

The Basilica of Saint Peter

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 14th, 2018

Welcome to the Basilica of Saint Peter

I'm thrilled to welcome you to the historic Basilica of Saint Peter, the Capital City's parish and mother church of Catholics in the Midlands of South Carolina.

Whether you are a new parishioner or just visiting, we hope that you feel welcomed and will join us in our many parish activities designed to help you strengthen your faith. Parish registration forms are available in the vestibule and the parish office; you may also register online at www.visitstpeters.org.

Thank you for joining in our celebration today!

*The Very Rev. Canon Gary S. Linsky, V.F.,
Rector*



PARISH CLERGY

The Very Reverend Canon Gary S. Linsky, V. F. ,
Rector

Reverend Andrew Fryml,
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Bernard Kyara, A. J.,
In Residence

Deacon Ron Anderson,
Permanent Deacon

Deacon David Thompson,
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Michael Younginer,
Permanent Deacon

Liturgical Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:30 PM (Sunday Liturgy)

Rosary recited at 5:00 PM each Saturday before Mass.

Sunday:

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM: Mass in English

1:00 PM: Misa en Espanol / Mass in Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 12 NOON

Wednesday: 8:30 AM

(attended by students of St. Peter's School)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 4:00 to 5:00 PM and by appointment

Today is Clergy Appreciation Day

Please pray for those who answer God's call to ordained service of His Church.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our clergy. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our clergy to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE BASILICA

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Word Is Alive!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-20

"With God all things are possible."

The story of the rich man is two stories, really: the dialogue between the earnest man and Jesus, and the ensuing conversation between Jesus and the disciples. The rich man has kept all the rules and knows there is more. He seeks Jesus out for the greater challenge to go deeper in his walk with God. But his face falls when he learns the cost. Following Jesus is one thing; giving up his possessions is another.

The disciples at first see this test as too hard. If this is the standard, who can be saved? Peter perceives the parallel between the admonition to the rich man and the way of the disciples: "What you ask of him is what we ourselves have done!" They indeed left their nets, their homes, their way of life to become his followers. And Jesus promises that one who has surrendered the old life in favor of the Gospel will be rewarded a hundredfold with property, family, persecution, and eternal life.

Did somebody say persecution? If we read beyond this passage, we find the disciples amazed and afraid at this speech. No kidding! So Jesus once again explains what the Son of Man must suffer. Discipleship has its price, and we are all like the rich man who finds it set just a bit higher than what we expected to pay.

Questions for Reflection

- * Who is the wisest person you know? What makes them wise?
- * Make a short list of some of the most powerful words ever spoken in your life. What is the most powerful statement in the Bible to you? How is it like the words on your list?
- * What are the riches in your life that might be hampering your call to deeper discipleship?

Action Response

Be conscious of the power of words this week. Listen to the words you speak to others, and take care to be an incarnate word of God's love to everyone around you.

Taken from "God's Word is Alive"
Permission granted from Alice Camille

DAILY READINGS: OCTOBER 15—21

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17B; Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

MASS INTENTIONS: OCT 13-20

Please join us in praying for these intentions.

Saturday, Oct 13 Joseph & Cleo Abdalla (deceased)
Requested by The Abdalla Family

Sunday, Oct 14 9:00 AM For all in the parish
Requested by

11:00 AM The Matthew Monroe Family (living)
Requested by Darren Monroe

1:00 PM Wesley Williams IV (dec)
Requested by James Thompson

5:30 PM Zachary Thompson (liv)
Requested by Anonymous

Monday, Oct 15 Candida Hidalgo (living)
Requested by Ana Hidalgo

Tuesday, Oct 16 Jorge & Patricia Perez (living)
Requested by The Perez Family

Wed., Oct 17 Mrs. Edith O. Thurmond (deceased)
Requested by James Thompson

Thursday, Oct 18 Susan Boyd (living)
Requested by Tammy Carson

Friday, Oct 19 Geraldine Lis (deceased)
Requested by Anonymous

Saturday, Oct 20 Jacob Easterly (deceased)
Requested by Nell & David Scott

Mass Intentions are dedicated to the intentions of the petitioner and are said aloud at Mass at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful. These can be for the support of the sick, for repose of the soul of a loved one, for thanksgiving, or for other special intentions. To request a Mass Intention, please call or stop by the parish office. The customary stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10.

Save the Date!
Thursday, November 1
after 6 PM Mass
Parish Potluck!



Family Fellowship Presents OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 19, 2018

Join us for a Halloween-themed outdoor movie on the soccer field behind the church. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs, and an item for our potluck picnic.

Picnic will begin at 5:30. The movie will start at dusk!

Contact: Alana Jordan

e: ajordan@stpeterscatholicschool.org
p: 803-586-0774



Author to address the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

**Tuesday, October 16
6 PM in Gibson Hall**

David Brinkman, St. Peter's parishioner, will speak to the ladies of the Sodality about his book, Miracles to Yesterday, Science and

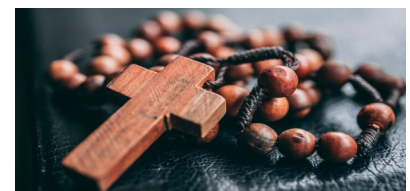
Faith Come Back Together. David's book shows the relationships between science, history, religion and miracles. Contact Cheryl Freeman for more information: cafreeman06@gmail.com or 238-3530.

Basilica Minglers Third Thursday Dinner

October 18th at 6:30

Longhorn Steakhouse on Gervais

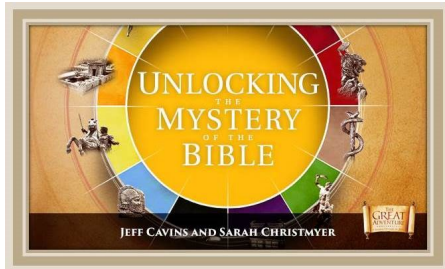
Also: Some Minglers will attend the Town Theater Sunday Matinees throughout the Fall and Winter season. Interested in joining? Contact Joanne Metrick: jmetrick45@gmail.com



LEARNING AND LIVING YOUR FAITH

WOMEN OF THE WORD: TWO NEW STUDIES

New study beginning on
Monday, October 15th at 10 a.m.:
**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY
OF THE BIBLE**



This eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about.

You will:

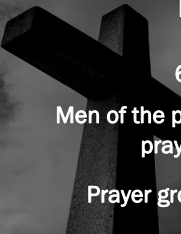
- ⇒ Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to everyday life.
- ⇒ Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments.
- ⇒ See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture.
- ⇒ ... and much more!

When: Mondays, 10:00 AM–11:15 AM

Where: Neglia Hall

Materials: \$20, deadline to order is Monday October 8th.

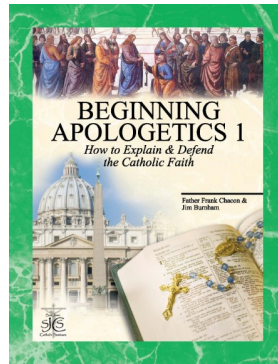
To register and order materials: Contact Debbi Fetner, debmcfetner@gmail.com or Donna Tomasini, donna@visitstpeters.org / 779-0036



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
Wednesday mornings,
6:55 a.m. in Neglia Hall
Men of the parish come together to
pray and discuss the Faith.
Prayer group is led by Fr. Linsky.

Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m.:

**BEGINNING APOLOGETICS 1: HOW TO
EXPLAIN AND DEFEND THE CATHOLIC
FAITH**



When: Thursdays, 7:30-8:45 PM

Where: Gibson Hall

Materials: Beginning Apologetics 1: How to Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith, by Frank Chacon & Jim Burnham San Juan Catholic Seminars

Note: no class on 10/11, 11/1 and 11/22

For more information, contact Jennifer Fitz,
jen@fitzes.com

Young Adult Professionals Tapping Theology Tuesday, October 16

The Common Room at Vista Towers
Contact Darren Monroe for more
information: Darren.monroe@gmail.com



**ACTS Retreats are
coming to
South Carolina!**

www.actsmissions.org

Our Lady of the Lake in Chapin is hosting the first-ever ACTS Men's Retreat in the State of South Carolina from December 6th -9th at Camp Kinard.

