



DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again we are all shocked by the recent news of Archbishop McCarrick and most recently the report from Pennsylvania. Our prayers for justice and healing go out to all victims of clergy abuse. As horrific as the reports are, we thank God that most of the allegations are from the 40's, 50's and 60's. I am in no way trying to downplay the seriousness of the situation we find ourselves in again.

Since the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was adopted by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops in 2002 the Diocese of Superior has taken every step possible to prevent abuse from happening in our diocese. As we have encouraged for some 15 years now, if you have been sexually abused or know of someone who has been sexually abused by anyone associated with the church and would like to report or discuss the experience I urge you to contact Kathy Drinkwine, our Safe Environment Coordinator (715) 718-1110. I promise that any report will be taken seriously and dealt with appropriately.

In conclusion, I ask that you join me in daily prayer, praying for the healing of all victims of abuse and for the Church at large.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior