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## Burlington offers support to abuse victims

In light of the recent allegations of priest sexual misconduct in the Burlington area, Ss. John & Paul parish, with the full support of Bishop William Franklin, wish to reach out to those who have been harmed.

Allegations should be made to either Msgr. John Hyland, pastor of Ss. John & Paul at (319) 752-6733, or Irene Prior Loftus, chancellor for the diocese, at (563) 324-1911. For those who would be uncomfortable coming to diocesan officials, Young House Family Services in Burlington has agreed to serve as an agency to take calls and provide professional counseling by calling (319) 752-4000.

A support group, VOICE, (Victims of Inappropriate Clerical Encounters) has been formed to provide a safe and nurturing environment for victims in a group setting. Information concerning VOICE can be obtained by calling the Young House.