

**NOTICE ON THE SLANDERS  
SPREAD AGAINST THE  
MOST REV. JOSÉ FRANKLIN URBINA AZNAR**

*Verba susurronis quasi simplicia,  
et ipsa perveniunt ad intima ventris.*

– Prov. 26:22

**W**E are writing this notice at the request of several Bishops in order to re-establish the truth about the vile slanders that some unscrupulous people have spread on the Internet against the late Mexican Bishop José Franklin URBINA AZNAR (RIP). We will not name the websites where these slanders appear, so as not to give them publicity.

We came across them on an English-language website that purports to be a sort of catalogue of Bishops from all horizon (whether Catholic or schismatic), and more specifically on a page devoted to a man called “José Luis Urbina Aznar”:

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(Born 1953)

Sedevacantist Bishop.

Ordained a Roman Catholic priest in October 1979.

Arrested in Yuba County, California, in 1989 for child molestation. While out on bail, Urbina fled to his hometown Navajoa, Mexico, where he later served for years as a Roman Catholic priest. Discovered in 2005.

Urbina was activ in the conclave of bishops that named and crowned Victor von Pentz as Sedevacantist Pope.

Was expelled from the Roman Catholic Church in 2008 based on a petition submitted by the Diocese to Rome.

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The name “José Luis URBINA AZNAR” is not in fact that of Bishop URBINA AZNAR, whose middle name is “Franklin” and not “Luis”; however, this name, which is similar to his, combined with the elements in paragraphs 02 and 05 of the biography reported above, may lead us to believe that it is him. In fact, Bishop

URBINA AZNAR is indeed a Bishop who could be described as a “sedevacantist”, in the sense that he did not recognise the neo-Popes (from John XXIII to Francis) as Popes of the Catholic Church, and therefore considered the First See to be vacant. It is also true that he took part in the Assisi Conclave in June 1994, which elected the South African priest Victor VON PENTZ.<sup>1</sup>

One important thing: there are no sources to back up the accusations made on this site, which is in itself rather suspicious. So we set out to find some, and it only took us a few moments to discover an article dated 11 March 2012 on the “Chicago Tribune” website entitled “Fugitives from justice: Roman Catholic priests”.<sup>2</sup> The article lists 32 clerics of the neo-Church who have been accused of sexually abusing minors, including a certain “José Luis URBINA”, of whom it is said :

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Fled in 1989 from Yuba County, Calif., to Mexico. After pleading guilty to molesting a child parishioner, Urbina fled the country before he was sentenced. He then served as a priest for about a decade. Urbina was defrocked by the church but remained a fugitive.

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We can already discern two identities: that of **Bishop José Franklin URBINA AZNAR**, a “sedevacantist” Bishop who took part in the Conclave that elected and crowned Father Victor VON PENTZ as Pope; and that of **José Luis URBINA**, a defrocked neo-Priest and sex offender on the run. However, let's continue our research to make it clear that we're talking about two very different people.

Bishop URBINA AZNAR was never a neo-Priest, but was directly ordained a Priest by Bishop José Ramón LÓPEZ GASTON in the early 1990s. Moreover, a simple comparison of the photo of the defrocked neo-Catholic cleric with the available photos of the Mexican Bishop supports the fact that these are two different people.<sup>3</sup> It is reasonable to think that if Bishop URBINA AZNAR, who had a public existence and held a position violently contested by almost all so-called "traditionalist" circles, had been guilty of such monstrous acts, the Internet would not have failed to abound with articles on the subject.

Here is a screenshot of the “Chicago Tribune” article for illustration:

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1 – We will not comment on the absurdity of the notion of a “sedevacantist Pope”.

2 – <http://media.apps.chicagotribune.com/fugitives/priests.html#!/detail/jose-luis-urbina> (consulted on 20 March 2023).

3 – See appendices 01 and 02 at the end of the document.

## 32 priests who fled from the police

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### Jose Luis Urbina

From: Yuba County, California  
Fled to: Mexico

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(Erich Schlegel/The Dallas Morning News)

#### Have tips about fugitive priests?

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If it's OK to contact you, please include a phone number or email address.

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It wasn't difficult to find other articles on the same subject:

- <https://californiasexabuselawyers.com/catholic-priests/jose-luis-urbina/>
- <https://hermanlaw.com/predator-priest-index/california/diocese-of-sacramento/>
- <https://projects.propublica.org/credibly-accused/clergy/jose-urbina-diocese-of-sacramento-653418/>

The last one in particular caught our attention: it is an article published on the “PROPUBLICA”<sup>4</sup> website, which provides information on the year of birth of the neo-Priest José Luis URBINA, namely **1953**. However, consultation of Bishop URBINA AZNAR's archives reveals his birth certificate<sup>5</sup>, dated 15 December **1940**:

#### Acta de nacimiento

Nacimiento del niño José Franklin Urbina Aznar [...] En Mérida, a las doce horas y cuarenta minutos del día veinte y cuatro de diciembre del año de mil novecientos cuarenta, ante mi, Alfonso Cisnero Canto, Director General del Registro Civil del Estado y Oficial del Ramo en esta Capital, compareció [...] y dijo : que [...] nació el niño José Franklin Urbina Aznar, a los veinte y cinco minutos de la primera hora el día quince del mes actual [...].

