

## Timeline of Events

- 1971** Ron Vasek is sexually abused by Rev. Msgr. Roger Grundhaus at the age of sixteen while accompanying Msgr. Grundhaus to Ohio.
- 1991** Msgr. Grundhaus becomes Vicar General for the Diocese of Crookston.
- 2009 or 2010** While considering becoming a member of the diaconate program in the Diocese of Crookston, Ron discloses the abuse by Msgr. Grundhaus to a priest in another diocese. The priest from the other diocese reports the abuse to the Vicar General of his diocese who then contacts Bishop Hoepfner of the Diocese of Crookston.
- Bishop Hoepfner schedules an in-person meeting with Ron at the Diocese of Crookston Chancery where Ron tells Bishop Hoepfner that Msgr. Grundhaus sexually abused him in Columbus, Ohio, when Ron was a minor. Bishop Hoepfner asks Ron how he is going to proceed with the accusation and whether he intends to formally report the abuse or attempt to press charges against Msgr. Grundhaus. Bishop Hoepfner indicates to Ron that it would be detrimental to Msgr. Grundhaus and his reputation in the Diocese if the accusations are made public. Bishop Hoepfner communicates to Ron that he should not tell anyone else about the abuse.
- 2010** Ron's son ordained a priest of the Diocese of Crookston.
- 2011** Ron enters the diaconate program in the Diocese of Crookston.
- August 2015** A Mahanomen County District Court orders the Diocese of Crookston to produce information on clergy accused of child sexual abuse in *Doe 19 v. the Diocese of Crookston, et al.* The Diocese does not produce Msgr. Grundhaus' name or information in their court-ordered disclosures.
- October 2015** Bishop Hoepfner asks Ron to his private residence where he tells Ron to sign a letter the Bishop said was authored by Msgr. Michael Foltz, Vicar General of the Diocese of Crookston, which retracts Ron's statements regarding the sexual abuse involving Fr. Grundhaus and indicates that the abuse in Ohio never happened. When Ron initially refuses to sign the letter because of the falsity of its contents, the Bishop threatens Ron's participation in the diaconate program and Ron's son's priesthood in the Diocese of Crookston. Ron feels that he has no choice and is coerced by the Bishop to sign the letter. The Bishop indicates that he will keep the letter in his vault in case he ever needs it.
- April 2017** Ron cannot in good conscience become a deacon under Bishop Hoepfner and begins the process to hold Bishop Hoepfner criminally, civilly, and canonically liable for his conduct.