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# BUFFALO DIOCESE MUST BE TRANSPARENT BY RELEASING THE NAMES OF SEXUALLY ABUSIVE CLERGY AND THE DOCUMENTS REGARDING CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE – WHO WERE THE NEGLIGENT SUPERVISORS?

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Bishop Richard Malone told the media recently that he inherited a policy of secrecy regarding the names of sexually abusive clergy in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, yet he has done nothing to change that policy during his 5 ½ years as Bishop of Buffalo

In the interest of full transparency, validation, and the safety of children, Bishop Richard Malone MUST release the names of sexually abusive clergymen in the Diocese of Buffalo and the documents surrounding each and every case. Secrecy must end.

What

A press conference and demonstration calling on Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, New York to immediately release the names of all clergymen in the Diocese of Buffalo who have been accused of sexual abuse of children and the documents regarding each and every case.

### When

Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 10:00am until Noon - Press Conference at 11:00 am (St. Patrick's Day Mass at 10:30 am led by Bishop Malone)

### **Where**

On the public sidewalk in front of St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202

### Who

Robert M. Hoatson, Ph.D., President of Road to Recovery, Inc., a non-profit charity based in New Jersey that assists victims of sexual abuse and their families

### Why

During a recent interview with a Buffalo, New York, media outlet, Bishop Richard Malone claimed that he inherited a policy of secrecy and cover-up from his predecessors in which the names and files of clergymen who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse were never made public. Bishop Malone has had 5 ½ years as Bishop of Buffalo to change that policy and thus far has refused to do so. He will be called upon to release the names and files of credibly accused clergymen in the Diocese of Buffalo immediately.

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