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## **Statement on Allegation Against Claretian Priest**

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The Diocese of Phoenix has learned that Fr. Charles Gielow, a deceased member of the Claretian Missionaries religious order, has been credibly accused of sexual misconduct with a minor. Following is a statement released by the Claretian Missionaries:

### **COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION STATEMENT**

The US Province of Claretian Missionaries has received an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor which has been deemed to be credible against Fr. Charles Gielow, CMF a deceased member of the order. This was reported to have occurred in the late 1970's. Fr. Gielow served at Sacred Heart Parish in Prescott from 1960 to 1966. He later served at the Cursillo Center, now known as the Mount Claret Retreat Center, from January 1976 to June 1980. He died on June 29, 1980.

The Claretians are deeply saddened by these events and are committed to helping in a healing process for victims and to providing a safe environment for children.

The Diocese of Phoenix is committed to providing a safe environment where it values and honors every individual as created in the image and likeness of God. Great efforts have been made to put systems into place to keep our young people safe. Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or who may have information concerning these crimes is encouraged to call a local law enforcement agency.

Additionally, the Diocese of Phoenix provides support services through its Office of Child and Youth Protection at (602) 354-2396 or at [diocesephoenix.org](http://diocesephoenix.org) (click on "Youth Protection").

We ask for your continued prayers for Christ's healing.

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