Purpose & Background

This report contains the names of clergy associated with the Diocese of Syracuse who have been accused of committing sexual offenses against minors. The vast majority of the claims against these individuals have not been evaluated in a civil court. Accordingly, the allegations should be considered just allegations and should not be considered proved or substantiated in a court of law. All individuals should be considered innocent until proven guilty. In many situations, the statute of limitations has expired preventing the cases from being heard in a court of law.

It is believed that the Diocese of Syracuse does not make available to the public the full history, knowledge and context of the sexually abusive clerics. This report is an attempt to compile information already available to the public from various sources in the public media; bishopaccountability.org; and other sources that have attempted to chronicle this information for public use. This report is intended to raise awareness about the important issue of clerical sexual abuse, provide the public with vital information including assignment histories, and provide awareness of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program available to survivors. Assignment histories are approximations and were compiled from the Official Catholic Directory, bishopaccountability.org and media reports.

Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A.

Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A. pioneered the use of civil litigation to seek justice for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Through its work, Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A. seeks to bring hope, healing, accountability and justice to survivors of child sexual abuse. The attorneys have advocated for survivor rights in New York for many decades, having filed their first lawsuit in New York on behalf of a child sex abuse survivor in approximately 1988. In addition to seeking legal accountability, the firm has supported survivors of abuse by bringing public awareness to the cause and even testified before the state legislature endorsing reforms to the statute of limitations. Recently, Attorney J. Michael Reck filed the first case alleging that a Catholic Diocese in New York was a committing a public nuisance by refusing to disclose the identity and history of its sexually abusive priests.
The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program ("IRCP")

The Diocese of Syracuse has announced the creation of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program ("IRCP"). Similar programs are already in existence in the Archdiocese of New York; Diocese of Brooklyn; and the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The IRCP is a third party administered fund that will compensate some survivors of childhood sexual abuse by priests. Survivors can keep their identity fully confidential. Currently, the IRCP is available only for survivors who previously reported their abuse. It is possible the program will be made available in the future to survivors of abuse who have not yet reported their abuse.

While the IRCP does provide some measure of justice and accountability, it is also complex and requires a survivor to waive his/her future rights if a settlement is received. A survivor participating in the IRCP can enroll in the program alone or may wish to retain an attorney to assist them. An attorney can communicate directly with the IRCP and the Diocese to shield the survivor from further trauma.

A deadline of May 16, 2018 exists for those who qualify for the IRCP in the Diocese of Syracuse.
Diocese of Syracuse

Created on November 26, 1886, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse has been responsible for Catholic children for more than a century. Consisting of seven counties in central New York State, the Diocese oversees 133 parishes, 24 schools, 257 priests and thousands of minors in CCD programs.

Bishop Robert J. Cunningham is the current leader of the Diocese of Syracuse. Bp. Cunningham was a priest and long-time Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo. Combined with his time as Bishop of Ogdensburg (2004-2009) and Vicar General of Buffalo, Bp. Cunningham oversaw numerous priests that were accused of sexually assaulted minors. Additionally, the Diocese of Syracuse has access to the Saint Luke Institute through one of its priests, Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, Ph.D., expert on clerical sexual abuse of minors and professor at Catholic University of America. www.sli.org.

Bishop Cunningham is one of a handful of Bishops that signed a Memorandums of Understanding (M.O.U.) with local law enforcement in response to the diocese previous mishandling claims of child sexual abuse. In 2015, Bishop Cunningham, along with the seven District Attorneys (Onondaga, Madison, Chenango, Oneida, Broome, Oswego, Cortland) signed a memorandum of understanding. The purpose of the document was to create a policy and reporting protocol for reporting all priests that were accused of sexually assaulting minors.

Unfortunately, the statements of the Diocese of Syracuse appear to convey the true culture of denial by the hierarchy in the diocese. It was reported in September 2015 that Bishop Cunningham testified in a 2011 deposition to the effect that a child victim of sexual abuse was partially to blame for the abuse. (Syracuse.com, Sept. 13, 2015)

The following names are priests connected to the Diocese of Syracuse accused of committing sexual offenses against minors.
Fr. Daniel W. Casey, Jr.

Ordination: 1975
Notes: Two civil lawsuits filed in 1992 alleged that Fr. Daniel W. Casey, Jr. sexually abused three children in the 1980s. The Diocese of Syracuse settled both lawsuits. Fr. Casey reportedly resigned from the priesthood.

Assignments:
- 1976-1981: Blessed Sacrament, Johnson City, NY
- 1978-1981: St. Mary, Cortland, NY
- 1986-1988: Cortland County Jail
- 1990-1991: St. John, Utica, NY (in residence)
- 1992: St. Monica, Rochester, NY (in residence)
- 1993-1999: Unknown
- 1/9/2000: Died

Fr. Donald J. Crosby

Ordination: 1963
Notes: Fr. Donald J. Crosby was accused of sexually abusing children in the 1970s. He voluntarily left the priesthood in 1975 and was laicized in 1980. He went on to work for 25 years as a guidance counselor at Soule Road Middle School in Utica, New York, but resigned in 2003 after the school learned of his alleged child sexual abuse 30 years earlier.

Assignments:
- 1964-1969: St. Matthew, East Syracuse, NY
- 1970: St. Thomas, New Hartford, NY
- 1971-1974: Faculty House, Utica, NY
- 1973-1974: Utica Catholic Academy
- 1975-2003: Unknown
- 1/2/2004: Died

Fr. Charles H. Eckermann

Ordination: 1958
Notes: Fr. Charles H. Eckermann was defrocked and sentenced to a life of prayer and penance by the Vatican in April 2014 as a result of credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:
- 1958-1963: St. Brigid, Syracuse, NY
- 1964: St. Cecilia, Solvay, NY
- 1967-1976: Bishop Ludden Faculty House, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
- 1972-1976: Bishop Ludden High School, Syracuse, NY (Principal)
- 1977-1984: St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY
- 1985: St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton, NY
- 1986: On sabbatical leave
- 1988: Office for Planned Giving, Syracuse, NY
- 1989: Office for School Development, Syracuse, NY (Director)
- 2002-2007: Blessed Sacrament, Syracuse, NY (in residence)
- 2002-2014: Retired
- 2013-2014: Presbyteral Council
- 2015-2018: Unknown

Fr. Felix R. Colosimo

Ordination: 1965
Notes: Fr. Felix R. Colosimo was permanently removed from ministry in 2014 in the wake of credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

Assignments:
- 1965-1968: St. John the Baptist, Rome, NY
- 1968-1971: Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY
- 1976-1981: St. Peter, Utica, NY
- 1987-1998: St. Anthony of Padua, Utica, NY
- 2014-2016: Unknown
- 10/26/2017: Died
Assignments:

**Fr. Francis J. Furfaro**

Ordination: 1941

Notes: Fr. Francis J. Furfaro has been accused of sexually abusing several children. A 2003 lawsuit alleged that Fr. Furfaro sexually abused seven men or boys. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse stated that Fr. Furfaro had been permanently removed from ministry as a result of credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

1942-1949 | Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY
1950-1951 | St. Joseph, Oswego, NY
1973-1978 | Episcopal Vicars – Oswego County
1979-1996 | Vicars-General – Northern Area Vicar
1984-2001 | Oswego County Jail, Oswego, NY
1992-2003 | Retired
1993-1996 | St. Louis, Oswego, NY
1997 | Vicars Forane – Northern Area Vicar
2004-2009 | Unknown
3/29/2010 | Died

**Fr. John F. Harrold**

Ordination: 1973

Notes: In 1983, Fr. John F. Harrold was arrested for allegedly sending child pornography through the mail. The criminal charges against him were dropped after he entered a treatment center in New Mexico. Fr. Harrold reportedly resigned from the priesthood in 1997.

1942-1949 | Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY
1950-1951 | St. Joseph, Oswego, NY
1973-1978 | Episcopal Vicars – Oswego County
1979-1996 | Vicars-General – Northern Area Vicar
1980 | Catholic Charities – Broome County Offices (Executive Administrator)
1980 | Family Life Bureau – Broome County (Director)
1981-1982 | St. Mary, Oswego, NY
1983 | Leave of absence
1984-1986 | On duty outside the Diocese – Servants of the Paraclete
1987 | Absent on leave
1988-2003 | On duty outside the Diocese
2004-2018 | Unknown

**Fr. Bernard Garstka**

Ordination: 1948

Notes: Two civil lawsuits filed in the early 2000s accused Fr. Bernard A. Garstka of child sexual abuse.

1949-1953 | Sacred Heart, Syracuse, NY
1954-1958 | St. Ann, Binghamton, NY
1959-1960 | Blessed Sacrament, Johnson City, NY
1961-1962 | Holy Trinity, Utica, NY
1963-1964 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Binghamton, NY
1965-1966 | St. Patrick, Taberg, NY
1967-1971 | St. Stephen, Marathon, NY
1972-1982 | St. Stephen, Syracuse, NY
2/28/1982 | Died

**Fr. James C. Hayes**

Ordination: 1965

Notes: Fr. James C. Hayes was removed from his parish assignment in 2002 in the wake of an allegation of inappropriate behavior. In 2003, the Diocese stated that Fr. Hayes had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

1966-1967 | St. Mary, Binghamton, NY (in residence)
1968-1969 | Faculty House, Binghamton, NY
1970-1972 | Unknown
1973 | St. Louis, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1974 | St. John the Evangelist, Oswego, NY (in residence)
1974-1976 | Oswego Catholic High School, Oswego, NY (Principal)
1977 | Assistant Superintendent – Oswego County
1977-1978 | Bishop Cunningham Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
1978-1984 | St. Anne, Parish, NY
1979-1981 | Ecclesiastical Attorneys
1984 | Diocesan Pastoral Council – Northern Region
1984 | Priests’ Senate (Senator)
1985-1988 | St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY
1989 | Diocesan Cabinet – Northern Region
1989-1990 | Board of Diocesan Consultants
1989-1991 | Holy Family, Fulton, NY
1992-2002 | Community General Hospital, Syracuse, NY (chaplain)
1993-2003 | St. Michael, Onondaga Hill, NY (in residence)
1997-2003 | Special assignment
1998-2002 | Our Lady of Good Counsel, Warners, NY
2003-2018 | Unknown
Fr. Donald J. Hebert

**Ordination:** 1981

**Notes:** Fr. Donald J. Hebert was a coordinator for religious activities for Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts throughout the Diocese of Syracuse. In 1990, a child alleged that Fr. Hebert sexually abused him during a camping trip. Fr. Hebert was sent to St. Luke’s Institute, an out-of-state treatment facility. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Hebert was permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

**Assignments:**
- 1982-1986: St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY
- 1987-1990: Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse, NY
- 1991: Unknown
- 1996-1999: Special assignment
- 1998-2002: St. George, Utica, NY
- 2003: Mother Marianne Cope Residence for Retired Priests, Utica, NY
- 2004-2007: Army National Guard (chaplain)
- 2008-2018: Unknown

Fr. William A. Lorenz

**Ordination:** 1963

**Notes:** Fr. William A. Lorenz resigned from ministry in 2002 after admitting to sexually abusing a child. The survivor contacted the Diocese of Syracuse in the 1990s and Fr. Lorenz was sent to St. Luke Institute, a treatment facility, before being returned to ministry. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Lorenz had been permanently removed from ministry due to allegations of child sexual abuse.

**Assignments:**
- 1964-1965: St. James, Syracuse, NY
- 1966-1967: St. Andrew the Apostle, Syracuse, NY
- 1968-1970: St. Peter, Utica, NY
- 1971: St. Mary, Oswego, NY
- 1972: Unknown
- 1973-1976: Oswego Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
- 1977-1979: Bishop Cunningham Catholic High School, Oswego, NY (Principal)
- 1979: Assistant Superintendent for Oswego County
- 1980-1993: St. Anne, Whitesboro, NY (in residence)
- 1980-1992: Notre Dame High School, Utica, NY (Principal)
- 1985-1986: Priests’ Senate (Senator)
- 1994: Absent on sick leave
- 1995: Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica, NY
- 1996-1997: Unknown
- 2003-2018: Unknown

Fr. Thomas F. Keating

**Ordination:** 1966

**Notes:** Four women came forward in the early 2000s and accused Fr. Thomas F. Keating of sexually abusing them as children in the 1980s. He was removed from ministry and stripped of his privileges in 2004, and his case was sent to the Vatican.

**Assignments:**
- 1967-1968: Our Lady of Angels, Endwell, NY
- 1969: St. Mary, Cortland, NY
- 1973: St. James, Johnson City, NY
- 1974-1978: Seton Catholic High School, Endicott, NY
- 1979-1981: Our Lady of Angels, Endwell, NY
- 1982-1993: St. Mary, Cortland, NY
- 1985-1986: Priests’ Senate – Executive Committee (Senator)
- 1989-1995: Cortland County Jail, Cortland, NY
- 1994-2004: Most Holy Rosary, Maine, NY
- 2004: Pastoral Examiners
- 2005-2015: Unknown
- 11/17/2016: Died

Fr. Chester Misercola

**Ordination:** 1964

**Notes:** A 2002 civil lawsuit alleged that Fr. Chester Misercola sexually abused a child. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Misercola had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

