIMOTHAEO MANNING  
Archiepiscopo  
ANGELORUM in California

Janc. Card. Segni, Pref.

28935

MEMORANDUM

TO: ARCHBISHOP MANNING  
 FROM: BISHOP JUAN ARZUBE  
 SUBJECT: CASE OF FATHER WILLEBALDO CASTRO  
 DATE: OCTOBER 26, 1972

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In view of the fact that I will be leaving Saturday morning for a stay of one week in Ecuador, I am leaving the enclosed documentation with you: the original letter from Cardinal Seper, an English translation of same, and the last letter I wrote him in connection with this case. Monsignor Rawden is also somewhat familiar with it.

*Stalphonens 18 Nov 72*

Enclosure:

REDACTED

REDACTED

*TO San Antonio de Palme*

REDACTED

NOV 10 1972  
ON CHANGE LIST

November 8, 1972

Reverend Willebaldo Castro  
ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH  
5223 Hastings Street  
Los Angeles, California 90022

Dear Father Castro:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

to Most Reverend Juan Arzube, ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, Los Angeles, which His Excellency, Archbishop Timothy Manning, has directed me to forward to you. This appointment will become effective Saturday, November 18, 1972.

The faculties of the Archdiocese have been extended to you. However these will expire as of October 31, 1973, at which time application for renewal will be necessary.

Reference is made to Prot. N. 411/69, Sacred Congregation of the Faith, dated October 5, 1972, "absque tamen facultate fidelium sacramenta l es confessiones audiendi, idque ad annum, ac sub vigilantia Ordinarii Archdiocesis Angelorum in California qui eundem assidere faciat opportunis curis pschotherapeutfcis a Pschologo praescriptis atque, termino concessionis instante, de ejusdem Sacerdotis vitae ratione ad hoc S. Dicasterium referat."

It is understood that His Excellency, Archbishop Manning, will not become a benevolent Bishop and that you will remain incardinated in your present diocese.

Would you kindly fill out the enclosed Personal Record sheet for our Chancery Office files and return same to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

28932

fd; encl.

cc Most Rev. Felipe de Jesus Cueto Gonzalez, OFM, Bishop of Tlalnepantla with rescript



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

Roma, die 4 Junii 1973  
Piazza del S. Ufficio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69  
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Rite pervenerunt Litteræ, die 17 m. Maji n. e. datæ, quibus Eminentia Tua Reverendissima transmisit ac commendavit petitionem qua, adnexa positiva relatione peritali Psychologi consulti, REDACTED rehabilitationem Rev. Sac. Wil-  
libaldi Castro ad fidelium confessiones audiendas enixe efflagitabat.

Ad rem officii mei est Tibi significare hanc Sacram Congregationem attento subjecisse examini sive prædictam petitionem sive adnexam relationem peritalem medicam et sincere gratulari quod Rev. W. Castro optime se gerat in cura pastoralis sibi commissâ his primis mensibus experimentalis sacri ministeri cui recenter readmissus fuit.

Quoad facultatem fidelium sacramentales confessiones audiendi pro eodem postulatam, attentis ab Oratore antea patratâ ac præsertim perspecta exiguitate temporis transacti ab inita ejusdem rehabilitatione, hæc S. Congregatio nondum opportunum retinuit petitioni adnuere: quamobrem Rev. W. Castro curas psychologicas sedulo sequi pergat ac, cum terminus rehabilitationis antea ad annum eidem concessæ adpropinquaverit, faveat Eminentia Tua denuo de ejus vitæ ratione referre simulque, si casus ferat, recurrere ad ampliorem rehabilitationem obtinendam. in ejusdem favorem.

Quæ dum Tecum communico ut interesse habentibus nota humane velis, hanc occasionem nactus, altissimæ venerationis meæ sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

Eminentiaæ Tuæ Reverendissimæ  
addictissimus

EM;mo ac Rev. mo Domino  
D. no TIMOTHEO Card. MANNING  
Archiepiscopo

ANGELORUM in Calif.

REDACTED

cc.

*File Rev W Castro*

June 28, 1973

BISHOP ARZUBE

Is it necessary or advisable that Father Castro be informed of this?

Have you, or will you so advise him.

Monsignor Rawden

*I will advise him of this -*

REDACTED

REDACTED



TELEPHONE 264-3353

5223 HASTINGS STREET

# Saint Alphonsus Church

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90022

October 6, 1973

Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden

Chancellor.

1531 W. 9th St.

Los Angeles, Cal. 90015

Dear Monsignor Rawden:

I was appointed associate pastor to Most Reverend Juan Arzube, At. Saint Alphonsus Church, Los Angeles, by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Manning, becoming effective on November 18, 1972.

I am hereby applying for renewal of the faculties which were extended to me on that occasion until October 31, 1973.

*J.K.*  
REDACTED  
REDACTED  
REDACTED

*Special case*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. Willebaldo Castro R.*  
Rev. Willebaldo Castro R.



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00193 Romae, die 29 Decembris 1973  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69.....

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Litteris, die 27 m. Septembris n. e. datis, Eminentia Tua Reverendissima rehabilitationem Rev. Sac. Willibaldi Castro ad fidelium confessiones audiendas denuo expostulabat.

Ad rem mihi nunc pergratum est Tibi significare Em. mos ac Rev. mos Patres, fidei ac morum tutelae praepositos, in Coetu Ordinario REDACTED, die 12 Decembris 1973 habito, attentis omnibus casus circumstantiis necnon ab Eminentia Tua enixe prolatis ac perspecta positiva relatione peritali a psychologo consulto tradita, hoc tulisse Decretum, postea a REDACTED benigne adprobatum: " Pro gratia, qua remittitur prudentiae et conscientiae Ordinarii Angelorum in California rehabilitatio Sac. Willibaldi Castro ad sacramentales fidelium confessiones audiendas in publico ecclesiae confessionali, idque ad annum, assidue adsistente psychologo curante, sub vigilantia ac onerata conscientia ejusdem praedicti Ordinarii qui, termino concessionis labente, de vitae ratione Oratoris ad S. C. pro Doctrina Fidei referre curabit".

Dum vero interesse habentibus praedictum Decretum notum faciet, ne omittat simul REDACTED monere ac exhortari ut benignitati REDACTED vita vere sacerdotali respondere sedulo satagat.

Quae dum Tecum communico, hanc occasionem nactus, altissimae venerationis meae sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

Eminentiae Tuae Reverendissimae  
addictissimus

*Franc. Card. Secur. Graf.*

Em. mo ac Rev. mo Domino  
D. no TIMOTHAEO Card. MANNING  
Archiepiscopo  
ANGELORUM in California

28924

**Rev. Willebaldo Castro R.**

**Diocese of Mexico**

**Oct. 31, 1974**

**26**

**October**

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FACULTIES RECORD

Date 1/15/74

GRANTED TO:

Reverend WILLEBALDO CASTRO

Diocese/Religious Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinary's/Superior's Permission \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Exul Familia Rescript # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Stay in Archdiocese: ~~INDEFINITE~~ to 10/31/74 - no restriction

Purpose of Stay in Archdiocese: Assoc. Pastor at St. Alphonsus.

Residence: 5223 Hastings - L.A.

+ Juan Avante  
Signature of Prelate

January 18th, 1974

His Eminence  
Franjo Cardinal Seper  
Sacra Congregatio Pro Doctrina Fidei  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11  
00193 Roma, Italia

Your Eminence:

This is to acknowledge your esteemed communication of December 29th, Prot. No. 411/69, relative to the rehabilitation of the REVEREND WILLEBALDO CASTRO.

We are most grateful for the action of our Most Holy Father on the recommendation of the members of the Sacred Congregation. The conditions attached to the concession will be faithfully observed and a follow-up report will be transmitted at the end of the year, as requested.

Father Castro was under the immediate direction of His Excellency, Bishop Juan Arzube, our Auxiliary Bishop, so we are assured of a scrupulous conformity to the mind of the Holy See in his regard.

With sentiments of esteem, I am

Very sincerely yours,

REDACTED

Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

28923

REDACTED

REDACTED

cc



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00193 Romae, 2. Januarii 1975.....  
Piazza del S. Ufficio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69...  
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

Em. me ac Rev. me Domine,

Rite pervenerunt ad hanc Sacram Congregationem, una cum adnexis, Litterae, die 6 m. Decembris n. e. datae, quibus Eminentia Tua Reverendissima in favorem Rev. Sac. Willibaldi CASTRO, in ista Archidioecesi commorantis, definitivam rehabilitationem ad fidelium confessiones audiendas ex postulabat.

Ad rem officii mei est Tibi notum facere hoc Sacrum Dicasterium, etsi pondus commendationis Tuae minime negligere intendat, perspectis vero omnibus casus circumstantiis, nondum opportunum retinuisse praefatae petitioni adnuere ac proinde ita statuere: "Pro gratia, qua Rev. D. no Sac. Willibaldo Castro prorogari valeat ad triennium facultas sacramentales fidelium confessiones audiendi, idque in terminis praecedentis concessionis".

Elapso autem tempore statuto, velit Eminentia Tua ad hanc Sacram Congregationem de vita ac moribus praedicti Sacerdotis denuo referre.

Quae dum Tecum communico, altissimae venerationis meae sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

Eminentiae Tuae Reverendissimae  
addictissimus

*J. Am. Card. Fern. Graf.*

Em. mo ac Rev. mo Domino  
D. no Timotheo Card. MANNING  
Archiepiscopo

ANGELORUM in California

Archbishop  
to Bishop Argube

F. Castro

13 January 75

THREE YEAR EXTENSION on the rescript already in effect and in accord with the provisions of the rescript already in effect.

Need to apply again in three years indicating "vita et moribus" of the priest.

REDACTED

September 4, 1975

Most Reverend Juan Arzube  
Casa Santa Maria  
Via dell'Umilta No. 30  
Rome, 00193 ITALY

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Juan:

I hope that all goes well and that you are enjoying your stay away from the Chancery Office.

I regret that I must be the bearer of sad news. Father Willebaldo has been accused by a young boy in your parish, REDACTED REDACTED. Apparently there must be some truth in it inasmuch as a priest has questioned this boy on several different occasions and his story remains unshakeable.

His Eminence asked that I speak with Father. I thought you had best know this sad news in advance.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

REDACTED



5 Sept 75

RE: REV. WILLEBARDO CASTRO , Associate, St Alphonsus

REDACTED 16yrs, reported to his mother and father and Father REDACTED (Assoc - St Alph) that Fr. Castro, having been called by Mrs REDACTED, to counsel her son, took REDACTED into the *latter's* bedroom and placed his hands beneath the underclothing of the young man.

After repeated interviews with Father REDACTED - the young man's story remains the same.

On 5 Sept 75, the undersigned interviewed Father Castro at the Chancery. Father C. did not deny knowing the boy or being alone with him in the boy's bedroom. He recalled that the boy was not wearing a "T" shirt or any other covering above the waist. Father C. feels that the boy misunderstood his paternal manner.

I feel that we should now await further information from Father REDACTED as to the disposition of REDACTED. I asked Father C. NOT to visit the boy or the family and, for the time being, to make no explanation to anyone of this incident. Father C. is leaving for a month vacation next Monday, 8 Sept 75.

I would recommend that if there is no further activity on the part of the boy or his family, that Father C. be quietly transferred to another parish. In case another incident, or further activity on this incident, should arise that Father C. be asked to leave the Archdiocese and that the Sacred Congregation be advised accordingly.

I doubt that on the basis of this incident, as it stands now, ~~that~~ we should make an official report to the Sacred Congregation. I feel in conscience that there is a reasonable doubt as to the reality of the incident - at least to the degree reported by REDACTED

JAR



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00193 Romae, 19. novembris 1975  
Piazza del S. Ufficio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69  
(In response fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Litteris, die 3 m. Novembris currentis datis, Eminentia Tua Reverendissima rettulit de recenti accusatione quae gravat Sac. Willibaldm Castro, in ista Archidioecesi commorantem, nunc de delicto de quo in can. 2359,2 delatum.

Ad rem officii mei est Tecum communicare hanc S. Congregationem praefatam denuntiationem attento subjecisse examini ac, perspectis omnibus casus adjunctis, ita statuisse : "Sac. Willibaldus Castro gravissime moneatur nomine S.C. pro Doctrina Fidei ut cautius ac juxta dignitatem sacerdotalem quae ei competit, semper et ubique se gerat itemque studiose evitet quidquid mali contra VI<sup>um</sup> etiam tantum suspicionem ingerere queat. Interim alibi transferatur eidemque sedulo invigiletur addita comminatione processum peragendi toto legis rigore si quid novi eadem de causa adversus eum infeliciter emergerit".

Quam decisionem dum Tibi notam facio, altissimae venerationis meae sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

Eminentiae Tuae Reverendissimae  
addictissimus

*J. Card. Lorenzini*  
*Prasf.*

His Eminence  
Most Rev. Timothy Card. MANNING  
Archbishop of LOS ANGELES

12/3 - orig. to Bishop Arzube

*File*  
*Willibaldus*  
*CASTRO*

SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00193 Romae, 19 novembris 1975  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

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competit, semper et ubique se gerat itemque studiose evitet  
quidquid mali contra VI<sup>um</sup> etiam tantum suspicionem ingerere  
queat. Interim alibi transferatur eidemque sedulo invigiletur  
addita comminatione processum peragendi toto legis rigore si  
quid novi eadem de causa adversus eum infeliciter emergerit".

Quam decisionem dum Tibi notam facio, altissimae vene-  
rationis meae sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

Eminentiae Tuae Reverendissimae

addictissimus

*J. Card. Lorenzini*  
*Pras.*

His Eminence  
Most Rev. Timothy Card. MANNING  
Archbishop of LOS ANGELES

TELEPHONE 264-3353

5229 HASTINGS STREET

# Saint Alphonsus Church

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90022

December 6, 1975

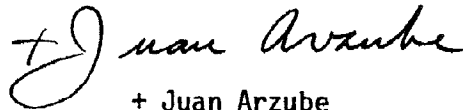
Prot. N. 411/69

His Eminence  
TIMOTHY CARDINAL MANNING  
Archbishop of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California, 90015

Your Eminence:

In accordance with your request, and in the name of the Sacred Congregation For the Doctrine of the Faith, I admonished Rev. Willebaldo Castro today to the effect that his behaviour in the future should conform at all times in accordance with his sacerdotal dignity, and that he should carefully avoid anything that might arouse suspicion against the sextum. I also notified him that if we become aware of any future unfortunate involvement, the full rigor of the law would have to be applied.

