

REV. ELEUTARIO RAMOS

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Eleuterio V. Ramos

Current Primary Assignment

<i>Birth Date</i>	3/23/1940	<i>Age:</i>
<i>Birth Place</i>	Los Angeles, California, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>		
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	4/30/1966	
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Diocese of Orange	
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	4/30/1966	
<i>Religious Community</i>		
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin	
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Deceased	
<i>Canon State</i>	Diocesan Priest	<i>Incard Process</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>		

Seminary St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
Ethnicity

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check
Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Deceased, Priest of the Diocese of Orange.		3/24/2004

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Ex-Altar Boy Sues Church, Alleges Molestation

By MARLA CONE
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SANTA ANA—A 26-year-old former altar boy on Friday sued a Santa Ana parish and top officials of the Roman Catholic Church, alleging that he had been sexually molested by a priest over seven years.

The civil lawsuit filed on behalf of [redacted] a county resident, says the alleged abuse occurred at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1100 S. Center St., from October, 1974, until December, 1981. The priest named in the suit is Father Eluceterio Ramos, also known as Al Ramos, now 52.

Msgr. Lawrence J. Baird, director of communication with the Diocese of Orange, said he had not seen the lawsuit, which was filed late Friday in Orange County Superior Court, and would not comment on its allegations.

"We'll have a statement as soon as we have the facts," Baird said late Friday night.

He said, however, that Father Ramos is now in a pastoral assignment in San Ysidro and is not an active priest with the Diocese of Orange.
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Orange.

[redacted] attorney, Werner R. Meissner of San Pedro, said he has also heard that Ramos has since left the Santa Ana parish.

Meissner said no law enforcement agency has been notified about the alleged abuse.

The suit states that he had psychologically repressed the alleged events and did not remember them until March 29, during psychiatric counseling.

[redacted] who was a houseboy as well as an altar boy at the church, alleges in the suit that the abuse went on "continuously for four years and on and off for three years. . . . From the time he was 10 to 14, there were a lot of molestations at the church."

"The family knew the priest," Meissner said. "They thought their kid was in good hands with a church figure."

The amount of damages was not specified, but [redacted] is seeking punitive damages as well as recovery of medical and psychiatric expenses, loss of earnings and other costs.

[redacted] "has been in different institutions and therapy," his attorney said.

The suit alleges that the church and its bishops were negligent in the hiring and supervision of Ramos. It names the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Father John Weenhoffer, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and Los Angeles, Archbishop Thomas Clavel, Pastor Francis Moran and Bishop William Johnson.

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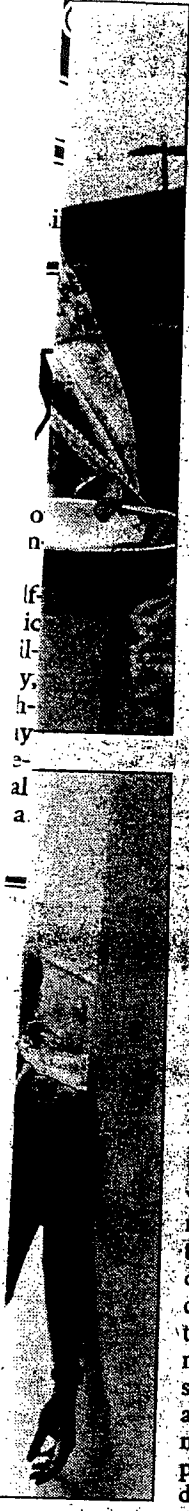
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FATHER JOHN LENIHAN, left, is accused of impregnating Lori Haigh, above, when she was a teen-ager and paying for her abortion. Haigh also accused other local priests of mistreating her when she reported Lenihan's abuse to them. File photos



MONSIGNOR MICHAEL HARRIS, left, is accused of molesting Ryan DeMaria, above, when DeMaria was a teen, with church officials agreeing to a multi-million-dollar settlement and strict new rules on priest conduct.

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he said. One reached an aged uncle in New Zealand, who is a priest. It broke his heart, Lenihan said.

"If you do blow my relative anonymity, I don't know where I will go. I may have to leave the country."

He said he is "absolutely not" working in any priestly capacity, "nor am I posing as one or attempting to be one. Give a person a chance."

STRUGGLING WITH THE TRANSITION

Euleterio Ramos, now 61, initially stayed in the church after he was removed. He was accused of plying altar boys with alcohol, performing oral sex on them and taking nude photos of them. Ramos was sent for therapy and then landed at a diocese in Tijuana in the mid-1980s. He was the vicar at Divine Providence Church there, working with families and children.

Until now, everybody from his accusers to the attorneys in the case to church officials assumed he was working in Mexico.

But the Register found Ramos living alone in a tiny silver trailer at Rancho Traller Hacienda on busy Washington Boulevard in Whittier.

Ramos, balding and bespectacled, slammed the door when approached at home. He has refused phone calls. An American flag flaps in the window of his trailer. Another, tiny U.S. flag flies from the window of his Toyota Terocel.

Some of Ramos' family reached at a Boyle Heights house that Ramos once called home, say he is retired. They say he was in Mexico briefly and has been living in California. Property records show that he has lived in San Ysidro and La Mirada.

Neighbors said he rarely goes out and is quite ill with diabetes. Family members say they visit him occasionally. Only Spanish-speaking neighbors knew that he had ever been a priest. One who identified herself as Virginia said she allowed her children to visit with Ramos and never noticed anything wrong.

"He is a good person, and he keeps to himself," she said.

SOME SUPERVISED FELLOW PRIESTS

Brother Gregory Atherton, removed from Orange County in 1990 after allegations of abuse surfaced and lawsuits were filed, still works in the Order of Friar Servants of Mary.

His supervisors decided to keep him in the ministry — secluded and away from children.

Atherton, who allegedly abused three boys in the county from 1967 to 1986, now works at the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Ore.

Father Michael Guimon, the provincial of his order, said it was decided to assign Atherton to the 62-acre botanical complex that serves as a shrine to Mary rather than make him leave, as is the current trend for some priests.

Atherton does secretarial work under close supervision of the executive director there, Guimon said. He went through counseling and has a supportive environment in which he is encouraged and monitored, the father said. No complaints have been lodged against him since his reassignment.

"He contributes to us with the skills that he has," said Guimon, who does not agree with "zero tolerance."

"So you let them go from ministry and from a group environment and then put them in society. Who is going to be watching them in society? This is something that is hotly debated now, and we need to talk about these issues," Guimon said.

"They are all by themselves, and I feel for them. That is not healthy and that is not Christian. In terms of forgiveness, that is not Christian," Guimon said. "People will say I am not in tune with the victim, but they (the victims) need to be taken care of, too. They shouldn't be a victim. That should never have happened."

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*Researchers Pam Eisenberg and Eugene Balk contributed to this report.

start a new life," Lenihan said. "I have pressing legal things, so I cannot talk to you. I'm in transition. I'm a private citizen now. Let me live a private life.

"There is no story on me. I'm not even halfway into being anything yet. I'm still desperately trying to just survive."

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