

Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay OMI Bishop of Hearst-Moosonee

Extra Judicial Process

Since the revelations concerning allegations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy within the Hearst diocese have come to light, Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay has been reaching out to communities and reiterating his commitment to support victims.

Alongside the measures adopted to enable victims to share their experiences and receive individualized assistance, Bishop Tremblay announces his intention to set up a compensation program accessible to anyone who has suffered from sexual abuse at the hands of members of the clergy while working for the diocese, regardless of when the abuse occurred.

The program will offer a simple and confidential procedure for settling complaints, while speeding up the process of obtaining compensation for the victims. Details of the program will be determined in collaboration with victims and their representatives.

Participation in this program will be voluntary and there will be no cost to enroll. Victims may choose to participate in the program as an alternative to pursuing civil proceedings in court.

If you or someone you know has been abused by a member of the clergy in their role with the diocese and are interested in participating or would like to find out more, please contact Ms. Mona Comeau at cceshm@outlook.com or 705-362-4903 ext 6.

Although the pain caused by sexual abuse cannot be erased, Bishop Tremblay sincerely hopes that this course of action will offer an additional means of healing for victims and their families.

♣ Pierre-Olivier Tremblay omi Bishop of Hearst-Moosonee

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