

AN UPDATE ON THE INDEPENDENT VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM (IVCP)

Recognizing that no amount of money will ever be able to fully compensate or reconcile for the suffering and wounds inflicted by abusive clergy, the Diocese of Metuchen announced the Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) as one of the many means to offer survivors of abuse a tangible sign of the Church's effort to facilitate healing. In June 2019, the IVCP was opened for submissions to those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the diocese.

Endorsed by the five Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey, the IVCP was independently facilitated by two program administrators.

7 survivors of abuse received settlements by the program's administrators

\$1.27 million paid in settlements through the IVCP

\$2.9 million paid in settlements since the founding of the diocese

No donations made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Catholic Charities, to Catholic schools, nor money given by a donor for a specific ministry or apostolate, are used to fund the program.

While the IVCP closed for submissions in February 2020, the Diocese of Metuchen's outreach to survivors of clergy sexual abuse continues. The reconciliation process and the healing that accompanies it are always present.

More information about the IVCP and the measures in place to combat abuse in the diocese, can be found by visiting: diometuchen.org/healing.

