Crosiers respond to release of accused priests' names

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The Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn. and the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minn., on Dec. 5, 2013 and Jan. 3, 2014, respectively, made public the names of priests accused of abusing minors. Both lists included former Crosier Roger Vaughn.

Roger Vaughn was a Crosier priest. Roger Vaughn never had an assignment for residence or ministry as a priest in the Archdiocese of St. Paul–Minneapolis. He did have assignments to reside and serve in the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minn., at Crosier Seminary in Onamia (1977–1980) and St. Peter's Parish in St. Cloud (1980–1984).

There have been claims of sexual misconduct against Roger Vaughn while he was assigned at those locations. The Crosiers have taken these allegations seriously and have responded to the people who brought them forward. We take seriously any claims of abuse by any Crosier, staff person, or volunteer associated with us.

On Nov. 6, 2000, when Vaughn was living in New York and working in a hospital, he was removed from any public ministry as a priest. Shortly after that, Roger Vaughn permanently left the Crosier Order.

Prior Provincial Thomas Enneking, osc, has stated, "We Crosiers are deeply sorry about any suffering that any Crosier has caused against another person, whether child or adult. It pains me to hear of the pain that any Crosier may have caused. Be assured, we will deal with it to help bring about healing and to try to prevent any future abuse."

If anyone has a report of past abuse, they are asked to please contact our Victim Assistance Line at 320-248-1563 or Prior Provincial Thomas Enneking at 602-443-7100. Other contact information may be found <u>here</u>.

You may find further information about the Crosier Misconduct Policy and the ways in which the Crosiers are dealing with misconduct by its members, including the results of the separate investigation conducted by Faegre-Benson in 2002, in the <u>Safe Environment</u> section of this website.