

PULPIT/BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARISHES

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After months of research, deliberation, and prayer, Bishop James P. Powers has authorized the release of the names of clergy with substantiated allegations of abuse of a minor in the Diocese of Superior. The majority of names on this list are deceased and pose no further danger. Those who are living have been removed from all priestly ministry. The list will be released on the diocesan website – www.catholicdos.org – the afternoon of Tuesday, November 22, 2022. It will also be published in the Catholic Herald in the November 24, 2022 edition.

Priests and deacons will be meeting with Bishop Powers and Vicar General, Fr. James Tobolski the afternoon of November 22, just prior to the list being made public.

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* requires each diocese to be open and transparent about allegations of abuse. It is the prayer of all involved that the publication of this list will assist in the healing of those who have been harmed, our parish communities, and the Church itself. Please continue to keep Bishop Powers, his advisors, our clergy, and our parishes in your prayers. While this is a difficult time, it is also a time to be proud that we have said, “No More!” to abusers – and “We are sorry” to those who have been harmed. We will continue to strive to make our parishes and schools safe for all of God’s children.

In conjunction with the release of the abusive clergy list, Bishop Powers will be celebrating a special Mass of Reparation Wednesday, November 23, 8:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King. All are invited to attend. Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral’s Facebook page.