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WELCOME!

Welcome to the website for the Diocese of Duluth. We hope you will visit often to stay abreast of the news and information for the Catholic Church in northeastern Minnesota.

Bishop Sirba releases names of credibly accused priests

As part of the Diocese of Duluth's ongoing efforts to foster safe environments for children and young people, Bishop Paul D. Sirba released on Dec. 31, 2013, information about clergy members who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of young persons while serving or residing in the Duluth Diocese. Included in the release are clergy members who served as diocesan priests as well as clergy from other dioceses or religious orders who at one time worked or resided in the Duluth Diocese. Despite our best efforts to make sure our information is accurate and complete, we know that it may include errors or be incomplete. We ask that anyone who believes they have information about any instance of child sexual abuse involving any member of the clergy to contact their local law enforcement and [the diocese or a diocesan assistance coordinator](#).

- [A list of names of those credibly accused](#)
- [Written form of statement delivered by Bishop Sirba at the press conference](#)
- [A Q&A on the Dec. 31 disclosure](#)
- [A Q&A on the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People](#)
- [A glossary of terms used in the John Jay Study](#)

BISHOP PAUL SIRBA: [Amid joyful celebrations, wounds are reopened](#)

LAWSUIT: Diocese official releases statement in response to lawsuit filed Dec. 9. Please see the document [here](#).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Diocese of Duluth has released its audited financial reports. Please see the document [here](#).

COMPUTER SECURITY: The Diocesan Technology Committee offers

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The Northern Cross

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some best-practices guidance for computer systems [here](#).

CREDIBLE ACCUSATION OF ABUSE: The Diocese of Duluth announces that a retired diocesan priest, Father Cornelius Kelleher, has recently been credibly accused in the sexual abuse of a minor female during his time as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Chisholm from 1975 to 1986. When the accusation was made, Father Kelleher was immediately removed from any public ministry and is no longer able to function as a priest in his retirement. He retired July 11, 2012. There are, at present, no formal criminal charges or litigation in connection with this accusation. Read the press release [here](#). If you are a victim of sexual misconduct, please see reporting information [here](#). If you would like to read the diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy and Code of Pastoral Conduct, please click [here](#).

THE NORTHERN CROSS: The November issue of The Northern Cross is available [here](#).

STRATEGIC PLANNING: The Diocesan Implementation Committee has released an [Implementation Handbook](#) for parishes undergoing transitions as a result of the Strategic Plan for the next five years which was approved earlier this year. That document and its supporting materials, along with the complete strategic plan, are available on the Strategic Planning [documents section](#) of the website.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: There is a lot going on for [diocesan youth](#) and [young adults](#).

VOCATIONS: Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or religious life? If you want to take your discernment to the next step, talk to our [vocations team](#).

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: To access and complete the online youth protection training course, click [here](#).

Fiat Voluntas Tua: "Thy Will be Done." Matthew 6:10



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