

Diocese of Helena's Statement on Reporting of Abuse

Recent print and broadcast commercials have encouraged victims of clergy sexual abuse in Montana to contact plaintiffs' attorneys.

The Diocese of Helena has great interest in providing pastoral care and support for victims of clergy sexual abuse. The Diocese has encouraged victims to come forward for the past 10 years. They can contact the diocese by phone at 406-459-0513 or by e-mail to victimassistant@diocesehelena.org.

The diocese is working with victims' attorneys and has extended an offer for Bishop George Thomas to meet with victims individually.

The Diocese of Helena already has in place an extensive Safe Environment Program, which trains all people who will be working with children to recognize the signs of abuse and how to deal with suspected instances of it. A recent independent audit shows that the Diocese is in full compliance with all national expectations.