

Attorney General Josh Shapiro Responds to Diocese of Erie Statement on Investigation into Child Sexual Abuse

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HARRISBURG — “Since my Office filed charges against a predator priest for the sexual abuse of young boys in the Diocese of Erie, I have been encouraged by the Diocese’s response under Bishop Lawrence Persico and counsel Mark Rush,” Attorney General Josh Shapiro said.

“The Diocese has accepted responsibility by acknowledging this abhorrent abuse, expressing sorrow and regret, and announcing steps to prevent these horrors from happening again.”

“Bishop Persico has also not sought to block these matters from seeing public light, or attempted to keep victims’ voices from finally being heard. I commend his actions.”

“I will continue fighting for victims across Pennsylvania, without fear or favor.”

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