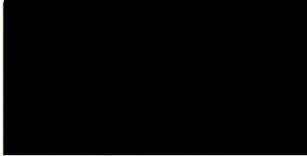


Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Richmond

June 15, 2021



Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

I was informed of your report of misconduct by Father Robert Dixon Beattie, a deceased priest who ministered in this diocese. I can appreciate the courage it must have taken to come forward and I am deeply sorry that you were ever put in the position to make such a report. I hope you will accept my deepest apologies for any harm you and your family may have suffered. I take these allegations very seriously and strive to help individuals in their journey toward healing.

I provided your report to the Diocesan Review Board. They found your claim to be credible. Please feel free to contact Karen Loper, Victim Assistance Coordinator, if you wish her to assist you in any way. She is available to speak with you and offer her compassionate support.

You may be assured that my staff in the Office of Safe Environment will help you. Also, if you wish to do so, I will gladly make myself available to meet with you by phone or in person.

With the assurance of my prayers for your continued healing, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond