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Judge Allows Nuisance Claim to Proceed

**Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the
Diocese of Winona fought to have the claim dismissed**

(St. Paul, MN) – Today, Ramsey County District Judge John Van de North issued an Order allowing a survivor’s nuisance claim to proceed. The nuisance claim sought to make public the names and documents about credibly accused priests. Last week, the court ordered the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the Diocese of Winona to release the names. Today’s decision allows this survivor, Doe 1, to proceed in uncovering and making the community aware of the secret documents kept by the Archdiocese and Diocese of Winona.

“We are both relieved and comforted that the nuisance claim can move forward so that we can continue on the journey with this courageous survivor to expose and disclose these long kept secrets,” said Attorney Jeff Anderson. “Relief and truth can be known in the legal system in a way it couldn’t before. This decision is also a precedent for other courts examining this issue still pending in the Dioceses of New Ulm, Crookston and Duluth.”

- The Order and original Doe 1 complaint can be found on our website at www.andersonadvocates.com.

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