Respectfully yours in Christ,



+ Juan Arzube  
Pastor

Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

December 10, 1975

**His Eminence  
Franjo Cardinal Seper  
The Sacred Congregation for the  
Doctrine of the Faith  
11 Piazza del S. Uffizio  
Rome, ITALY**

RE: Prot. N. 411/69

Your Eminence:

In accord with your letter of November 19, 1975, Reverend Willibaldo Castro has been most gravely admonished and will be transferred from his present position immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

**Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Archbishop of Los Angeles**

REDACTED

bc Bishop Arzube

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SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

REDACTED

00193 Romae, 9 februarii 1976  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

*cc ✓ 2/20/76  
to  
D. ...  
REDACTE*

PROT. N. 411/69...  
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

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Eminentiae Tuae Reverendissimae  
addictissimus

*J. Card. Sepe  
Praef.*

His Eminence  
Most Rev. Timothy Card. MANNING  
Archbishop of

LOS ANGELES



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

REDACTED

00193 Romae, 9 februarii 1976  
Piazza del S. Ufficio, 11

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addictissimus

*Handwritten signature:*  
Franc. Card. Secun  
Pras.

His Eminence  
Most Rev. Timothy Card. MANNING  
Archbishop of

LOS ANGELES

February 20, 1976

Bishop Arzube:

I think it would be well if you spoke to Father REDACTED indicating the necessity of vigilance with Father Castro and the necessity of a report in one year.

When I first made the assignment, I spoke in very general terms. At the time, I felt that was sufficient. Possibly now, you would care to enlarge upon my original explanation. This, I would leave to your good judgment.

Monsignor Rawden

REDACTED

encl.

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*File for Michael Castro*

February 20, 1976

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Monsignor Rowden

*I called Fr. [REDACTED] he said he seldom comes to L.A., so in a letter - English I explained the basic problem - He says he is extremely happy with Fr. Castro and very grateful that we met him.*

REDACTED

*Visum*  
REDACTED  
REDACTED  
REDACTED

27 December 1976

Your Eminence:

An incident of alleged child molestation has been lodged against Father WILIBARDO CASTRO (Santa Maria). This is the priest who is under "ad experimentum" from the Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. Bishop Arzube is aware of this and a previous incident at St Alphonsus.

The police came to the rectory at Our Lady of the Assumption, Santa Maria and gave Father Castro permission to make a statement to an attorney. Father REDACTED called and asked if it was O.K. to use a local attorney - a Catholic known to Father REDACTED, I feel that is O.K. No arrest was made - apparently a complaint has been filed - but to date no warrant has been issued.

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31 December 1976

Your Eminence:

This date I received a telephone call from Father REDACTED Pastor of St Mary, Santa Maria to wit:

- 1. A lie dectector test was given to Father Castro and to the alleged victim - it proved that the boy was lying;
- 2. Father Castro was exonerated by the police and the family of the boy;
- 3. The mother of the boy is very sâddened that Father Castro was humiliated and apologized;
- 4. The boy apologized to Father Castro in the presence of Father REDACTED
- 5. Father REDACTED is most anxious to keep Father Castro - he claims he is an excellent priest and does tremendous good in the parish;
- 6. Father REDACTED says that there is no public knowledge of this incident and the family of the boy have promissed not to reveal this to anyone.

In light of the above I would recommend that we do nothing about this incident.

REDACTED

*Redact*  
 REDACTED  
*Jan. 3. '77*

October 25, 1978

His Eminence  
Franjo Cardinal Seper  
The Sacred Congregation for the  
Doctrine of the Faith  
11 Piazza del S. Uffizio  
Rome, Italy

RE: Prot N. 411/69  
January 2, 1975  
Reverend Willibaldo Castro

Your Eminence:

In the above rescript, you granted Father Castro a three year probationary period in the active priesthood to function here in Los Angeles.

Except for one incident which we reported to you on November 3, 1975, and on which we followed your counsel as set forth in rescript 411/69 dated November 19, 1975, we have received excellent reports on Father's priestly zeal and dedication.

We would ask, therefore, for an extension of the rescript.

Very sincerely yours,

Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

copies of rescripts dated 1/2/75 and 11/19/75 enclosed

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appt 1 pm - wed, 6 December 7



SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00193 Romae, die 14 Novembris 1978  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69

(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Rite huc pervenerunt Litterae, die 25 m. Octobris n. e. datae, quibus Eminentia Tua Reverendissima, referens circa vitae rationem Sac. Willibaldi Castro, in ista Archidioecesi commorantis, in ejus favorem postulabat prorogationem facultatis fidelium confessiones audiendi antea eidem concessae.

Ad rem officii mei est Tibi significare hanc S. Congregationem, attentis omnibus casus circumstantiis atque a Te prolatis, adnuisse praefatae petitioni Tuae ac ita proinde statuisset: "Pro gratia qua, juxta preces, Rev. D. no Sac. Willibaldo Castro prorogari valeat facultas sacramentales fidelium confessiones audiendi, idque ad triennium ac in terminis praecedentis concessionis".

Tempore autem statuto labente, velit Eminentia Tua da vita ac moribus praedicti Sacerdotis ad S. C. pro Doctrina Fidei iterum referre. Interim, dum Oratori hanc decisionem notam faciet, eadem Eminentia Tua ne omittat simul eundem opportune monere ac exhortari ut ipsemet benignitati REDACTED semper et ubique vita vere sacerdotali respondere sedulo satagat.

Quae dum Tecum communico, hanc occasionem nactus, altissimae venerationis meae sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

REDACTED

Franc. Card. Tynan  
Praef.

Em. mo ac Rev. mo Domino  
D. no TIMOTHAEO Card. MANNING  
Archiepiscopo

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ANGELORUM in California

REDACTED REDACTED

December 6, 1978

Most Reverend Felipe de Jesus Custo Gonzalez  
Bishop of Tlalnepantla  
Apartado Postal 268  
Tlalnepantla, Mexico  
MEXICO

Your Excellency:

We are forwarding the enclosed so that you may  
keep your file up to date on Father Willibaldo Castro.

We are pleased with the services of Father Castro.

With kindest regards, I remain

Most respectfully,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

fd  
encls. - copy of letter dated 11/14/78 from the Sacred Cong. & our letter 10/25/78  
cc Father Castro

*Valid thru 14 November 1981*

REDACTED

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO APPEAR

STATION INDUSTRY D161597

DATE 07-30-80 TIME 1955 PM DAY OF WEEK WED R.D. 1423

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) WILFREDO BALDO RODRIGUEZ CASTRO

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1215 S. HAMILTON AVE CITY PALMDALE

BUSINESS ADDRESS SAME

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. REDACTED CLASS 3 STATE CAL BIRTHDATE 12-09-27

SEX M HAIR BRN EYES BRN HEIGHT 505' WEIGHT 150

VEHICLE LICENSE NO. STATE PASSENGERS

YEAR MAKE BODY STYLE COLOR

REGISTERED OWNER OR LESSEE

ADDRESS OF OWNER OR LESSEE CITY

VIOLATION(S)

1 64701 P.C. 2. 3.

DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION(S)

(1) DISORDERLY CONDUCT

INFRACTION ( )

FILE NO. 480-14720-1423-133 BOOKING ( ) F.I.R. ( )

APRX. SPD. P.F./MAX. SPD. VEH. SPD. LMT. CITY INDUSTRY

LOCATION OF VIOLATION(S)

ON 400 PUENTE HILLS MALL

I OFFENSE(S) NOT COMMITTED IN MY PRESENCE. CERTIFIED ON INFORMATION AND RELIEF.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

EXECUTED ON THE DATE SHOWN ABOVE AT INDUSTRY CALIFORNIA

ISSUING OFFICER(S) REDACTED (I.D. NO. REDACTED)

AGENCY RECEIVED IN INCIDENT FROM ABOVE (I.D. NO. REDACTED)

REDACTED (I.D. NO. REDACTED)

WITHOUT ADMITTING GUILT, I PROMISE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE LISTED BELOW

SIGNATURE Wilfredo Baldo Rodriguez Castro

COURT CITRUS ADJUDICIAL COURT

ADDRESS 1427 W. COVINA PARKWAY, WEST

CITY OR TOWN WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790

ON THE 15 DAY OF AUG 19 80 AT 830 A.M.

OR

YOU MAY ATTEND NIGHT COURT ON \_\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. OF APPEARANCE DOES NOT HOLD

FORM APPROVED BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA (SI 1-7-76 V.C. 40500(B), 40513(B) P.C. 853.9) (M) NIGHT SESSION 767551 SH-CR-66 REV. 5/78

August 25, 1980

His Eminence,  
Franjo Cardinal Seper  
The Sacred Congregation for  
the Doctrine of the Faith  
11 Piazza del S. Uffizio  
00193 Rome, ITALY

Prot. N. 411/69  
Rev. Willibaldo CASTRO  
14 November 1978

Your Eminence:

In the above rescript, you granted Father CASTRO a three year probationary period in the active ministry of the priesthood to function here in Los Angeles.

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Unfortunately, Your Eminence, another incident occurred on 30 July 1980, in the restroom of a large department store. The person approached by Father Castro is a male security guard, employed by the department store. The security guard immediately arrested Father Castro, and turned him over to the local police.

Father Castro was scheduled to appear in criminal court on August 15, 1980, for a hearing. He is represented by a good Catholic lawyer. The local police sergeant, a very good Catholic, is sympathetic to Father Castro, and wishes to have the charges dropped. The conditions for dismissing the charges are that his Ecclesiastical Superiors arrange for some psychological help and that he be transferred from that immediate vicinity.

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We take this opportunity to recommend this priest, Father Castro, to Your Eminence, as one who needs psychological help with his problem. We know that, aside from this problem, he is a credit to the priesthood.

We would recommend, therefore, that the present rescript (Prot. N. 411/69 - November 14, 1978) not be withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED Mexico  
REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

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Franjo Cardinal Seper  
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Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

cc: Bishop of Tlalnepantla, Mexico

Msgr. REDACTED REDACTED , Mexico 9/23/80 ag

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*Leaving Archdiocese*

**ON CHANGE LIST**

**SEP 29 1980**

**September 11, 1980**

**Reverend Monsignor REDACTED  
Vicar General  
Apartado postal 24-433  
Mexico 7, D.F., Mexico**

**Dear Monsignor REDACTED**

**This is to inform you that**

**REVEREND WILLEBALDO CASTRO,**

**who is an Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Church  
1215 S. Hamilton Blvd.  
Pomona, Calif. 91766,  
has served in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from November 28, 1972.  
He is now returning to Mexico City.**

**With kindest best regards, I remain**

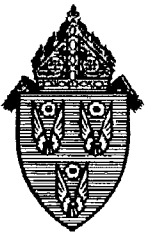
**Sincerely yours in Christ,**

**Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor**

REDACTED

**cc: Father Castro**

CASTRO, Willabaldo



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
388-8101

OCT 31 1980  
ON CHANGE LIST

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1980

Today I talked with  
REDACTED  
M in  
Sacra Heart, Pomona.  
He advised me that  
Fr. W. Costao left on  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> for Mexico  
& will not return.  
Fr. C. told him so  
& has taken all his  
belongings.

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SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

00193 Romae, die 10 Octobris 1980  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

PROT. N. 411/69  
(In responsione fiat mentio huius numeri)

REDACTED

Rite huc pervenerunt Litterae, die 25 m. Augusti n. e. datae, quibus REDACTED hanc S. Congregationem certio- rem faciebat de recenti accusatione quae gravat Sac. Willibaldum Ca- stro, in ista Archidioecesi commorantem, qui iterum in delictum de quo in can. 2359, 2 misere relapsus est.

Ad rem officii mei est Tibi notum facere quod, omnibus casus circumstantiis perspectis, hoc S. Dicasterium statuit ut praefatus Sacerdos in suam dioecesim Tlalnepantlanam redeat ibique suspensus a divinis maneat simulque sub speciali vigilantia Ordinarium cuius curis pastoralibus folio pari numero reus nunc commen- datur.

Dolens de gravi notitia relata, hanc occasionem nactus, altissimae venerationis meae sensus Tibi obtestor permanens

Eminentiae Tuae Reverendissimae  
addictissimus

*Janc. Card. Pon-  
traf.*

His Eminence  
Most Rev. TIMOTHY Card. MANNING  
Archbishop of  
LOS ANGELES



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
388-8101

*File*  
*Responded to*  
*From Rome*  
REDACTED  
RE  
*24 Oct 80*

10 October 1980

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Institute for Continuing Theological Education  
North American College  
Casa Santa Maria  
Via Dell'Umilta; 30  
00187 Rome Italy

Dear Archie:

I hope you are enjoying your courses and also a rest from telephone calls.

Father WILLEBALDO CASTRO phoned me from Mexico City today because he is having a problem with his Bishop Adolfo Suarez Rivera, Bishop of Tlalneantla. Father Castro wants his Bishop to release him so that he may work in the Archdiocese of Mexico City but Bishop Suarez feels he can not do this because the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith only approved his release to the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

I feel it would help a great deal if we received some response from Cardinal Seper to the letter His Eminence wrote him on August 25, 1980. It is Prot. N. 411/69. In it as you may recall, Cardinal Manning acquaints him with a recent incident and mentions that Father Castro would like to return to his diocese of incardination where he would have the moral support of his family. He also recommends that the rescript aforementioned not be withdrawn. I feel that if some determination be made by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, this would help Bishop Suarez to feel more secure in releasing Father Castro for work in the Archdiocese of Mexico. I am writing you therefore, in view of your knowledge of this case, to request that you inquire if some decision has been made regarding Father Castro and communicate this to me in order that I might give him more effective assistance.

