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Dioceses worked with KBI on Clergy Investigation

Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Attorney General Derek Schmidt have released a report following its investigation of alleged clergy abuse within four Catholic Dioceses of Kansas, including the Diocese of Salina. As the community processes the findings in this report, Bishop Gerald Vincke and the Bishops across the state of Kansas offer their deepest apologies to the victims, their families, the faithful of the church, and our Kansas Catholic Community at large.

The Catholic Dioceses in Kansas: Archdiocese of Kansas City, Dioceses of Dodge City, Salina and Wichita cooperated with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation because we are committed to and fully support the mandates outlined in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which was established in June 2002.

In March 2019, the Diocese of Salina published a list of substantiated allegations of abuse against diocese priests, or other priests who had served within the diocese, and continues to maintain and update that list publicly.

The Diocese of Salina, with the direction of Bishop Vincke, has continued to reinforce transparency amongst clergy, and urge any victims of abuse to report it to proper authorities <https://salinadiocese.org/office/safe-environment-office/report-abuse/>. The hope of such efforts is not to re-live the pain, but to stop abuse altogether. And although the past cannot be changed, the Diocese of Salina remains dedicated to keeping our children safe from abuse moving forward.