Visit www.ollchapin.org to download a registration form.

For questions about the ACTS Retreats at Our Lady of the Lake, email ololacts@gmail.com or contact Jerry Mortus at 832-571-7546



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¡Estar energizado!
¡Invita a alguien!**

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o en línea: [www.reallifecatholic.com/
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¿Preguntas? ¿Quiere Ayudar?
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NEWS FROM THE BASILICA

Pardon our Progress!

Work continues, to repair and prevent future water damage at the front and rear exteriors of the basilica.

What to expect through mid-October:

For weekend Masses and confession, use the front doors of the basilica.

For weekday Masses and general access to the basilica, please use the front door of the church office (at the Cardinal Bernardin Center).

Cold weather clothing being accepted

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is requesting that the generous parishioners of St. Peter's consider donating cold weather clothing to be distributed at the October monthly meal served to our area disadvantaged neighbors. We are in need of jeans, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, coats, hats and shoes.



There is a box in the back of the church for these items.

Thank you, and God bless!

Children's Mass Books

We have placed children's English and Spanish Mass booklets in baskets as you enter the Basilica. These books will help children



follow and focus on the Mass. Please return the books to the baskets at the end of Mass.

Much gratitude to our Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality women's group for providing this wonderful resource for our children.

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) COLLECTION FOR VOCATIONS Sat & Sun, Oct 20-21



One of the greatest dangers to our Church today is the dwindling pool of dedicated men and women who are following religious vocations.

Please give generously to the AOH Project St. Patrick fund as members of the St. Columba Division will be at the Basilica of Saint Peter to solicit donations from parishioners as they leave Mass. All contributions to the St. Patrick fund are used to support vocations in the Diocese of Charleston.

For more information about the Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Carolina, please visit www.scaoh.org or contact Terry Baggott at tmbusc@aol.com.

Thank you for your generosity for this worthy cause!

Remember in your prayers Saint Peter's parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the church office if you would like to be added to the list or provide an update.

- JoAnne Allen (Laurel Crest)
- Herbert A. Berry, Sr. (home)
- Margo Carter (home)
- Doris Christley (White Oak)
- Sallie Clark (home)
- Mary Cole (Atria)
- Elizabeth Crosby (home)
- Darrell Crosby (Georgia)
- Della Crouch (home)
- Dan Eichost (home)
- Judy Groover (home)
- Willis Hanna (Still Hopes)
- Carol Hopkins (home)
- Leroy and Dorothy Kievlan (home)
- Christopher Kratt (home)

- Marilyn Leamy (Laurel Crest)
- Mary Lou Madden (Carolina Garden)
- Helen McDonald (home)
- Dee Mika (home)
- Thomas O'Reilly (home)
- Sarah Pacquette
- Angela Ray (home)
- Angela Rhodes (home)
- June Robichaud (home)
- Norma Shepherd (home)
- Norma Spires (home)
- Gloria Tadiello (Christopher Towers)
- Naomi Tillcock (home)
- Gloria Washington (home)
- Courtney and Bertha Williams (home)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule Weekend of October 20-21						
	Sat 5:30	Sun 9:00	Sun 11:00	Sun 1:00	Sun 5:30	
Cup 1	Mary Ducate	Joanne Young	Norvell Gibson	Raquel Morales	Evelyn Abernathy	Cup 1
Cup 2	Jocelyn Clarkson	Nancy Stoudemire	Andrea Headley	Mabel Mendoza	Marilyn Montgomery	Cup 2
Cup 3		Sarah Jur	Zenovie Gibson	Brenda Arellano	Starr Wolfe	Cup 3
Cup 4		Betty J. Hines	Carol Kososki	Flora Torres	Sharon McCraney	Cup 4
Altar 1	Alex Potash	Miguel Sy	Isabel Penso	Jorge Perez	Ronan Doherty	Altar 1
Altar 2	Savannah Young	Steven Sy	Mariela Penso	Elizabeth Perez	Cillian Doherty	Altar 2
Altar 3	Harrison Reagan	Jack Brown	Sady Rush	Diego Perez	Codey Stephens	Altar 3
Lector 1	Erlinda Doherty	Chip Lupo	Liam Magalhaes	Fernando Noble	Pam Stuyck	Lector 1
Lector 2	Brendan Doherty	Darryl Williams	Andrea Roche	Araceli Valenzuela	Starr Wolfe	Lector 2

