

Greensburg, PA Diocese statement

About the News 5 request for the Diocese of Greensburg, PA to do a sit-down interview - July 2024

“Thank you for the invitation for an on- camera interview for your story, but we must respectfully decline.

The Plaintiff in the case you referenced specifically moved before the federal court to proceed anonymously under a pseudonym, and the federal court granted that request. The Diocese will not and legally cannot provide additional information about the Plaintiff or any settlement involvement involving the Plaintiff without risking potential violation of the federal court’s order protecting the anonymity of the Plaintiff. As to the merits of the single conspiracy claim involving Bishop Malesic, the Diocese moved to dismiss this claim on multiple bases prior to ultimately settling the case. Bishop Malesic arrived in Greensburg 20 years after this alleged incident. Bishop Malesic was only named in the case because he was the Bishop of Greensburg at the time the lawsuit was filed. He never should have been named as a party to the lawsuit in the first place. Indeed, Bishop Malesic never met Father Sredzinski and Father Sredzinski died in Poland four months after he was installed as Bishop of Greensburg. And Bishop Malesic specifically included and identified Father Sredzinski on the list of clerics he made public in August 2018 who had credible and substantiated allegations of child sexual abuse made against them.

I would also like to point you to the Diocese of Greensburg’s web page “Protecting God’s Children,” which can be found here: <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youth-protection/protecting-gods-children/>. This is a very comprehensive look at the safeguards in place in the Diocese of Greensburg.”