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## **The Archdiocese of Seattle Settles Christian Brother Abuse Case from 1962**

Seattle, WA Dec 5, 2019 - The Archdiocese of Seattle recently reached final settlement for a 1962 case involving a member of the Christian Brothers of Ireland.

On November 4, 2019, the Archdiocese of Seattle reached a settlement for \$300,000 for a case involving allegations of sexual abuse by Br. G. A. Kealy, who is now deceased. Br. Kealy was a former teacher and administrator at O'Dea High School, an Archdiocese of Seattle school, which was administered by the Christian Brothers of Ireland at that time. The Christian Brothers, a now bankrupt religious order, is a separate entity from the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Br. Kealy is included in the Archdiocese'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, originally published in January 2016.

### **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 reported 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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