Our Commitment…

to support healing and reconciliation for victim survivors who, as minors, were sexually abused by clergy.

Facts About Independent Reconciliation Program

The Independent Reconciliation Program is part of the commitment Bishop Barry C. Knestout made on Sept. 14, 2018, for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to “respond in charity and in justice” when assisting victim survivors who, as minors, were sexually abused by Catholic clergy of our diocese. This Program is intended to be a resource for them on their paths of healing.

This Program is an opportunity for victim survivors of clergy sexual abuse to receive monetary payment in a manner that is pastoral and compassionate. Participation is completely voluntary.

While the Independent Reconciliation Program is being funded by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, it is being managed by BrownGreer PLC, a highly respected, independent claims administrator, who will assess and determine the amount of compensation each eligible participant will receive. Their decision will be final.

The deadline for initiating a claim is Friday, April 3, 2020.

Other information about the Independent Reconciliation Program, including the Program Protocol and Program FAQ, can be found at assistance.richmonddiocese.org.

Our diocese recognizes that we will never be able to fully compensate for the harm done, and we hope this will help in reaching a just reconciliation with our victim survivors.