



Safe Environments

To report any suspected or actual sexual abuse by a Missionary of the Precious Blood, immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Kansas City Province Director Fr. Garry Richmeier, C.P.P.S., at 816-781-4344 or email grichmeier@preciousbloodkc.org.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Kansas City Province, defends the sanctity of human life, seeks to protect all people from injustice, and does not hesitate to condemn all that afflicts the human person. We are firmly committed to the care of families and their children. It considers abuse and neglect of children as contrary to Christian morality and as an offense against God and against the dignity of the human person.

The Bishops of the United States have promised to reach out to those who have been sexually abused as minors by anyone serving the Church in ministry, employment, or a volunteer position, whether the sexual abuse was recent or many years ago. In June 2002, by the approval and promulgation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and young people, the Bishops renewed the Church's commitment to the spiritual and emotional well being of sexual abuse victims and their families.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Kansas City Province, pledges its support of this national effort by diligently enacting policies that safeguard minors. This policy is not a new initiative, but rather an extension and development of our previous policies. As our understanding of sexual abuse grows, this policy and its procedures will be reviewed and revised.

We, as a religious community, will work with parents, educators, civil authorities, and various community organizations to provide the safest possible environment for minors. Additionally, the Province leadership commits itself to promptly respond to any allegation of sexual abuse.

Statement: 7-30-2020 Provincial Director Fr. Garry Richmeier, C.P.P.S. received an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by Father Alan Hartway, C.P.P.S. When the allegation came forward, Fr. Hartway was removed from active ministry and a formal investigation began. Our community collaborated with the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph in conducting the investigation. On Tuesday, July 21 the results of the investigation were presented to a joint gathering of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Independent Review Board and our own Independent Review Board. The Review Boards concluded that the accusation

was credible enough to permanently remove Fr. Hartway from active ministry as a priest and to assure he has no contact with minors in the future. The Review Board of the diocese advised the Bishop to place Fr. Hartway's name on the public list of priests who have served in the diocese and have substantiated accusations of child sexual abuse against them.

The abuse occurred when Fr. Hartway was assigned as Associate Pastor to St. James Parish in Liberty, MO. Fr. Hartway moved to become Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Garden City, KS, and after working various teaching assignments throughout the Midwest, he served as Parochial Vicar for Guardian Angels Parish in Mead, CO. This communication is being shared with the dioceses of the parish communities where he served.

Fr. Hartway's name has been added to the diocese's *List of Accused Clerics with Substantiated Allegations*, which can be found on the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph website [here](#).

Please keep everyone involved in this painful situation in your prayers.

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