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

Explore the Catholic Faith Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)



Do you have questions about the Catholic Church or are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Contact: **Donna Tomasini**,
Director of Christian Formation,
779-0036 or donna@visitstpeters.org
Connie Seurnck, 772-5197 or
connieseurnck@gmail.com

Baptismal Preparation

We welcome and congratulate families wishing to pass on the faith to their children through the sacrament of Baptism.



Things you should know:

- **Both parents are asked to be present at the Baptism.** However, if for some valid reason one parent cannot attend the class, the Catholic parent must attend.
- As part of the Baptismal Rite, parents are promising to raise their child in the faith. So that the Church may have an expectation that the child will be raised in the Faith, parents must be registered, **participating members of St. Peter's for at least 6 months.**
- **You must attend a baptismal preparation class.** At this session we will explore the meaning of the sacrament and familiarize you with how the Baptism is celebrated. Please contact Donna Tomasini at donna@visitstpeters.org or 803-779-0036 to find out when the next class will be offered.

We delight in sharing this significant moment in your family's ongoing faith development and pray that you will be enriched by your experience. Saint Peter's welcomes your child with great joy and looks forward to growing in faith and love with your family.

Were you baptized in the Catholic Faith and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?



Let us help you receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Donna Tomasini, 779-0036 or donna@visitstpeters.org.

The Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant, which is more than a contract. The marriage covenant refers to the relationship between the husband and wife, a permanent union of persons capable of knowing and loving each other and God.



If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage or have your marriage convalidated, please contact Lesley Stuart at the parish office.

lesleys@visitstpeters.org
or 779-0036

Holy Orders



Ordination to the priesthood is always a call and a gift from God. Christ reminded his Apostles that they needed to ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest. Those who seek priesthood respond generously to God's call using the words of the prophet, "Here I am, send me" (Is 6:8).

- *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a priest, visit the diocesan website for vocations (charlestonvocations.com) or call the Office of Vocations at 843-261-0532.



The healing Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. - The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

The Sacrament is offered on **Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the basilica**, or by appointment (call 803-779-0036)

THE EUCHARIST

At Mass:

Please see the front of this bulletin for times when Mass is offered at the Basilica.



Are you seeking to rediscover your friendship with Jesus? Haven't been attending Mass in a while and wondering where to start? Start by getting to know Jesus again through prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For those unable to attend Mass:

Parishioners who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend Mass should contact the Basilica of Saint Peter Outreach Ministry, whose mission is to bring the compassion and communion of the Church to the sick and homebound through its Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Contact the office at 803-779-0036 or Zenovie Gibson at 803-210-6776 or zenovie@visitstpeters.org.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1520-23).

Parishioners should call the parish office to request hospital visits and to schedule individual anointing during a serious illness or in advance of a surgery.

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Domingo 14 de Octubre del 2018

¡BIENVENIDOS!

¡Todos los que nos visitan! Si desea ser miembro de la Basílica de San Pedro, favor de solicitar una hoja de inscripción a los servidores a la salida.

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

Para poner una intención especial durante la Santa Misa dominical (cumpleaños, aniversario, presentación, difunto). Por favor avisar a Ana Hidalgo un mes antes.

SOBRES PARA COLECTA SEMANAL

Cada familia inscrita en la Basílica recibe sobres con un número único de inscripción parroquial. Al donar se les mantiene récord de feligreses activos y esto les favorece al solicitar sacramentos y servicios que la Basílica brinda

❖ Opciones para su donación semanal:

1. Poner sobre en la canasta de colecta de la Santa Misa.
2. Traer sobre a la Basílica en horas de oficina.
3. En línea por tarjeta: www.visitstpeters.org

-Abajo a la derecha presione "online giving"
-Siga de allí en adelante las instrucciones

PLÁTICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES:

Bautismos: Domingo octubre 14, Si recibieron la plática **Requisitos:**

- ❖ **Padres:** Miembros inscritos de la Basílica por al menos 6 meses o más.
- ❖ **Padrinos/Madrinas**
 1. Tiene sacramentos: Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía
 2. Santa Misa dominical/Frecuente Confesión y Comulgua
 3. Mayor de 16 años.
 4. Ejemplo de cristiano católico
 5. Compromiso de apoyar su ahijado/a en su fe católica.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Al dar gracias a Dios por esta etapa, debemos entender esta celebración a la luz de la fe, esto requiere que:

1. Familia y Quinceañera sean practicantes activos.
2. Que estén inscritos en la Basílica por al menos 6 meses.
3. La joven está en clases de Confirmación/en proceso.
4. Quinceañera, padres, padrinos damas y chambelanes reciben preparación catequética y ensayo días antes de la celebración.

MINISTERIOS HISPANOS BASILICA DE SAN PEDRO

Cristo llama a evangelizar y paga el ciento por uno
¿Le quieres servir en algunos de estos ministerios?

"La cosecha es abundante pero los obreros son pocos"
(Lc. 10, 2)

LITURGIA:-Sacristía

- Bienvenida
- Ujieres
- Monaguillos
- Coro ¡Necesitamos talento de voces para Dios!
- Ensayos: Domingos 12 mediodía -Salón de música.
- Proclamadores de la Palabra (Lectores)
- Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión

CATEQUESIS:-Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

- Clases de Biblia
- Pre-Matrimoniales
- Quinceañeras
- Grupo Juvenil
- Pre-Bautismales

EVANGELIZACIÓN: -Grupo de Oración:

- Todos los lunes, a las 7:00 pm en Neglia Hall.
- Grupo Mariano
- Padrinos de Familias Nuevas
- Ayuda a Madres Solteras (Birthright)
- Suscripción "La Palabra Entre Nosotros"
- Asistencia General

Catequesis Parroquial

❖ Es todos los miércoles de 6:30 a 7:45 p.m.

Las familias deben ser miembros inscritos y activos en la Basílica para tener sus hijos en la catequesis.

Niños y Jóvenes

Niños, jóvenes, y adultos preparándose a Sacramentos, por favor traer copia de certificados: Nacimiento y de sacramentos ya recibidos: Bautismo, Primera Comunión.

Adultos Preparándose Para Sacramentos (RICA)

Rito de Elección: 14 de octubre Santa Misa 9 am

Estudio Bíblico Para Padres de Familia y Adultos

Es una muy buena oportunidad para crecer en la fe y involucrarse más en el proceso formativo de sus hijos en catequesis, y está abierto a todo adulto.

Junta de padres e hijos preparándose para la Confirmación.
El domingo 7 de octubre a las 10:30 pm en Neglia Hall.

Caja Colecta Para Fiesta de Guadalupe

❖ Esta en la mesa a la salida

Oficina Parroquial del Ministerio Hispano

Ana C. Hidalgo, Th.M. - Directora Ministerio Hispano
803-779-0036 ext. 122 / email: Ana@visitstpeters.org

Information about Child Protection and Sexual Abuse Allegations within the Diocese of Charleston

What does the Diocese of Charleston do to protect children at its schools and parishes?