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4 – <https://projects.propublica.org/credibly-accused/clergy/jose-urbina-diocese-of-sacramento-653418/> (consulted on 17 March 2023).

5 – City of Mérida (Yucatán, Mexico) civil registry, birth certificate for José Franklin Urbina Aznar.

Birth certificate

Birth of the child José Franklin Urbina Aznar [...] In Mérida, on the twenty-fourth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty, at twelve o'clock and forty minutes, before me, Alfonso Cisnero Canto, Director General of the State Civil Registry and official of the section of this capital, appeared [. ... and declared: that [...] the child José Franklin Urbina Aznar was born, at twenty-five minutes past the first hour, on the fifteenth day of the current month [...].

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To put the matter to rest, we carried out a search on the United States Department of Justice website entitled “NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER PUBLIC WEBSITE” using the names “José URBINA”, “Jose URBINA”, “José URBINA AZNAR” & “Jose URBINA AZNAR”: none of the results matched Bishop URBINA AZNAR.

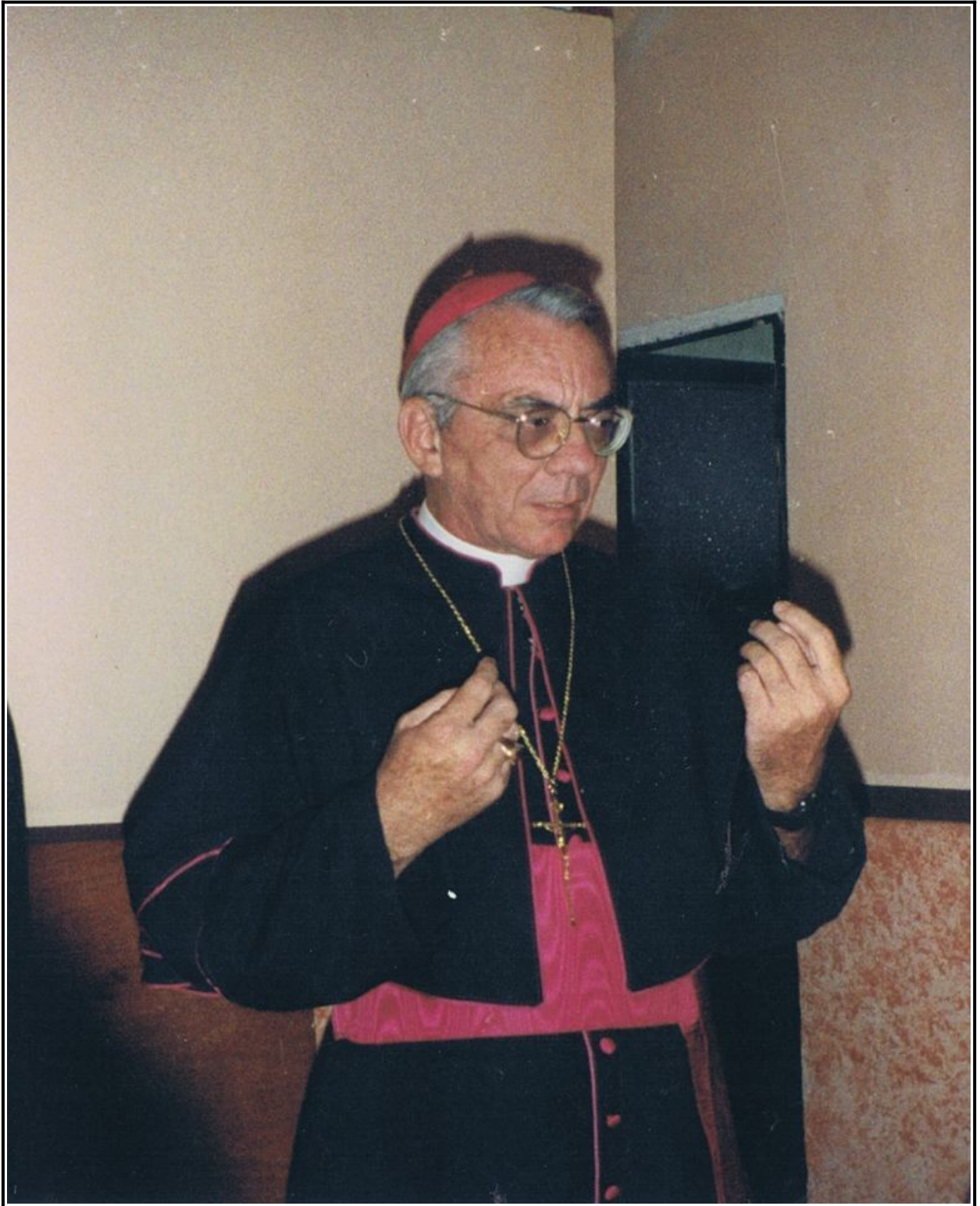
– CONCLUSIONS –

It has therefore been established that the article in English reported at the beginning of this document is a mixture of elements from the life of Bishop José Franklin URBINA AZNAR (born 1940), with elements from the life of the defrocked neo-Priest José Luis URBINA (born 1953) who is in fact a convicted sex offender.

