



OFFICE OF BISHOP

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Statement to the Media from Bishop Peter M. Muhich

March 3, 2023

On August 24th, 2020, Rev. Michel Mulloy was removed from public ministry following an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor in the early 1980's that was presented to the Diocese of Rapid City in 2020. As required by canon law, a canonical proceeding to address the allegation was conducted by personnel who are not affiliated with the Diocese of Rapid City. That proceeding is now concluded, with a determination that it was not possible to ascertain with certainty either that the allegation was substantiated or that the allegation lacks foundation. Given the outcome of the canonical process, as well as the collective facts of this case that are now known, including consideration of the local Church, I have determined that Fr. Mulloy will remain out of public ministry.

In the Diocese of Rapid City, we remain steadfast in our commitment to protect the most vulnerable, and to accompany those on a journey of healing who have been harmed.

Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse should contact the local law enforcement agency or the Department of Family Services. Upon notification of the authorities or if you have any questions, contact the Chancellor, Sr. Christine Hernandez, SCTJM, at 605-343-3541.