With a prayerful remembrance, I remain,

Faternally yours in Christ,

Juan Arzube  
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
388-8101

To: Cardinal Manning  
From: Bishop Arzube + *OA*  
Date: October 31, 1980

I spoke with Bishop Adolfo Suarez on the telephone regarding the situation of Father Castro. He intends to write a letter to the Sacred Congregation requesting leniency, but feels the case would be easier to present if he can enclose a letter of recommendation from you and from me. I am attaching a copy of the letter I am sending him.

enclosure:





ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
388-8101

31 October 1980

Most Reverend Adolfo Suarez Rivera  
REDACTED

Your Excellency:

At your request, I am writing you in connection with Fr. WILLEBALDO CASTRO and the letter you have received concerning him from the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

I have been acquainted with Fr. Willebaldo Castro from 1969 until just recently when he returned to Mexico. Throughout all these years he has faithfully served the Church as a zealous and hardworking priest. His Pastors had words of praise for his labors.

It is unfortunate that he has been guilty of improper actions on two or three occasions since then. But how many priests are there completely guiltless over a period of 10 years ?

I firmly believe that the internal torture Fr. Castro has experienced after each one of his unfortunate incidents has reinforced his desire to avoid future occasions and to dedicate himself with even greater zeal to exercise his ministry. Corrective measures, such as seeking psychiatric help and a 30-day retreat would certainly be helpful, but "suspensus a divinis" at this time could crush him to the point of not being able to re-act favorably in a few years time.

In this day when there is such a great need of priests it would be regretable to have one, with the qualifications of Fr. Castro, be put away on inactive leave. I heartily endorse, therefore, whatever request you might make to the Sacred Congregation asking for a more lenient penalty and that Fr. Castro be allowed to exercise his ministry again in the near future.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*+ Juan Arzube*

+ Juan Arzube  
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

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Curia del  
Obispado de Tlalnepantla, Méx.  
Plaza Comonfort y Av. Juárez  
Apartado Postal 268 Tel. 565-39-44  
Tlalnepantla, Méx.

16 de enero de 1981.

EMMO. Y RVMO. SR. CARDENAL  
TIMOTHY MANNING,  
1531 WEST 9TH STREET,  
LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA 90015, U.S.A.

Eminentísimo Señor Cardenal:

Saludo a Vuestra Eminencia y le deseo todo bien en el Señor.

El pasado mes de noviembre estuve en Roma y aprovechando mi estancia en ésa, fuí a la Sagrada -- Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fé con el objeto de hablar con Mons. REDACTED sobre el caso del P. WILLEBALDO R. CASTRO, Protocolo No. 411/69.

De mi conversación con el citado Monseñor, que es quien tiene a su cargo el caso referido, comprendí que se tiene la impresión de que el Padre en cuestión no se retiró voluntariamente de la Arquidiócesis de los Angeles, sino que mas bien se le ultimó de parte de esa Cancillería a que regresara a México, como indeseable.

Mucho ayudaría, en mi concepto, al arreglo favorable (dentro de lo que se pueda) del caso del Padre Willebaldo, si su Eminencia se dignara enviar una carta aclaratoria a esa Sagrada Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fé.

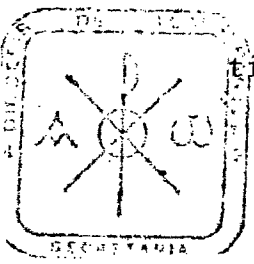
Por lo que me atrevo a pedírsela, si Vuestra Eminencia lo juzga prudente.

Doy de antemano las gracias a la -- atención que su Eminencia preste a mi humilde petición.

Reitero a Vuestra Eminencia mis sentimientos de afecto y consideración en el Señor.

*Adolfo Suárez Rivera*  
+ADOLFO SUÁREZ RIVERA.  
OBISPO DE TLALNEPANTLA.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: CARDINAL MANNING  
FROM: MONSIGNOR RAWDEN  
RE: REV. WILLIBALDO CASTRO  
DATE: 29 JANUARY 1981

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Your Eminence:

Attached is a copy of a letter, which you sent to the Sacred Congregation, on the departure of Father Willibaldo Castro.

Father Willibaldo initiated on his own, before any conversation with us, his return to Mexico, to be near his family, and receive moral support from them.

We did not dismiss him from this Diocese. We would, however, have had to transfer him from Pomona - perhaps even out of Los Angeles County. But none of this was mentioned to Father Castro, because as said previously, he had already made up his mind to return to Mexico.

You will note that all of this was explained ( page 2, top of page) in your letter to Cardinal Seper, August 25, 1980.

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January 30, 1981

His Eminence,  
Franjo Cardinal Seper  
The Sacred Congregation for  
The Doctrine of the Faith  
11 Piazza del S. Uffizio  
00193 Rome, ITALY

Pro. N. 411/69  
Rev. Willibaldo Castro  
14 November 1978

Your Eminence:

His Excellency, Adolfo Suarez Rivera, Bishop of Tlalnepantla, has asked that I write to Your Eminence and amplify one point about the departure of Father Willibaldo Castro from this jurisdiction.

As we mentioned in our letter of 25 August 1980, page two, paragraph one, Father Castro, on his own initiative, proposed to our Chancellor that he return to Mexico, in order that he be near his family and receive their moral support.

As mentioned in our letter, an incident did take place in Pomona, but the other party was a male adult.

Again, we take this opportunity to recommend Father Castro to Your Eminence and to Bishop Rivera as one who needs psychological help with his problem. We know that aside from this problem he is a credit to the priesthood.

We would recommend, therefore, that the present rescript (Prot. N. 411/69, 14 November 1978) not be withdrawn, but rather extended.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

cc: Bishop Rivera



SACRA CONGREGAZIONE  
PER LA DOTTRINA  
DELLA FEDE

00193 Roma, =3 Novembre 1983  
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11

Prot. N. 411/69

(Si prega citare il numero nella risposta)

Eccellenza Reverendissima,

In relazione alla Sua pregiata Lettera del 21 Ottobre u. s., con cui l'Eccellenza Vostra chiedeva istantemente la riammissione del Sac. Willebaldo Castro, di codesta diocesi, al completo esercizio del sacro ministero, questa S. Congregazione ha benevolmente riesaminato il caso in questione.

In merito mi pregio significarLe che, tenuto conto delle positive testimonianze riferite a suo tempo dai Superiori di Collevaenza circa le prove di stabile emendamento fornite dall'Oratore, nonché delle autorevoli quanto favorevoli informazioni a Lei date dall'Em. mo Arcivescovo di México, che ne ebbe particolare cura in questi ultimi due anni, questa S. Congregazione, annuendo alla Sua premurosa istanza, ha così decretato: " Pro gratia qua, juxta preces, remittitur prudentiae et conscientiae Ordinarii Tlalnepantlani facultas rehabilitandi Sac. Willebaldum Castro ad omnia munia sacerdotalia obeunda, idque ad triennium, sub peculiari vigilantia ejusdem Episcopi. Termino autem concessionis adpropinquante, ne dedignetur Ordinarius de praedicti Sacerdotis vitae ratione ad S. Congregationem pro Doctrina Fidei rite referre "

Nel comunicare all'interessato quanto lo riguarda, non ometta Vostra Eccellenza di paternamente esortarlo ed ammonirlo perchè voglia corrispondere alla benignità della REDACTED con una condotta sempre e dovunque in tutto conforme agli alti impegni che la dignità sacerdotale comporta, affidandolo in pari tempo alla diretta vigilante assistenza di qualche buon Sacerdote maturo e prudente perchè l'Oratore non abbia miseramente a ricadere nella sua colpa, nel qual caso - quod Deus avertat! - voglia Ella riferirne prontamente a questo S. Dicastero.

