NON-PRIESTS: Miscellaneous Findings

The Grand Jury became aware of misconduct on the parts of non-priests as well. Allegations of sexual child abuse were levied against a teacher, a choirmaster, a coach, and members of affiliated religious orders.

The Grand Jury found records of the Diocese protecting a teacher who was also in line to become a deacon. That individual is discussed in the portion of this report dedicated to Bishop Joseph Adamec. The others seem to have been reported to the Diocese after the allegations were brought to light at the place in which the accused served. In those cases the Grand Jury did not find evidence of continued service within the Diocese, however, the individuals were often released or returned to their religious order without the Diocese notifying police or law enforcement of their conduct.

The Grand Jury concludes that these individuals were viewed as their home institutions' problem. Their removal from Diocesan activities solved the only problem the Diocese was concerned with – exposure and publicity. No effort was made to make sure the accused were held accountable or investigated for their alleged conduct.