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Date of birth: 3/19/1929

Date of ordination: 1960

Owens is a priest of another diocese who is alleged to have committed acts of sexual abuse of a minor *outside* of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This archdiocese is not aware of any substantiated claim of sexual abuse of a minor asserted against Owens relating to any conduct that occurred in this archdiocese. Owens' name has nevertheless been added to the archdiocese's disclosure list in the interest of full transparency, to champion the Child Protection Protocols and Procedures first announced to the public on October 13, 2014 and to aid in healing for survivors who may reside in the archdiocese.

Owens' assignment history:

- Assigned in Diocese of Bismarck, 1960-1999
- Temporary weekend assistance in Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in/near Forest Lake, 1999-2004 (continued providing assistance although faculties were removed in 2002)

Diocese or religious order: Diocese of Bismarck

Date permanently removed from ministry: Faculties permanently removed in this archdiocese in 2005

Current status: Under administrative penalties by Diocese of Bismarck

Date the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis posted this individual's name on a list of those with claims of substantiated abuse against them: October 23, 2014

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Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment

The mission of the Office of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment is to work with our community to address the devastating societal problem of the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults by implementing abuse prevention programs, immediately reporting allegations of abuse to law enforcement and/or child/adult protection officials, and cooperating fully with their investigations, and helping those affected by abuse in their healing journey.



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