Victims Assistance Coordinator of the Spokane Diocese

March 1, 2017

As per guidelines established at the time of the bankruptcy, we are required to put this in our bulletin. This will run during the month of March. Bishop Daly has announced that Father Otto Koltzenberg, who served Assumption Parish from June 1, 1988 to June 30, 2002, has been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor and has been permanently removed from ministry. He may not present himself as a priest nor may he celebrate publicly the Sacraments of the Church. Any victims of sexual abuse by a minister of the Church are urged to identify themselves to the Victims Assistance Coordinator of the Spokane Diocese, Roberta Smith; call 509-353-0442 or 509-998-8340 or email rvsmith@dioceseofspokane.org. The priests of Walla Walla are not aware of further details but are available if you need them.

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Official Notice from the Diocese of Spokane
The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis has informed Bishop Cupich that the Reverend Clarence Vavra of the same Archdiocese was hired by Washington State as a chaplain at the Walla Walla State Penitentiary in the Fall of December 19, 2013. In "Bulletins"

Catholic Social Concerns Ministry
Pope Francis: (On September 19, a second) terrible earthquake devastated Mexico...It caused numerous victims and material damage. In this moment of pain, I want to express my closeness and prayer to the entire, beloved September 29, 2017 In "Social Concerns"

Reporting abuse by church personnel or volunteers
Call Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator: Roberta Smith, 509-353-0442 confidential direct line or Vicar General Fr. Steve Dublinski at 509-358-7303 confidential direct line. October 23, 2013 In "Bulletins"