



Archdiocese of Seattle Settles Two 1980s Cases Involving a Holy Names Sister

SEATTLE, July 30, 2021 – Today the Archdiocese of Seattle announced final settlements totaling \$165,000 for two separate cases involving allegations of sexual abuse by Sister Dolores Crosby in the 1980s. Crosby, who died in 2007, was a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

The alleged sexual abuse occurred when Crosby served as principal at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School in Seattle from 1979 to 1992. She then served as principal at Immaculate Conception School in Everett from 1992 to 1999. In 1999, Crosby surrendered her credentials for teaching and administration when an individual brought forward an allegation of inappropriate contact that took place in the 1980s.

Prior to the 1980s, Crosby served at several other archdiocesan Catholic schools, including St. Anne School, Seattle, from 1968 to 1970; Holy Rosary School, Edmonds, from 1973 to 1978; and St. Frances Cabrini School, Tacoma (now Lakewood), from 1978 to 1979.

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Crosby was included on the Archdiocese of Seattle's List of Clergy and Religious Brothers and Sisters for Whom Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor Have Been Admitted, Established or Determined to be Credible when the list was originally published in January 2016.

As part of its commitment to transparency, the Archdiocese of Seattle invites people to visit its [Protect and Heal website](#) to learn about the history of sexual abuse in the archdiocese, which peaked in 1975 and has since sharply declined. The website also outlines how since the early 1980s, the archdiocese has taken steps to prevent abuse, protect the community and help victims and their families heal.

To report any suspicion of abuse by any church personnel, please contact local law enforcement. In addition, anyone who has knowledge of misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762.

About the Archdiocese of Seattle

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 72 Catholic schools, 174 parishes, missions and pastoral centers in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in eight languages. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his auxiliary bishop, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit archseattle.org.

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