The Diocese of Charleston has had a policy on how to address allegations of sexual misconduct against children by Church personnel since 1994. It was updated in 2003, after the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued its original *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** (Charter) and its *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*** (Norms). The Diocese's policy was revised again in 2012 and is currently being reviewed and updated.

As part of the Diocese's policy, every employee and every volunteer who has regular access to children must undergo a background screen and attend a child abuse prevention education program. This includes, but is not limited to: all religious personnel, sport coaches, Scout leaders, substitute teachers, car pool drivers, etc. Additionally, employees and volunteers must sign a code of conduct governing their interaction with minors.

Catholic school teachers and staff are also required to attend boundary training. Maintaining boundaries is a key to preventing abuse. Boundary training is provided to enhance our understanding of how to manage appropriate boundaries in the day-to-day activities of parish and school life. It also reinforces the importance of reporting boundary violations when they are observed, so that abuse can be stopped before it has the opportunity to occur. Moreover, children and youth are educated, in age appropriate ways, to identify situations that could lead to abuse. They are also provided with information on how to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Each year, the USCCB engages an outside agency to audit every diocese for compliance with the Charter and Norms. The Diocese of Charleston has passed that audit for the past 17 years; it has never failed the audit.

What does the Diocese do when it receives an allegation of sexual misconduct against a minor?

When the Diocese receives an allegation, we find out if it has been reported to the appropriate authorities. If not, we direct the claimant to make the report immediately and we make a report to law enforcement. If an allegation or suspicion of abuse triggers an obligation to report to the Department of Social Services or law enforcement under the mandatory reporting statute, then it is immediately reported to the authorities. Concurrently, we offer counseling assistance immediately, via our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, a licensed independent social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist, to provide help to the victim through the process.

When a priest, deacon, religious or layperson is accused of sexual misconduct against a minor, he/she is immediately placed on temporary administrative leave. If the accused is a priest, he cannot function as a priest, wear clerical attire or participate in parish activities during this time. An investigation commences by law enforcement authorities, and to the extent it can be done without violating the prohibition against interfering with a law enforcement investigation, an

independent investigator is engaged by the Diocese. After the investigation is completed, the case goes before the Sexual Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB). The Diocese's SAAB is comprised of nine lay people (at least one has expertise in the treatment of sexual abuse victims and one is the chairperson) plus one priest. The board makes a recommendation to the Bishop as to the credibility of the allegation. If the allegation is deemed not credible, the priest, deacon, religious or layperson can return to his/her ministry or job. If the allegation is deemed credible, the Bishop will move to permanently remove him/her from his/her position and apply any additional sanctions he deems appropriate. Civil authorities are responsible for any criminal penalties.

What have been the financial settlements of the Diocese related to sexual abuse claims involving minors?

The Diocese of Charleston has settled various claims since 1994. Additionally, in January 2007, it entered into a \$12 million Class Action Settlement Agreement (CAS). The CAS was an avenue for survivors to come forward, make a claim, and receive financial compensation and professional counseling without having to undergo the ordeal of proving their cases in court. In other words, the Diocese waived its legal defenses exclusively with respect to all claims asserted in the CAS, including, but not limited to, the statute of limitations and charitable immunity. During the CAS process, the independent arbitrator accepted nearly every claim made in the CAS, and those victims and family members were compensated from the Class Action fund.

Where does the money come from that is used to pay sexual abuse claims?

The Diocese has two sources from which it pays sexual abuse claims: insurance and investment income. No money from the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been used to pay sex abuse claims. Moreover, no money from the upcoming Bicentennial Capital Campaign or the recent sale of 119 Broad Street will be used to pay such claims. Per the Charter, no diocese is permitted to enter into a confidentiality agreement, unless requested by the survivor.

Has the Diocese conducted a review of all its priest personnel files?

As part of the CAS, a detailed review of Diocesan priest personnel and other relevant files was undertaken. The results of that review were shared with law enforcement officials.

What screening is done for a man who wants to enter the seminary?

