

File Review Committee

As part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington's commitment to transparency regarding past abuse by clergy, an independent, volunteer committee of four lay men and three lay women began meeting in November 2018. The committee included one victim of clergy abuse and one non-Catholic. Bishop Christopher Coyne asked the committee to review clergy personnel files pertinent to any allegation of abuse of minors or vulnerable individuals and to create a list of priests who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor or vulnerable individual. The committee delivered its final report in July 2019.

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