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Statement on Kevin Fisette

In accordance with longstanding diocesan policies on the protection of children, Kevin Fisette was removed from ministry on August 24, 2009 by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin after an alleged victim contacted the Diocese of Providence with an allegation of sexual abuse dating to the 1980s. A diocesan investigation deemed the allegation credible, removing Kevin Fisette from ministry. He was added to the List of Credibly Accused Clergy when it was released in 2019.

From the start, the diocese informed, cooperated with, and worked closely with Rhode Island State Police and the Rhode Island Attorney General's office, proactively and promptly sharing the complaint and all relevant information and files. This included full cooperation with the State Police, requesting they expedite their investigation due to Kevin Fisette's status as a pastor, and following RISP's written directive not to confront Fisette until their investigation was exhausted. The Attorney General's Office announced in August 2009 that they were declining to prosecute the matter. All diocesan files connected to this matter were available to the RISP and the AG in 2009.

The Diocese of Providence encourages anyone who knows of, suspects, or has been a victim of sexual abuse at the hands of a church employee or volunteer to contact the Office of Compliance at 401-941-0760 or compliance@dioceseofprovidence.org or the Rhode Island State Police or Office of the Attorney General.

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Editor's Note: There is an active priest in the Diocese of Providence who shares the last name Fisette but has no relation to Kevin Fisette. To avoid confusion, we kindly request that media use the full name "Kevin Fisette" in all instances.

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