When a man wishes to become a priest, he goes through a detailed application process in which he undergoes a thorough psychological health assessment, physical evaluation, and a background screening. In addition, he must submit written recommendations from family, friends and mentors who have known him for a significant amount of time. Moreover, he must be interviewed by the Vicar for Vocations and the Bishop, and then must appear before the Diocesan Vocational Review Board for its interview process. If accepted by the Board, then its members recommend him to the Bishop. If the Bishop accepts the recommendation of the Board, the candidate then applies to the seminary chosen by the Bishop and Vicar for Vocations. The seminary has an application process to be followed before a candidate is accepted into that seminary. During his priestly formation, the seminarian undergoes regular spiritual direction, meets with advisors, and submits to regular academic and social interaction evaluations.

What is the protocol when a priest is transferred or moved to another diocese?

When a new priest wishes to enter the Diocese of Charleston, whether from inside or outside the United States, the bishop in the outgoing diocese must send a testimonial letter to Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone stating there are no allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor against him. The priest must then undergo a background screening. After reviewing and evaluating the information gathered, the Bishop determines whether to accept the priest into the Diocese.

If a priest with a record of sexual abuse relocates to another diocese for residence only (outside of an assignment), the bishop in the outgoing diocese must inform the bishop in the receiving diocese of the nature of the abuse and his restrictions.

According to the Norms, no priest or deacon who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor may be transferred for a ministerial assignment in another diocese.

What is the Diocese's association with Father Robert Spangenberg who has been identified in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report?

Father Spangenberg served at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Charleston from 1990 – 1992. He was a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), not a priest ordained in the Diocese of Charleston. Diocesan officials reviewed both Diocesan and parish files and records and did not find any documentation of allegations of sexual misconduct. Moreover, no one has come forward accusing Father Spangenberg of sexual abuse in the Diocese of Charleston since the release of the grand jury report.

Lawsuits have recently been filed against the Diocese of Charleston. Does this mean sexual abuse of minors is still occurring within the Diocese?

The two lawsuits recently filed in Charleston County include allegations that date back more than 50 years ago. One lawsuit claims two teachers at the former Sacred Heart Catholic School abused a student in the late 1960s/early 1970s. The Diocese never received information indicating that either teacher engaged in any sort of inappropriate conduct with a minor. Both teachers are deceased. The other lawsuit claims that Frederick Hopwood, a former Diocesan priest, abused a teenage male in the mid-1950s. Hopwood was removed from active ministry in December 1993. Hopwood died in April 2017. A third lawsuit, filed in federal court in late July, claims that Raymond DuMouchel, a former Diocesan priest, abused a teenage boy approximately 30 years ago. DuMouchel died in September 2006.

What has the Diocese done in response to the recent developments in the Catholic Church?

Diocesan officials are currently reviewing and updating the Diocesan policies and practices related to sexual abuse allegations. Additionally, on August 31, 2018, Bishop Guglielmone sent a letter to the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. In it, he shared his anger over and asked for an investigation into the rise in power of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick despite “the reported knowledge of his prior sexual misconduct and monetary settlements during his earlier diocesan assignments.” He also asked Archbishop Pierre to encourage Pope Francis to comment on statements made by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò. Bishop Guglielmone wrote, “This is in everyone’s best interest; lack of knowledge and uncertainty contribute to the confusion so much a part of our people’s lives today.”

Bishop Guglielmone is planning to hold town hall meetings in every deanery in the upcoming months. Additionally, he will review facts as they unfold in the future and will determine what additional action and responses may be warranted.

*According to the USCCB website, the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a comprehensive set of procedures originally established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. It was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018.

The Charter directs action in all the following matters:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders;
- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and the National Review Board.

**According to the USCCB website, the Essential Norms are "particular" canon law for the bishops in the United States. Particular canon law is canon law which applies only to a certain group. In the case of the Essential Norms, this "particular law" applies to the Catholic bishops in the United States. The Essential Norms make some of the elements of the Charter the law of the Church in the United States. Non-compliance with the Essential Norms is subject to canonical penalty.

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