Restoring Trust: Response to Sexual Abuse

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- Update: Diocese determines allegation against Rev. Patrick Doherty credible
- Fr. William Nolan Update 09/14/2019
- File Review Article - Catholic Herald 09-05-2019
- Press Release re: File Review 09/03/2019
- Frequently Asked Questions

Since 2003, the Diocese of Madison has:

- Written, promulgated, and implemented the diocesan policy dealing with sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment.
- Performed background checks and Virtus training of over 33,000 priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, seminarians, lay employees and volunteers of the Diocese of Madison and parishes.
- Implemented the Safe Environment children’s program in our schools and religious education programs and have trained almost 13,000 young people to recognize the need for maintaining a safe environment in their personal lives.
- Bishop Morlino and Bishop Hying have personally met with any and all victims who desired to meet with him. The Chancellor or other diocesan Safe Environment staff met with every alleged victim willing to meet with a church official regarding their experiences. At the bishop’s insistence, every person coming forward was treated with respect and every allegation was investigated to the fullest extent possible.
- At the bishop’s insistence, counseling was offered at the diocesan expense, to any person coming forward and identifying themselves as a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, seminarian, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Madison.
public to the media and online, and frequent updates were offered to the public regarding every case. The diocese pledges to maintain the bishop’s directives in this and all other matters..

- The diocese has never rested on past laurels. We have remained vigilant and increasing urged all victims of abuse to bring their allegation to law enforcement officials and, if applicable, to Church officials as well.

**Priests with credible accusations, of abuse of a minor, against them:**

*Updated January 17, 2020*

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Heavenly Father,
In every age, you have been our refuge.
Yet again and still, we stand before you
asking for your protection on your holy Church.
For the victims of abuse and their families,
pour out your healing and your peace...(More)

Make a Report of Abuse

- Sexual Abuse Report Form (Sexual Abuse by Clergy, Church Employee, or Volunteers)--ENGLISH
- Sexual Abuse Report Form (Sexual Abuse by Clergy, Church Employee, or Volunteers)--SPANISH

Safe Environment Training

To Reaccess the Virtus system (after creating an account) click below:

English   Español

To Register as a new user in the Virtus system click the link below:

English   Español

As always, any allegation of sexual misconduct should be brought to the attention of law enforcement officials. If allegations involve priests, deacons, or other Church personnel, regardless of when they are said to have occurred, they should also be reported to the Diocese of Madison, by way of the Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line, 608-821-3162. The diocesan policies regarding sexual abuse allegations, and instructions for making a report of sexual misconduct, are available on the diocesan website: madisondiocese.org/safeenvironment.