

2004 CARA SURVEY
SUMMARY OF DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

The following data represent reports deemed to have the semblance of truth involving sexual abuse of minors against priests and deacons of the Diocese of Manchester. This data was reported to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

Under diocesan policy in the Diocese of Manchester, all reports of sexual abuse of a minor are reported to the Office for Ministerial Conduct. The Delegate for Ministerial Conduct informs Bishop McCormack and the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General of every report received, regardless of whether it has the semblance of truth. When Bishop McCormack determines that there is a “semblance of truth” to a report, he immediately provides for the pastoral care of the complainant, initiates a preliminary investigation in accordance with Church law, and places the accused person on precautionary leave pending the conclusion of the preliminary investigation.

The church investigation is conducted by the Delegate for Ministerial Conduct using a professional lay investigator. All investigative material is provided to the Diocesan Review Board with a recommendation from the Delegate and the investigator as to whether or not the report is “probable.” The Diocesan Review Board then advises Bishop McCormack of its findings regarding the probability of the report and makes a recommendation relative to the accused person’s suitability for ministry. Regardless of whether the report is deemed probable, Bishop McCormack forwards to the Holy See all reports of sexual abuse of a minor against priests or deacons that have the semblance of truth, along with his recommendation for its final disposition in accordance with church law.

<u>REPORTS</u>		<u>No.</u>
Number of reports		10
Dates when abuse of a minor reportedly began		
	1954 or earlier	2
	1970 -74	4
	1975- 79	4
<u>THOSE MAKING REPORTS</u>		<u>No.</u>
Gender of those making reports	Male	4
	Female	5
Who made report to Diocese		
	Complainant	2
	Law Enforcement	1
	Attorney	7

Ages of complainant when abuse reportedly began		
	0 – 9 years	3
	10 – 14 years	4
	15 – 17 years	2

<u>THOSE NAMED IN REPORTS</u>	No.
Number of priests named	8
Deceased	5
Already removed from ministry	2
Laicized	1

SETTLEMENTS

Under Bishop McCormack’s leadership, the Diocese has responded to hundreds of requests for financial settlements by survivors of child sexual abuse and has reported annually the total amounts of these settlements. In making this financial disclosure, the Diocese complies with all requests by complainants that their identities and their individual settlement amounts will not be disclosed to the public by the Diocese.

The chart below shows the total amounts of financial settlements paid by the Diocese since 1987. The 2004 settlements were reported to CARA. Note that the 2004 settlement amount does not correlate with the number of individuals making reports in 2004. Some 2004 settlements were related to reports made in 2003, and not all persons making reports request financial support to assist in healing.

In 2004, the Diocese paid \$45,000.00 in attorneys’ fees, which represents approximately 2.5% of the total settlement amount paid that year.

Financial settlements and attorneys’ fees are paid from the diocesan Insurance Fund. No parish, Catholic school, or other diocesan funds have been used to pay these costs.

In addition to the foregoing payments, in 2004, the Diocese of Manchester paid \$48,500.00 to independent mental health providers for services provided to survivors of sexual abuse. The Office for Pastoral Care and Healing coordinates this care and provides referral services as well.

Settlement Time Frame	Requests	Total Amounts
Prior to 07/01/01	20	\$1,414,500.00
07/01/01 – 08/14/03	188	\$16,667,400.00
08/14/03 – 12/31/03	20	\$ 2,423,500.00
01/01/04 – 12/31/04	15	\$1,705,000.00
TOTAL	243	\$22,210,400.00

