



Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Office of the Bishop

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May I inform you that we have released the draft Victims/Survivors Compensation Plan I announced last week. We are sending the plan to the media as well, hoping to get the word out to Victims/Survivors as they consider their options regarding the New York State Child Victims Act (CVA) lawsuits.

Please consider sharing the plan, unedited, on your parish website, leaving copies in the back of your churches, along with copies of the letter I sent out last week, which is attached to this email, and announce to parishioners that these materials are available to them. We want to get the word out to as many Victims/Survivors with pending CVA lawsuits as possible and appreciate any help you can provide in that regard.

We also want to make sure all Victims/Survivors, including those who have not filed CVA lawsuits, are aware that the Albany Diocese has help available on the path forward. That includes mental and spiritual healing. To learn more, contact Assistance Coordinator Frederick Jones at (518) 453-6646 or by email at assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.

This journey is far from over and monetary settlements will not be the last word. The Victims/Survivors are our priority, and the diocese is committed to walking with them as they heal.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

+Edward B. Scharfenberger

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