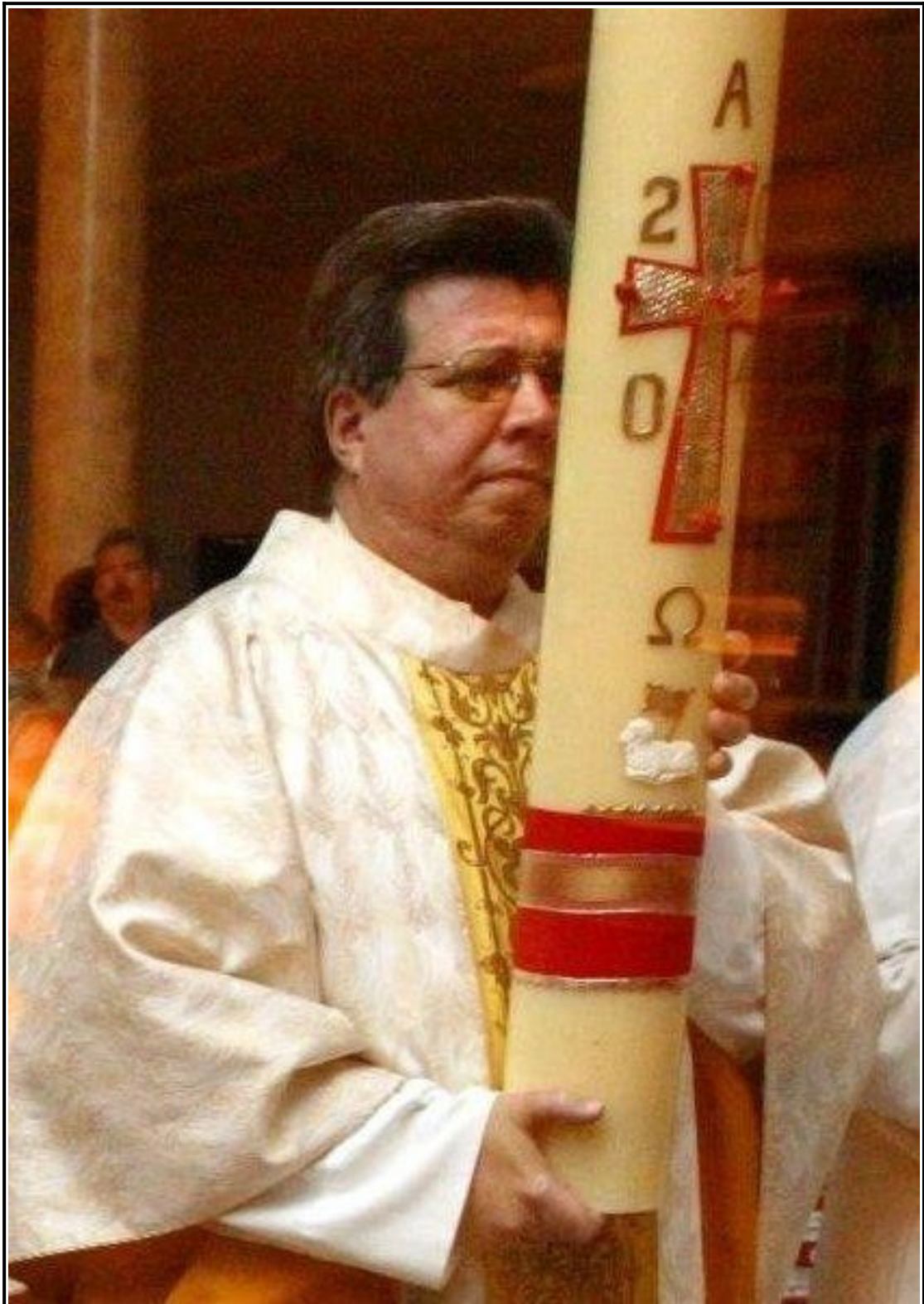
And yet that doesn't stop internet militants from sharing such shameful accusations without taking five minutes to check them out. May God give them the grace to repent and stop deceiving the masses.

Done on 29 June 2023,  
on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

APPENDIX No. 01



**Bishop José Franklin URBINA AZNAR,  
“Sedevacantist” Bishop.**



**José Luis URBINA,**  
defrocked neo-Priest and sex offender on the run.