**Assignments:**
- 1965: Our Lady of the Rosary, New Hartford, NY
- 1966-1968: St. Anthony of Padua, Utica, NY
- 1969: St. Anthony, Cortland, NY
- 1970: Immaculate Conception, Fulton, NY
- 1973-1976: Oswego Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
- 1977-1992: Bishop Cunningham Catholic High School, Oswego, NY
- 1980: St. Peter, Oswego, NY (in residence)
- 2002-2003: Retired
- 2004-2018: Unknown
Fr. Thomas E. Neary

**Ordination:** 1954  
**Notes:** In 2003, a man accused Fr. Thomas E. Neary of sexually abusing him as a child. Several others reportedly told the man that they, too, had been abused by Fr. Neary as children.

| Assignments: |  
| 1955-1962 | St. John the Evangelist, New Hartford, NY  
| 1963-1964 | St. Michael, Onondaga Hill, NY  
| 1965-1970 | St. Mary of the Lake, Skaneateles, NY  
| 1971-1972 | Our Lady of the Rosary, Hannibal, NY  
| 1973-1980 | St. Francis, Durhamville, NY  
| 1980-1981 | Ecclesiastical Attorney  
| 1985-1986 | St. Patrick, Jordan, NY  
| 1987-1997 | Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse, NY (in residence)  
| 1994-2002 | Retired  
| 9/17/2001 | Died

Fr. Robert A. Ours

**Ordination:** 1980  
**Notes:** In 2014, Fr. Robert A. Ours was arrested and criminally charged with possession of child pornography. Fr. Ours subsequently pleaded guilty, received 10 years’ probation, and was ordered to register as a sex offender. A 2017 lawsuit accused Fr. Ours of sexually abusing a child before Fr. Ours was ordained a priest.

| Assignments: |  
| 1981 | St. Peter, Utica, NY (in residence)  
| 1982-1986 | St. Vincent de Paul, Binghamton, NY  
| 1987 | St. John the Evangelist, Binghamton, NY  
| 1990-2011 | Seton Catholic Central High School of Broome County, Binghamton, NY  
| 1996-2012 | Special assignment  
| 1999-2004 | St. Patrick, Binghamton, NY (in residence)  
| 2005-2006 | St. Rita, Chenango Forks, NY  
| 2007-2010 | St. Christopher, Binghamton, NY  
| 2010-2012 | St. Joseph, Endicott, NY (in residence)  
| 2013-2018 | Unknown

Fr. Albert J. Proud

**Ordination:** 1968  
**Notes:** In 2002, Fr. Albert J. Proud was removed from ministry and sent to St. Luke Institute, a treatment facility, after being accused of child sexual abuse. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse confirmed that Fr. Proud had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

| Assignments: |  
| 1969 | Faculty House, Utica, NY  
| 1970 | St. John the Evangelist, Oswego, NY (in residence)  
| 1971 | Immaculate Conception, Fulton, NY  
| 1972-1976 | Christ the King, Liverpool, NY  
| 1977-1979 | St. Daniel, Syracuse, NY  
| 1980-1982 | Bishop Ludden Faculty House (in residence)  
| 1980-1987 | Bishop Ludden High School, Syracuse, NY  
| 1987-1989 | Priests’ Senate – Senator  
| 1987-1998 | St. Patrick, Jordan, NY  
| 1999-2002 | Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills, NY  
| 2003 | On duty outside the diocese (8901 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Springs, MD 20903)  
| 2004-2018 | Unknown
Fr. James F. Quinn

**Ordination:** 1958

**Notes:** In 2003, Fr. James F. Quinn was placed on leave in the wake of an allegation of child sexual abuse. Fr. Quinn’s accuser brought a civil lawsuit in 2003. In 2004, the Diocese of Syracuse cleared Fr. Quinn and reinstated his priestly duties after finding insufficient evidence to support the allegation. In 2016, a second man came forward and alleged that Fr. Quinn sexually abused him as a child.

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<td>St. Agnes, Utica, NY</td>
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<td>St. John &amp; St. Joseph Home CYO, Utica, NY (Director)</td>
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<td>Bethlehem Day Camp, Utica, NY (Director)</td>
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<td>1973</td>
<td>Oneida Co. Home, Rome, NY (Chaplain)</td>
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<td>St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Munnsville, NY</td>
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<td>1976-1978</td>
<td>New York State Agriculture and Technical College, Morrisville, NY (Chaplain)</td>
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<td>St. James, Syracuse, NY</td>
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<td>Most Holy Rosary, Syracuse, NY (in residence)</td>
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<td>2001-2004</td>
<td>St. Ann, Manlius, NY (in residence)</td>
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<td>2004-2005</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Tommy Coyne Residence Dillon Hall, Syracuse, NY (in residence)</td>
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<td>2006-2007</td>
<td>St. Peter, Syracuse, NY (in residence)</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Our Lady of Pompeii, Syracuse, NY</td>
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<td>Sacred Heart, Cicero, NY</td>
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Fr. Henry C. Sewall

