

Society of the Divine Savior

Apostles for our times.

November 2, 2015

Dear Mr. McKiernan,

Fr. Eric Middlecamp was ordained a priest in 1952. He was a member of the religious order, Society of the Divine Savior, Salvatorians of the USA which is based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Multiple allegations of sexual abuse first came to our attention in the early 1990s about incidents that occurred in the late 1950s thru 1970s with both boys and girls. We consider these allegations substantiated based on Fr. Eric's acknowledgement. At that time, Fr. Eric was removed from active ministry and was not allowed to function as a priest. He was given a desk job at our province headquarters and lived in community with other Salvatorians. Visits to his family required accompaniment. Following the Dallas Charter, he was put on a formal safety plan. In 2003, Fr. Eric was moved to a nursing home. He died on March 6, 2011 in the nursing home.

As Salvatorians, we would like to reach out to any victims of Fr. Eric. Please contact our Victim's Assistance Coordinators, Br. Sean McLaughlin SDS at 301-370-2453, <u>sean@salvatorians.com</u>, or Sr. Mary Lee Grady SDS at 414-759-9148, <u>gradym@salvatoriansisters.org</u> You are also welcome to contact the provincial, Fr. Joe Rodrigues SDS at 414-258-1735, <u>irodrigues@salvatorians.com</u>.

It is not possible to sufficiently apologize for the child abuse that has occurred, but we are doing everything possible to prevent such events now and in the future.

Blessings and prayers,

Very Rev/Joseph Rodrigues SDS Provincial