



## Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate United States Province

In late February 2015, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate entered into a settlement with the Plaintiff in *Doe 30 v. Diocese of New Ulm, Diocese of Duluth, and Oblates of Mary Immaculate* (Case No. 62-CV-14-871 in the Ramsey County District Court). The *Doe 30* settlement provides for public disclosure of the names of all Oblates and former Oblates who served in the Central United States Province against whom there has ever been a credible accusation of sexual abuse of a minor or possession of child pornography. We agreed to the public release of this information by Plaintiff's counsel, Jeff Anderson & Associates, because transparency and a safe environment for minors who are involved in church activities were of deep concern to Doe 30 and are of deep concern to us as well.

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate abhor and condemn all abuse and exploitation of minors and have been working hard over the past decade to accomplish the goals and values that are reflected in the *Doe 30* settlement. All of the ministry sites of the Oblates in the United States maintain accreditation as "safe environments" by Praesidium, Inc., a nationally recognized leader in the development and maintenance of safe environments for minors. All Oblates are trained in the prevention, recognition and reporting of any behavior that is abusive or tending toward abuse of a minor. We take these responsibilities very seriously.

Oblates have been actively collaborating with the attorneys of victims as well as with civil and church authorities in order to bring healing to those who have suffered. We remain committed to helping those who were abused as minors by anyone working in an Oblate ministry. Our collaboration also includes the further development of protocols designed to prevent such abuse and insure the immediate reporting of any such incidents to the proper authorities. We were pleased to re-commit ourselves to these goals as part of the *Doe 30* settlement.

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are sincerely sorry for the suffering and loss that Doe 30 and others have lived with for many years because of the abuse they experienced. They remain in our prayers as we work to accomplish our mutual goal of a safe and supportive environment for all God's children.

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