A Sua Eccellenza Reverendissima  
Mons. ADOLFO SUAREZ RIVERA  
Vescovo di

TLALNEPANTLA

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Nel comunicarLe quanto sopra per Sua cognizione e norma,  
profitto volentieri dell'occasione per confermarmi con sensi di sin-  
cera e distinta stima

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OBISPADO DE TLALNEPANTLA

Noviembre 21 de 1983.

APARTADO POSTAL 268

TEL. 5-65-39-44

TLALNEPANTLA, EDO. DE MÉXICO

Sr. Pbro. D.  
WILLEBALDO CASTRO,  
PRESENTE,  
TLALNEPANTLA, Edo. de México.

Estimado Padre Castro:

Deseo a Ud. todo bien en el Señor!

En mi reciente estancia en la Ciudad de Roma, acudí a la Sda. Congregación de la Doctrina de la Fe, entregando personalmente una solicitud escrita por la que solicitaba su rehabilitación plena al ministerio sacerdotal.

REDACTED, en rescripto N.411/69, fechado el día 3 de Noviembre de 1983, se dignó dar respuesta positiva, en los siguientes terminos:

"Pro gratia qua, juxta preces, remittitur prudentiae et conscientiae Ordinarii Tlalnepantlani facultas rehabilitandi Sac. Willebaldum Castro ad omnia munia sacerdotalia obeunda, idque ad triennium sub peculiari vigilantia ejusdem Episcopi. Termino autem concessionis adpropinquante, ne dedignetur Ordinarius de praedicti Sacerdotis vitae ratione ad S. Congregationem pro Doctrina Fidei rite referre".

Como se dará cuenta Ud. la REDACTED ha dejado a la prudencia y conciencia de su Servidor, Ordinario de Tlalnepantla, su rehabilitación plena al ministerio sacerdotal, por tres años; transcurridos los cuales se tendrá que acudir de nuevo a la Sda. Congregación de la Doctrina de la Fe.

Por lo tanto, un servidor confiando en la Misericordia del Señor que le ha dado a Ud. el poder encomendar establemente su vida sacerdotal, así como también en el amor que siempre ha Ud. manifestado a su Sacerdocio, concedo gustoso a Ud., Padre Castro, su rehabilitación plena al ministerio sacerdotal, POR TRES AÑOS, "pro gratia", según las disposiciones de la Santa Sede.

Me permito adjuntar a ésta una "copia" del Rescripto arriba mencionado de la REDACTED, para su mejor conocimiento y fines que crea necesarios.

Las recomendaciones que hace la Sda. Congregación, en el último párrafo de su comunicación, se las he hecho a Ud., personalmente, en su reciente entrevista. Con todo, ruego a Ud. reelerlas y meditarlas.

Respecto a otros puntos concretos ya nos pondremos de acuerdo oportunamente. De mi parte puede Ud. seguir utilizando su permiso que tiene de permanecer en la Arquidiócesis de México, renovando naturalmente esta concesión con la Superioridad de esa Arquidiócesis.

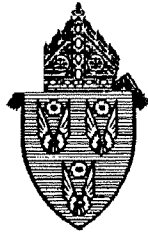
Me uno a su alegría sacerdotal y a su acción de gracias al Señor "rico en misericordia".

Dios N.S. le guarde en su santo amor! Atentamente,

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+ *Adolfo Suárez Rivera*  
+ Adolfo Suárez Rivera,  
Arz. Elect. de Monterrey y  
Obispo de Tlalnepantla

REDACTED



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
388-8101

7 December 1983

TO: MONSIGNOR RAWDEN REDACTED  
FROM: BISHOP ARZUBE +

I wish to bring to your attention the case of Fr. WILLEBALDO CASTRO, who is presently in town and will be leaving for Mexico in a few days.

As you will notice from the attached documents he has received back all his faculties from the Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. After he left this Archdiocese, he went to Rome where he spent a year at a special monastery. All reports are favorable. I am sure we could also receive a favorable letter, if so requested, from his Bishop Adolfo Suarez.

The rescript from the Holy See indicates that Father Castro is to be under the vigilance of his Ordinary for a period of three years, but he has been told that this does not mean that he needs to be physically present in that diocese but may receive permission to work elsewhere.

In view of the fact that during the past two years there have been no adverse incidents reported about his conduct and that he is a much needed bilingual priest, I strongly recommend that he be considered for an assignment in this Archdiocese. Monsignor REDACTED when he found out Father Castro is available, said he would be delighted to have him return to Santa Maria. I will be in my office on this Friday, December 9, and will be happy to appear before the Board regarding this matter if they wish to question me further.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: MONSIGNOR RAWDEN  
TO: BISHOP ARZUBE  
RE: FATHER WILLEBALDO CASTRO  
DATE: 9 DECEMBER 1983

Your Excellency:

In conversation with His Eminence, and in accord with the comments I made to you about this very serious and unfortunate matter, I simply cannot recommend that the Diocese accept Father Castro.

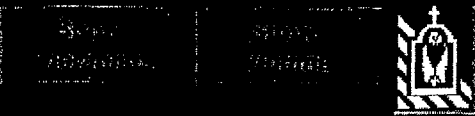
I regret this, because I know that he is an excellent worker, but the liability is simply prohibitive.

As you know I likewise discussed this with REDACTED REDACTED who was familiar with the case. It was not brought before the Placement Board, because there was no need to defame the individual.

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# Confidential Database Clergy

Last Name **Castro**  
First Name **Willebaldo**  
Mid Name   
Title **Rev.**



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### Victims

**REDACTED**

Creator **Admin**  
Date Created **3/9/99**  
Modifier **Admin**  
Date Modified **2/15/01**

