

# Fr. Gerald B. Fessard



**Ordination:** 1972

**Notes:** In 1987, Fr. Fessard was accused of sexually abusing multiple children. Fr. Fessard was removed from ministry in 1987 while law enforcement investigated the allegations. While he was under investigation, Fr. Fessard was sent to Servants of the Paraclete, an institution known for treating priests accused of child sexual abuse. Later in 1987, Fr. Fessard pled no contest to battery and soliciting lewd acts. He was put on probation for 36 months, required to register as a sex offender, and required to undergo counseling. In 1988,

Fr. Fessard was sent to the Servants of the Paraclete for a second time. In 1994, parishioners reported that Fr. Fessard frequently showed up at youth group meetings, occasionally under the influence of alcohol. Following the parishioners' report, Fr. Fessard underwent treatment for alcoholism and was sent to St. Luke Institute, an institution known for treating priests accused of child sexual abuse. In 1997, a man reported that when he was eight or nine years old, Fr. Fessard, sexually abused him in his bed at home. Fr. Fessard is alleged to have abused more than 20 people. He was laicized in 2007. Fr. Fessard was reportedly managing a mobile home park in Gardena, California, in 2013. He was included in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' list of priests accused of sexual misconduct involving minors. It is believed Fr. Fernando may be living in San Pedro, CA. Whether he has access to children is unknown.

## Assignments:

1973-1975	St. Charles Borromeo, North Hollywood, CA
1976-1977	St. Pius X, Santa Fe Springs, CA
1978-1980	Santa Clara, Oxnard, CA
1978-1980	Santa Clara High School, Oxnard, CA
1980	St. Bernard High School, Playa Del Rey, CA
1981	St. Clement, Santa Monica, CA
1982-1985	St. Eugene, Los Angeles, CA
1985	St. Paul, Los Angeles, CA
1986	St. Martin of Tours, Brentwood, CA
1987	Queen of Angels Seminary, Mission Hills, CA
7/1987-12/1987	Servants of the Paraclete, Jemez Springs, NM
1988	Sick leave (Servants of the Paraclete, Jemez Springs, NM)
1989	St. Timothy, Los Angeles, CA
1990-1991	Graduate studies (Rome)
1992-1994	St. Luke the Evangelist, Temple City, CA
1994	St. Gregory Nazianzen, Los Angeles, CA
1994	St. Luke Institute, Maryland
1995-2002	Convent of The Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Monrovia, CA
2002	Inactive leave
2007	Laicized
2003-2018	Unknown