

ABOUT US

WARNING: Bogus priests, suspended and dismissed priests, and fraudulent laypeople are claiming to be exorcists or associated with Fr. Jocis Syquia or AMOE with the intent of ministering to you and perhaps robbing you of money. Please do not entertain them. Contact AMOE immediately to verify their legitimacy. It is spiritually dangerous to be ministered to by fake catholic priests, unauthorized priests, and lay persons.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA OFFICE OF EXORCISM (AMOE)

The Archdiocese of Manila Office of Exorcism (AMOE) established in 2006 by His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, D.D., in response to an emerging need of responding systematically and appropriately to people who are being harassed by unclean spirits. Before the establishment of a separate office, the ministry was directly under the Commission on Visions and Extraordinary Phenomena and shared a desk in that Commission's office.

When AMOE came about Rev. Fr. Mateo Goldaraz, OFM Cap. was its first Chief Exorcist of the Archdiocese with Rev. Fr. Jose Francisco "Jocis" C. Syquia as Exorcist and its first Director. The office had a lay staff and a religious sister collaborator in the ministry. Later in 2008, Rev. Fr. Joe Michell "Jojo" Zerrudo became part of the team of exorcists, and Rev. Fr. Roberto "Bobby" Dela Cruz as deliverance minister.

Rev. Fr. Jocis Syquia became director of AMOE and the Chief Exorcist of the Archdiocese when his religious order assigned Rev. Fr. Goldaraz to mission in Mainland China in 2008. When His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, D.D., STh.D. became Archbishop of Manila in 2011, the AMOE transferred its headquarters in the basement of the Lay Force Building inside San Carlos Seminary Compound in Makati City. Since then, the number of exorcists increased as well as the lay and religious collaborators and volunteers.

The canonically mandated exorcists of the Archdiocese of Manila both past and current:

Chief Exorcist and Director of AMOE: **Rev. Fr. Jose Francisco Syquia** (since 2008)

Exorcists:

+ Rev. Fr. Mateo Goldaraz, OFM Cap. (2006-2008)

Rev. Msgr. Jesus-Norriel Bandojo (2013-2015)

Rev. Fr. Roberto Dela Cruz (current since 2010)

Rev. Fr. Winston Cabading, OP (current since 2013)

Rev. Fr. Ramon Merino (current since 2015)

Rev. Fr. Eugene David (current since 2015)

Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Ruggiero (current since 2019)

Rev. Fr. Joe Michell Zerrudo (current exorcist in the Diocese of Cubao)

Rev. Fr. Remo Bati, SDB (current exorcist in the Diocese of San Pablo Laguna)

Rev. Fr. Daniel Estacio (current exorcist in the Diocese of Pasig)

Rev. Fr. Agalito Tarog (current exorcist in the Diocese of Paranaque)

Assisting Exorcists with AMOE

Rev. Fr. Peter Tack Hoon Kim (current since 2019, from the Archdiocese of Seoul, S. Korea)
Rev. Fr. Brethen Rye Gamala (current since 2019, from the Diocese of Bacolod)

Deliverance Minister with AMOE

Rev. Fr. Christopher Jeffrey Aytona, OP (current since 2018)

The Lay Staff and Professional Collaborators

Ms. Rowena delos Reyes - Office Coordinator
Ms. Lily dela Paz – Office Clerk
Atty. Jose Luis Syquia - Legal Consultant
Dr. Leah Yolo - Physician
Dr. Elizabeth Rondain – Psychiatrist
Dr. Ramon Javier, MD – Psychiatrist
Dr. Gabino Rañoa, MD - Psychiatrist
Dr. Teresa Villasor - Psychologist
Dr. Jinky Rusuello - Psychologist
Dr. Becky Esquerra - Counselor
Dr. Itos Reyes - Counselor

Case Officers

Ms. Rowena delos Reyes
Ms. Joy Cuadrante
Ms. Aurora Tambunting
Ms. Jane Calilung (current case office assigned for Fr. Roberto “Bobby” Dela Cruz
Sr. Paz Duerme MCJ
Ms. Alyssa Anastacio
Ms. Ching Soriano (**no longer affiliated since 2015**)

Volunteers

Dr. Ronna Ledesma
Ms. Malyn Vienko
Ms. Letty Syquia
Ms. Mafel Guzman (current case officer of the Diocese of Cubao)
Ms. Carleen Reyes

The AMOE Team likewise works closely with the exorcism ministry teams of the nearby suffragan dioceses of Cubao headed by Rev. Fr. Joe Michell “Jojo” Zerrudo, Kalookan (KalEx) with its lone exorcist Rev. Fr. James del Rosario, Paranaque with Rev. Fr. Agalito Tarog as the chief exorcist, and Novaliches (LiberanoX) under its chief exorcist Rev. Fr. Ambrosio Nonato “Nonette” Legaspi, SThL.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA COMMISSION ON EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENA

The Commission on Extraordinary Phenomena is tasked by the Archdiocese as a Theological Commission to look into “alleged” or reported cases of apparitions, private revelations, and any other extraordinary spiritual phenomena that are having an impact on the Christian spiritual life of the people. The Commission studies the authenticity of a phenomenon and whether a reported event follows the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Commission directly reports to the Archbishop of Manila. Under this Commission is the Office of Exorcism of the Archdiocese (AMOE) and the Ministry on Visions. The Commission has consultants coming from various scientific and ecclesiastical disciplines to assist them in the investigation and discernment of reported extraordinary phenomena.