### Therapist

He is a priest from the Diocese of Tlanepantla, Estado de Mexico. He first worked in this Ad. at San Antonio de Padua in Gardena from Feb. to July, 1956, while Msgr. REDACTED was Pastor. He had come primarily to learn English and left at the request of his Bishop. The next time he came to this country was in 1969. Bishop Juan Arzube was in need of an associate at Our Lady of Guadalupe in El Monte. Father REDACTED where Father Castro was staying, recommended him to Bishop Arzube. He was officially appointed Assoc. Pastor on 03/04/1969 Bishop Arzube was delighted to have such a priest work with me. He could not understand how a priest of that caliber was working here when he could have been such an asset in Mexico. The sad explanation came to Bishop Arzube as a shock, when one day he came to Bishop Arzube's office and showed him a letter he had received from his Bishop. It seemed that while he was working in his Mexican parish, he was accused of a moral charge at the Chancery Office when the Bishop was out of town. The REDACTED took the statements of the complaining party under oath and proceeded to send them to the Vatican. When his Bishop returned, he called him in and suggested that they let the matter run its course, since it already had been sent to Rome, and that he come to the US to work for a while and that he would probably would be given some penance to perform. That is when he came to work at El Monte. Father Castro showed to Bishop Arzube the letter that he had received. The Sacred Congregation for the Faith was to induce him to request a return to the lay state. When Father arrived here, he placed himself under the spiritual guidance of Father REDACTED at San Conrado. Father REDACTED wrote to the Sacred Penitentiary for faculties to absolve him. He not only received these faculties, but was told Father Castro could continue "In officio parochi, remoto scandalo." He was accepting the decision as a trial from God. However, he did not wish to present his request for a return to the lay state, but did so in a spirit of obedience. He returned to Mexico and worked in his brothers' business. Bishop Arzube kept in touch with him, and he always manifested his desire to return to his work in the priesthood. When Bishop Arzube was appointed Bishop, he decided to write to the Sacred Congregation for the Faith to ask if anything could be done to reinstate him and that he would try to intercede for his admission into the Ad. of Los Angeles. REDACTED REDACTED replied that for such a rehabilitation to be considered by them, Bishop Aruze needed to obtain a letter from his former Ordinary stating that he had no objection to this, and one from the Ab. Of Los Angeles stating his disposition to receive him into the diocesan clergy. They also recommended that he spend some time in a retreat house. Bishop Cueto, his Ordinary, wrote to Rome recommending a reinstatement "Ad Experimentum." 05/01/1972 Ab. Manning wrote to REDACTED asking him to grant him permission for Father Castro to be returned to the active priesthood "ad experimentum" and for him to exercise his ministry in this jurisdiction. We would not, however, be willing to consider him for incardination in this Ad. before he has completed five years of active service here. We would then reser the right to extend beyond five years or to refuse incardination. 07/1972 He was sent to REDACTED for a psychological evaluation. 11/18/1972 he was appointed Assoc. Pastor at St. Alphonsus. 09/04/1975 While Bishop Arzube was in Rome, Msgr. Rawden wrote to inform him that Father Castro had been accused by a sixteen year-old boy of placing his hands beneath the underclothing of the young man. Apparently, there must be some truth in it inasmuch as a priest has

questioned the boy on several different occasions and his story remains the same. Ab. Manning asked Msgr. Rawden to speak to Father Castro about the allegation. 09/05/1975 Msgr. Rawden met with REDACTED at the Chancery. Father Castro did not deny knowing the boy, or being alone with him in the boy's bedroom. He recalled that he was not wearing his "T" shirt or any other covering above the waist. Father feels that the boy misunderstood his paternal manner. Msgr. Rawden asked Father not to visit the boy or the family, and for the time being, to make no explanation to anyone of this incident. Father left for a month's vacation on Sept. 8. He recommended Ab. Manning that if there is no further activity on the part of the boy or his family, that Father be quietly transferred to another parish. In case of another incident or further activity on this incident should arise, that he be asked to leave the Ad. and that the Sacred Congregation be advised accordingly. Msgr. Rawden doubts that on the basis of this incident, as it stands now, we should make an official report to the Sacred Congregation. Msgr. Rawden feels in conscience that there is a reasonable doubt as to the reality of the incident -- at least to the degree reported by the boy. 11/19/1975 REDACTED REDACTED wrote to Card. Manning regarding Father's conduct with the boy. 12/06/1975 Bishop Arzube wrote to Card. Manning to let him know that he had admonished Father to the effect that his behavior in the future should conform at all times in accordance with his sacerdotal ministry. He should carefully avoid anything that might arouse suspicion against the sextum. He also informed him that if we become aware of any future unfortunate involvement, the full rigor of the law would have to be applied. 12/10/1975 Card. Manning wrote to REDACTED REDACTED to inform him that in accord with his Nov. 19 letter, Father had been most gravely admonished, and that he will be transferred from his present position immediately. He was transferred to Our Lady of the Assumption in Santa Maria. 12/27/1976 Msgr. Rawden notified Card. Manning that an incident of alleged child molestation has been lodged against Father. Bishop Arzube is aware of this and a previous incident at St. Alphonsus. The police came to the rectory and gave him permission to make a statement to an attorney. Father REDACTED the Pastor, called and asked if it was O.K. to use a local attorney. No arrest was made. Apparently, a complaint has been filed, but to date, no warrant has been issued. 12/31/1976 Father REDACTED talked to Msgr. Rawden, and gave him the following information: 1. A lie detector test was given to Father and to the alleged victim -- it proved that the boy was lying; 2. Father was exonerated by the police and the family of the boy; 3. The mother is very saddened that Father was humiliated and apologized; 4. The boy apologized to him in the presence of Father REDACTED 5. Father REDACTED is most anxious to keep Father -- he claims he is an excellent priest and does tremendous good in the parish; 6. Father REDACTED says that there is no public knowledge of this incident and the family of the boy have promised not to reveal this to anyone. Msgr. Rawden recommended to Card. Manning that we do nothing about this incident. 08/25/1980 Card. Manning wrote to REDACTED REDACTED to inform him that Father works at his priesthood in a most dedicated and zealous manner. He has the admiration and respect of his brother priests and the laity. Unfortunately, another incident occurred on July 30, 1980 in the restroom of a large department store (Puente Hills Mall.) The person approached by Father is a male security guard, employed by the department store. The security guard immediately arrested him and turned him over to the local police. He was scheduled to appear in criminal court on Aug. 15 for a hearing. He is represented by a good Catholic lawyer. The local police sergeant is sympathetic to Father, and wishes to have the charges dropped. The conditions for dismissing the charges are that his Ecclesiastical Superiors arrange for some psychological help and that he be transferred from that immediate vicinity (Sacred Heart, Pomona.) Father Castro, in an interview with REDACTED, does not deny the charges (disorderly conduct.) He feels that he should return to his Diocese of Incardination, and continue his work in the active ministry of the priesthood there. He feels that there he will have the moral support of his family. We take this opportunity to recommend him to Your Eminence as one who needs psychological help with his problem. We know that, aside from this problem, he is a credit to the priesthood. We would recommend that, therefore, that the present rescript not be withdrawn. 09/30/1980 Left Archdiocese. 11/03/1983 Excerpts from Bishop Arzube's memo to Monsignor Rawden: Father had received back all his faculties from the Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. After he left the Ad., he went to Rome where he spent a year at a special monastery. All reports are favorable. The rescript from the Holy See indicates that he is to be under the vigilance of his Ordinary for a period of three years, but he has been told that this does not mean that he needs to be physically present in that Diocese, but may receive permission to work elsewhere. Therefore, I strongly recommend that he be considered for an assignment in this Ad. 12/09/1983 Excerpts from Monsignor Rawden's response: In conversation with Card. Manning, and in accord with the

comments I made to you about this very serious and unfortunate matter, I simply cannot recommend that the Ad. accept Father. The liability is simply prohibitive. 03/31/1999 File sent to Archives.

