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## News Release

### Diocesan Statement

KALAMAZOO, MI (December 15, 2025): The Diocese of Kalamazoo offers the following statement regarding the release today of the Michigan Attorney General's report on the Diocese of Grand Rapids' handling of clergy sexual abuse cases\*:

"The Michigan Attorney General today released its report for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Included in that report is an allegation regarding Reverend January Padlo, O.F.M. (deceased) a Franciscan priest who served in a parish in the 1960's which at the time was part of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. In 1971, that parish became part of the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

"For its part, the Diocese of Kalamazoo reaffirms its prayer and support for all victim-survivors of abuse. Additionally, the diocese recognizes the lifelong impact of any childhood trauma, abuse or neglect and offers free of charge The Trauma Recovery Program. This 10-week program is open to all people dealing with the impact of childhood trauma.

[[diokzoo.org/trauma-recovery-1](https://diokzoo.org/trauma-recovery-1)]

"This past September, the diocese released its comprehensive and revised *Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth*. The diocese encourages anyone affected by abuse to call the crisis hotline operated by Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 800-873-8336. More information may be found at [www.diokzoo.org/protect](https://www.diokzoo.org/protect)."

\*The Michigan Attorney General's report on the Diocese of Grand Rapids is the fifth report on its investigation into the handling of clergy sexual abuse cases for the seven Catholic dioceses in the state of Michigan. The Attorney General's office launched the investigation on September 21, 2018. Previously released reports included the Diocese of Marquette, October 27, 2022; the Diocese of Gaylord, January 8, 2024; the Diocese of Kalamazoo, May 22, 2024; and the Diocese of Lansing, December 16, 2024.

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The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo was founded in 1971. It encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes and missions as well as 20 Catholic schools.  
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