**Ordination:** 1960

**Notes:** After he was accused of child sexual abuse in 2002, Fr. Henry C. Sewall admitted that he had “engaged in sexual misconduct” while he was a high school principal. Three lawsuits filed in 2002 accused Sewall of child sexual abuse. In 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse stated that Fr. Sewall had been permanently removed from ministry due to credible allegations of child sexual abuse.

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<td>1972-1976</td>
<td>Utica Faculty House, Utica, NY</td>
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<td>Notre Dame High School, Utica, NY</td>
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<td>Absent on sick leave</td>
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<td>7/11/2015</td>
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Fr. John M. Zeder

Ordination: 1954

Notes: In 2003, a woman filed a civil lawsuit alleging that Fr. John M. Zeder raped her between 1978 and 1981. Later in 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse stated that Fr. Zeder had been permanently removed from ministry due to a credible allegation of child sexual abuse.

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<td>Holy Rosary, Maine, NY (in residence)</td>
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<td>St. Patrick, Chittenango, NY</td>
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<td>St. Malachy, Sherburne, NY</td>
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<td>Mater Dei Institute, Spokane, WA</td>
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<td>St. Ann Church, Parish, NY</td>
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Locations of Perpetrators in the Diocese of Syracuse

- Chenango Forks
- Endicott
- Maine
- Endwell
- Binghamton
- Johnson City
- Norwich
- Chenango Forks
- New Hartford (5)
- Utica (11)
- Clark Mills
- Whitesboro
- Holland Patent
- Rome
- Taberg
- Munnsville
- Manlius
- Vernon
- Morrisville
- Oneida
- New Hartford
- Clark Mills
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Important Documents for the Diocese of Syracuse
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OF MINORS BY CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

I. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding is a working agreement between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse and the elected District Attorneys of the seven (7) counties within the geographical jurisdiction of the Syracuse Diocese. The purpose of this document is to create and implement a consistent policy and reporting protocol with regard to sexual misconduct and abuse of minors by all members of the clergy and religious under the auspices of the Syracuse Diocese. The undersigned, hereby understand and agree to all terms and conditions contained in this document.

II. Terms and Conditions of Understanding

A. Sexual abuse of a minor is a crime. The age of consent in the State of New York is 17 years of age. Minors under the age of 17 cannot give consent. Whenever a complaint is received by a Diocesan official that a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, has sexually abused a minor, regardless of the age of the incident, the complainant will be strongly urged to report the complaint immediately and directly to the appropriate District Attorney’s Office.

B. When a Diocesan official has learned or has reason to suspect that a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, has sexually abused a minor, the Diocese will immediately refer the matter to the appropriate District Attorney’s Office for investigation, regardless of the age of the allegation or whether or not the clergy member or religious is active.

C. If the Diocese has reason to suspect that a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, has sexually abused a minor, it will make efforts to preserve any evidence of the incident and will coordinate with the District Attorney’s Office with respect to the preservation and collection of that evidence.

D. The Diocese shall not do its own independent investigation of a complaint prior to reporting it to the District Attorney’s office, other than a preliminary inquiry to establish that there is an allegation that consists of conduct that rises to a sexual offense. If there is a question as to the criminality, the Diocese shall consult with the appropriate District Attorney’s Office.
E. The Diocese, after notifying that District Attorney’s Office, will take appropriate action with regard to that member of the clergy or religious, as warranted, including removing the individual from his or her assignment, to ensure the safety of minors. However, once the District Attorney’s Office has been notified, the diocese should coordinate with the District Attorney to ensure that any criminal investigation is not compromised. To that end, the District Attorney’s Office must also recognize the obligation of the diocese to take appropriate action with regard to a member of the clergy or religious, who is under the auspices of the diocese, accused of abuse, within certain time constraints prescribed by the norms of the universal Church.

III. Signature Lines

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Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse Date

William J. Fitzpatrick 10/13/15  
Hon. William J. Fitzpatrick, District Attorney, Onondaga County Date

William Gabor 10/13/15  
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Hon. Joseph A. McBride, District Attorney, Chenango County Date

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Hon. Scott D. McNamara, District Attorney, Oneida County Date

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