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## **Archdiocese of Los Angeles Statement** **Regarding the Use of Music composed by Fr. Cesáreo Gabaráin**

Parishes, schools, and ministries of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are not permitted to use any music or recordings of music composed by Fr. Cesáreo Gabaráin (RIP) out of respect for those who have reported sexual misconduct by Fr. Gabaráin. The Archdiocese stands against any sexual misconduct and is resolute in our support for victim-survivors of abuse.

The Marist Congregation in Spain has confirmed it has received credible accusations of the abuse of minors by Fr. Cesáreo Gabaráin, a composer who died in 1991. The Iberian Marist Province published a statement July 28 expressing its “pain and regret for the incidents recently published in the media detailing the sexual abuse suffered by several students decades ago in some of our schools...We condemn these incidents and we ask forgiveness of the victims for not having been able to protect them, to take care of them, and for not having properly handled these situations.” The province stated they are “conducting an internal investigation to clarify the incidents that occurred. For our institution, the victims are the priority, we believe their word and we are at their disposal for whatever they need.”

On August 11, 2021, the Oregon Catholic Press, Fr. Gabaráin’s licensing agent in the U.S., issued a statement that it will remove Fr. Gabaráin’s profile from its website, along with his songs and products, including songbooks, CDs and sheet music/octavos. OCP is also reviewing how to handle removing his songs from its missals and hymnals.

Cesáreo Gabaráin was reportedly born 1936 in Hernani in northern Spain, attended the seminary in Zaragoza and was ordained a priest in 1959.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles does not have any record of Fr. Cesáreo Gabaráin ever requesting faculties from the Vicar for Clergy’s office to serve in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Archdiocese stands against any sexual misconduct and is resolute in our support for victim-survivors of abuse. The Archdiocese asks that anyone with information regarding this matter to please make a report to the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at [\(800\) 355-2545](tel:8003552545) or [protect@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:protect@la-archdiocese.org). For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.