

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE, NEW YORK  
INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM (“IRCP”)  
REGARDING CLAIMS REPORTED TO THE DIOCESE PRIOR TO**

**February 14, 2018**

An Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program to pay victims of alleged clergy sexual abuse of minors was announced today by Bishop Robert J. Cunningham of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York (the “IRCP”). [Read Press Release.](#)

- The Diocese has engaged Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille Biros (the “Administrators”) to design, implement and administer a Program for the submission, evaluation, and settlement of individual claims of sexual abuse of a minor previously brought to the attention of the Diocese (prior to February 14, 2018).
- The Diocese of Syracuse (the “Diocese”) IRCP is modeled after the successful Programs of the Archdiocese of NY, the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY. All three of the IRCP programs are administered by Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Biros.
- The Program is purely voluntary; no individual is required to participate in the Program. Only if the individual is satisfied with the compensation provided and signs a release does the individual agree to waive rights to litigate against the Diocese of Syracuse, NY.
- The Syracuse Diocese has already begun reaching out to victims who have previously notified the Diocese that they had suffered abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy of the Diocese in order to invite them to participate in the Program.
- Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Biros retain complete and sole discretion over all eligibility decisions and the settlement compensation amounts for eligible victims. By agreement, the Diocese cannot reject the Administrators’ final determinations as to eligibility and amount of compensation.
- The program is limited in scope to those individuals who previously submitted a complaint (prior to February 14, 2018) of sexual abuse of minors to the Diocese. Claims not previously reported to the Diocese are not eligible for participation in the IRCP at this time. At the conclusion of the IRCP, a decision will be made as to whether or not the Program will be expanded to include these newly received complaints
- The Program has no aggregate cap; the Diocese has agreed to pay whatever the Administrators deem appropriate in each and every individual case.
- The effective date of the Program is February 14, 2018. All claims must be submitted to the Administrators by May 16, 2018.