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Archdiocese adds name to list of clergy and religious accused of sexual abuse of a minor

The Archdiocese of Seattle today added the name of Msgr. Philip Duffy to a list of clergy and religious accused of sexual abuse of a minor who have served or are known to have resided in Western Washington. The individuals named on the list posted to the archdiocesan website have allegations that are admitted, established or determined to be credible.

The original list was published in January 2016 and was compiled with the assistance of independent consultants and the Archdiocesan Review Board, a group of professionals who advise the Archbishop on matters involving sexual abuse of minors. The Archdiocese consulted the same independent consultant after an individual came forward alleging abuse by Duffy in 1959 or 1960. The independent consultant and the Archdiocesan Review Board recommended to the Archbishop that Duffy's name be added to the list. Duffy's name is the first name the Archdiocese has added to the list since first publication in 2016. He died in 1987.

The Archdiocese cares about those who have been affected by abuse. Anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762.

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