

# Acknowledging abuse years later

The Diocese of Lake Charles knew of the abuses of Gerard Smit and Mark Broussard years before it claims



**GERARD SMIT**

**1986:** Bishop Jude Speyrer acknowledges uncontested allegations against Smit in a letter

**1986:** Smit is sent for treatment in Jemez Springs, New Mexico

**1987:** Speyrer refers Smit to the Diocese of Wilmington in "good standing"

**2002:** Year that Diocese of Lake Charles says it first received allegations against Smit



**MARK BROUSSARD**

**1988:** Broussard tells Speyrer and Rev. Henry Mancuso he had abused children

**1988:** Broussard is sent for treatment and returns to the diocese to work as a hospital chaplain

**1994:** Broussard resigns; year that Diocese of Lake Charles says it first received allegations against Broussard

**2016:** Broussard is convicted of abusing children, including one while working as a chaplain after returning from treatment



Staff graphic

Source: Diocese of Lake Charles records