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Statement by the Diocese of Cheyenne related to a lawsuit alleging sexual abuse by a former youth minister of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Casper, WY

The Diocese of Cheyenne has been notified of a lawsuit alleging sexual abuse in the mid-1990's by an individual who served as a youth minister at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Casper, Wyoming.

Because this matter is now the subject of active litigation, the Diocese is not in a position to comment on the specific allegations. The Diocese does, however, wish to express its awareness of the seriousness of such claims and its concern for all individuals who may be affected.

The Diocese recognizes that allegations of abuse -particularly those involving minors- can cause deep pain and lasting harm. Any person who comes forward with such allegations deserves to be heard with respect and compassion.

The Diocese of Cheyenne remains committed to the protection of children and vulnerable individuals and continues to uphold policies and procedures designed to promote safety, accountability, and compliance with civil and Church law.

Out of respect for the legal process and all parties involved, the Diocese will refrain from further public comment while the matter proceeds.

Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse should contact the local law enforcement agency or the Department of Family Services. Upon notification of authorities or if you have questions, contact the Chancellor Orlena Trujillo at 307-638-1530 (otrujillo@dcwy.org), or the Victim Assistance Coordinator Teresa Klatka at 307-705-3869.