

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 26, 2018

To: Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese

From: Tim O'Malley

Re: Upcoming story from the Boston Globe

With the USCCB fall meetings in Baltimore from Nov. 10-15, I wanted to alert you that the Boston Globe will soon publish a story ahead of the meetings, and we believe what has happened in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis over the past decade will be included in that story. A reporter from the Globe recently spent a week in the Twin Cities interviewing people, including me. Because the story will receive attention well beyond the Boston area, parishioners and others in your communities may have questions for you about what safe environment efforts have been made here. Here are some resources to assist you and your staff, should you need them:

- Safe environment history and developments in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis: <http://thecatholicspirit.com/news/local-news/are-our-kids-safe/>
- Safe environment history and developments at the Saint Paul Seminary: <http://thecatholicspirit.com/news/local-news/seminaryhealth/>

Additional Information to assist with responses to possible questions:

1. If someone suspects abuse, their first call should be to local law enforcement or 911.
2. There are no clergy members with substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor in ministry in the Archdiocese.
3. Attorney for survivors, Jeff Anderson, said recently that "this is the safest archdiocese in the country," but more needs to be done to keep children safe. We agree. We continue, in partnership with others, to evaluate our safe environment practices and procedures, and make improvements.
4. For the past three years, the Archdiocese has appeared in Ramsey County Court every six months and filed reports on our safe environment actions. The Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Ramsey County District Court Judge Teresa Warner agree that the Archdiocese of Saint

Paul and Minneapolis continues to be in “substantial compliance” with the 2015 Settlement Agreement.

5. A \$210 million bankruptcy settlement agreement filed jointly by the Archdiocese and nearly 400 sexual abuse survivors was recently approved. Payments to survivors are expected to be made by a court appointed Trustee in December of this year.
6. The Archdiocese, sexual abuse survivors, restorative justice experts and parishes continue collaborating on healing and educational efforts to help all understand the impact of abuse.
7. The Archdiocese’s Ministerial Review Board – which includes child safety champion Patty Wetterling, experts in law enforcement, psychology, a clergy abuse survivor, and others – continues to advise the Archbishop and the Office of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment regarding our settlement policies and processes, and also makes recommendation regarding the fitness for ministry of accused clerics.
8. All employees, volunteers, and others who interact with children must regularly complete the Essential 3:
 - a. Criminal background check
 - b. Virtus training
 - c. Sign and adhere to the Code of Conduct
9. The Archdiocese’s [Safe Environment website](#) discloses the names of 61 clergy with substantiated claims of sexual abuse of a minor against them in the Archdiocese and 36 men who spent time in the Archdiocese whose names have been disclosed by their diocese or religious order as having a substantiated claim of sexual abuse of a minor outside of the Archdiocese.
10. Since January of 2018, there has been an ombudsperson – independent of the Archdiocese - who serves as a resource for those who have been abused. His name is Thomas Johnson and he may be reached directly at: 612-632-3207 or via email at thomas.johnson@gpmlaw.com.

Please know of my appreciation for all you do to create and maintain safe environments in the Archdiocese and do not hesitate to contact my team or me if you have any questions or are in need of any assistance.