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## **The Archdiocese of Seattle Settles 1960s Case For a Volunteer Coach**

Seattle, WA Dec 31, 2019 - The Archdiocese of Seattle recently reached a final settlement of \$250,000 for a case involving allegations of sexual abuse by a volunteer CYO basketball coach.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Terry McGrath was a volunteer coach at St. Louise Catholic Church in Bellevue. In the 1970s, he served as a CYO volunteer at Holy Family Church in Kirkland and as the CYO Athletic Director for the Archdiocese of Seattle from 1976 to 1989.

### **Commitment to Transparency**

As part of its commitment to transparency, the Archdiocese of Seattle recently launched a website dedicated to the topic of sexual abuse in the archdiocese. Please visit [Protect and Heal](http://www.protectandheal.seattlearchdiocese.org) 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. For more information please visit [www.protectandheal.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://www.protectandheal.seattlearchdiocese.org).

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 169 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 two auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit [seattlearchdiocese.org](http://seattlearchdiocese.org).

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