Ministry on Visions

Minister	Rev. Fr. Roberto dela Cruz
Members	Rev. Fr. Jose Francisco C. Syquia, SThL, MS Psychology (AMOE Director)
	Rev. Fr. Winston F. Cabading OP, SThL-MA



PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC EXORCISTS (PACE)

The Philippine Association of Catholic Exorcists (AMOE) was established on the 20th of January 2016 by its Founding Fathers:

- Fr. Jose Francisco SYQUIA (Manila)
- Fr. Roberto DE LA CRUZ (Manila)
- Fr. Winston CABADING, OP (Manila)
- Fr. Ramon MERINO (Manila)
- Fr. Eugene DAVID (Manila)
- Fr. Joe Michell ZERRUDO (Cubao)
- Fr. Daniel ESTACIO (Pasig)
- Fr. Agalito TAROG (Parañaque)
- Fr. Remo BATI, SDB (Parañaque) – now exorcist with the Diocese of San Pablo
- Fr. Viktor Aurellana, RCJ (Parañaque)
- Fr. James Anthony Del ROSARIO (Kalookan)
- Fr. Leo GILBERO (Kalookan) now exorcist with the Diocese of Dipolog
- Fr. Ambrosio Nonato LEGASPI (Novaliches)

His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, D.D., STh.D., Archbishop of Manila, approved PACE as a canonically erected Catholic Association in the Archdiocese with the promulgation of their Constitution and By-Laws. The Cardinal also serves as its current protector and adviser. The Association since 2017 is also under the supervision of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines during the presidency of His Excellency Most Rev. Archbishop Socrates Villegas, DD, Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan. It was placed under the supervision of the Episcopal Commission on the Doctrine of the Faith and the Episcopal

Commission on Liturgy. In 2018 the Association was received as an affiliate of the Pontifical International Association of Exorcists (AIE) based in Rome.

PACE among others aims to:

1. To promote spiritual training, formation, and enrichment through institutes, seminars, conferences, meetings, fraternal reunions, and suitable projects by which the priestly life and growth in the ministry of spiritual liberation and exorcism are strengthened
2. To enable members to find mutual help in cultivating their intellectual and spiritual life as it relates to the ministry of spiritual liberation and exorcism, thus promoting better cooperation among themselves in their ministry (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*, no.8), and enabling the members to be of mutual help and protection to one other.

Moreover, it is the vision of PACE that all priests involved in the ministry, together with their team members of deliverance ministers, collaborators, and case officers, would have one heart and one mind in the exercise of the ministry of spiritual liberation and exorcism. That all act in the Church and with the Church in all things relating to the ministry; this is to avoid unorthodox and rogue ministers of spiritual liberation that do more harm than good.

Since the birth of the Association, the number of exorcists in the Philippines has grown dramatically, thanks to the annual conference and training that the association provides. Currently, there are 171 mandated exorcists in the Philippines belonging to various dioceses in the country. There are still dioceses that have no exorcists and would rely on nearby dioceses that have the ministry established.

The Dioceses that have a ministry of exorcism are:

Alaminos
Antipolo
Bacolod
Baguio
Balanga
Bangued
Bayombong
Boac
Cabanatuan
Cagayan de Oro
Capiz
Cebu
Chiayi, Taiwan
Cubao
Daet
Davao
Digos
Dipolog
Dumaguete
Gumaca
Iba
Iligan

Imus
Infanta
Jaro
Kalibo
Kalookan
Legazpi
Lipa
Lucena
Maasin
Malolos
Manila
Military Ordinariate of the Philippines (for those under the AFP)
Novaliches
Ozamiz
Pagadian
Palo
Paranaque
Pasig
San Carlos
San Fernando
San Jose de Antique
San Pablo
Tabuk
Tagbilaran
Tagum
Talibon
Tandag
Tarlac
Virac
Zamboanga

Please contact your local parish priest or the Diocesan Chancery Office if you need to contact the Diocesan Exorcism Ministry Office.

INSTITUTO SACERDOS “SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL”

Under the P.A.C.E is the *Instituto Sacerdos “San Miguel Arcangel”*, which oversees the proper training of exorcists, aspirant exorcists, and lay volunteers and associates. The Institute partners with various other theological and interdisciplinary institutions to give a truly professional and intellection dimension in the training and formation of those who will be involved in the ministry. For this purpose, the P.A.C.E. works closely with the Pontifical Faculty of Sacred Theology of the University of Santo Tomas.



Do not deal with anyone claiming to be an exorcist-priest. Do not entrust your spiritual liberation to anyone who is not authorized to do exorcisms in the name of the Catholic Church. Always consult your parish priest or the Diocesan Chancery for verification of identity of said priest.

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