



From our Pastor, Father Soprano :

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Our bulletin is sent to print on Tuesdays. The Diocese sent and emailed much information to us. They also printed in the Press and Catholic Star Herald some very important, but painful information— the positively charged sexual abusers of minors: 55 priests and 1 deacon from our Diocese.

The video explained our efforts to be transparent as a Diocese to the victim, their families, and our Church members. Much was explained in immediate, short term, and long term efforts to inform as many as can hear.

It is important for me to share in print the county Prosecutor's numbers for this region. If any offended person were to call them reporting a Diocesan employee or volunteer to this office — which we encourage you to do, these are the numbers:

Cape May County 609-465-1135

Atlantic County 609-909-7800

Cumberland County 856-453-0486 Ext 11100

Next a call to the Diocesan number (1-800-964-6588). Be aware that the individual who answers is a mental health professional whose role is to assist victims of abuse.

This factual information is better to read than to listen. But, I add a pastoral moment.

I share with you the terrible feelings of innocent abused children and their families. Each one of us needs to listen carefully, prayerfully, and try to foster our hope in human resolve. Time and time again God cleans His House and through it all never abandons those who seek Him.

As priest, and members of this community, I offer my prayerful apology to all who have been hurt. I share with good faithful priests our shame.

May we work to re-establish your trust.

Father Soprano