<b>Last Castro</b>	<b>Title Rev.</b>	<b>First Willebaldo</b>	<b>Middle</b>	
<b>Birthplace</b>		<b>Year</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>Ordained</b>	<b>Seminary</b>			
<b>Order</b>	<b>Incardinated No</b>	<b>Diocese</b>		
<b>Diocesan</b>	<b>Religious</b>	<b>Living/Working</b>	<b>Inactive X</b>	<b>Rite</b>
<b>Institution</b>				<b>Assigned 80</b>
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<b>Home</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>FAX</b>	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Left-Archdiocese</b>			
<b>Comment</b>				

<b>Date Entered</b>	<b>3/16/2000</b>	<b>Date Assigned</b>	<b>9/30/80</b>
<b>Deanery 0</b>	<b>Title3 Father</b>	<b>Title4 (Dean)</b>	<b>T5</b>
<b>Will</b>	<b>Retired in Rectory</b>	<b>C X SS#</b>	<b>Salutation Willebaldo</b>
			<b>P.P. General Mail</b>

#### Appointments

San Antonio de Padua, Los Angeles - Temp. Residence 01/28/56  
 San Antonio de Padua, Los Angeles - Associate 02/09/56  
 Left-Archdiocese - 07/08/56  
 St. Alphonsus, Los Angeles - Associate 11/28/72  
 St. Mary of the Assumption - Associate 01/26/76  
 Sacred Heart, Pomona - Associate 07/09/80  
 Left-Archdiocese - 09/30/80

**CMOB #** 199  
**Considered by CMOB**   
**Inactive Date**  
**Case Name** Trip to Mexico  
**Active Case?**

**Priest Name** Castro, Willebaldo  
**DOB**  
**Ethnicity** English  
**Diocese** Diocese of Tlalnepantla, Mexico  
**Canon State** Extern Priest  
**Religious Order**  
**Incardination** External  
**Date Of Ordination** 1953  
**Clergy Status** Left Archdiocese

**Clergy (Faculties)**  
**Religious**   
**Diocesan**   
**Description**

**Deacon**  
**DOB**  
**Diocese**  
**Ethnicity**  
**Ordination**  
**Status**

**Date Referred to Vicar** 6/1/2009  
**Date Of Alleged Incident** 1979-1980  
**Alleged Victim** Youth - Male  
**Multiple Victims**   
**Accusers**  
**Investigation Complete**   
**Investigator Name**  
**Removed From Ministry**   
**Date Removed From Ministry**  
**Date Returned To Ministry**  
**Case Disposition**  
**DispositionComments**

**Intervention**

**Description** In June 2009, <sup>REDACTED</sup> received report from an adult male of alleged abuse that occurred when he was about 14 years old. He reported that, while on a trip to Mexico with Fr. X, the priest touched his private parts. No more details were given, and complainant does not want outreach at this point. Fr X was an extern from Mexico and was in the ADLA from 1956-1980. There were prior complaints of a similar nature against him in 1976.

**Case Status**

September 23, 2009 The Board requested more information on this case, it will be

carried over to next meeting. V/C to follow on July 2009 letter to archdiocese in Mexico.

*Follow Up* V/C wrote follow-up letter to bishop on September 25, 2009.

*Follow Up Date* December 2009

*Legal Proceedings*

*Legal Proceedings?*

*Court Cases Settled*

*Response*

*Response Date*

*Sent To Rome?*

*Date Sent To Rome*

*Canonical Trial*

*Canonical Trial Date*

*Canonical Disposition*

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev Willebaldo Castro***Current Primary Assignment**Birth Date**Age:**Birth Place**Deanery:* 0*Diaconate Ordination**Priesthood Ordination*

5/30/1953

*Diocese Name*

Diocese of Tlalnepantla, Mexico

*Date of Incardination**Religious Community**Ritual Ascription*

Latin

*Ministry Status*

Left Archdiocese

*Seminary**Ethnicity*

English

**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	10/1/1980	
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pomona Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/9/1980	9/29/1980
St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Santa Maria Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/26/1976	7/8/1980
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	11/28/1972	1/25/1976
Left Archdiocese	7/8/1956	11/27/1972
San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	2/9/1956	7/7/1956
San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/28/1956	2/8/1956

**Background Information**



*Salutation*                      Father  
*Social Security Number*  
*Citizenship*  
*Immigration Status*        Citizen  
*Green Card End Date*  
*Payroll in lieu of stipends*     
*Enrolled in Pension Plan*     
*Receiving Pension?*        

*Retired in Rectory?*           
*Will Filed?*                      
*Reference*                        
*Power of Attorney Health Care*   
*Power of Attorney Finance*

REDACTED

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**From:** REDACTED  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2009 11:52 AM  
**To:** REDACTED  
**Subject:** CMOB #199

REDACTED

As a follow-up to our meeting yesterday, this is to inform you that Msgr. Meyers wrote for the second time to Father's Bishop on September 25, 2009.

Thank you.

REDACTED

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ACCUSED NAME: CASTRO, WILLEBALDO, FR DATE: 6-24/2009

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
Child Abuse Report - Internal Routing Form

This report involves allegations of:

- Current Minor and Church Employee/volunteer
- Current Minor and Priest
- Past Minor and Priest
- Past Minor and Religious Brother
- Past Minor and Religious Sister
- Adult/Adult Case
- Other

Sexual abuse:

Physical abuse:

Harassment:

Brief Summary: Sexual abuse of a minor in 1979 by external Priest while on a trip to Mexico.

To:  Msgr. Michael Meyers - Vicar of Clergy 2 office copy

REDACTED REDACTED

VICAR REDACTED  REDACTED  
Offi.

Submitted by

Date distributed: 7-2-2009

Comments: Victim advised of rights to report. Chooses not to. Does not want outreach at this point.



CONFIDENTIAL  
INVESTIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY FORM

CLERGY NAME: Costro, Willebaldo DATE 1<sup>ST</sup> REPORT/INVESTIGATION: 6-24-2009

Office Responsible	Y/N/NA Circle one	Target Date	Completion Date
<b>Vicar for Clergy</b>			
• Assign Investigator (other than current minor) Name: _____	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Religious Superior	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Other Diocese(s) <u>External Priest</u>	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Meet with accused clergy	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Investigation complete & disposition in file	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
<b>Vicar for Canonical Service/Promoter of Justice</b>			
• Decree opening preliminary investigation/Canon 1717	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Assign Investigator (current minor) Name: _____	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Religious Superior	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise Other Diocese(s)	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Advise accused to engage Canonical counsel	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Meet with accused clergy	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Investigation complete & disposition in file	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Report to Rome with Votum of the Cardinal	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
<b>Legal</b>			
• Report made to Law Enforcement	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
<b>Victims Assistance</b>			
• Pastoral Outreach	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y/N/NA	_____	<u>7-1-2009</u>
• Further Assistance	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Other	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
<b>Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board</b>			
• Reported to Chair/ Matter opened	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• CMOB case opened (Assigned # _____)	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Recommendation Made	Y/N/NA	_____	_____
• Case Closed	Y/N/NA	_____	_____

OTHER DEPARTMENTS/ACTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FOLLOW UP PERSON ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-MANDATORY
Date Reported to the Archdiocese:	6/18/2009 in an email to Safeguard the Children and Bishop Curry's office. <small>REDACTED</small> was contacted June 24, 2009 for outreach
Reported to Archdiocese by:	Victim
Alleged Victim :	REDACTED
Current Address:	
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	1966
Alleged Perpetrator:	Fr. Willebaldo Castro, Extern Priest Left ADLA 1980
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	1979 or 1980
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	<small>REDACTED</small> reported that while on a trip to Mexico with Fr. Castro, the priest touched private parts. He would not elaborate in any more detail.
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual abuse
Reports to Public Authorities with dates:	Victim was advised of his right to report to authorities and did not want to report.
Comments:	
Report initiated by:	REDACTED