A courageous woman, whistleblower, and former employee of the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, Siobhan O'Connor, will speak about her experiences as a former administrative secretary to Buffalo, New York, Bishop Richard Malone regarding clergy sexual abuse cases and the manner in which they were mishandled

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Siobhan O'Connor is a hero whose conscience and moral integrity led her to blow the whistle on the manner in which the Diocese of Buffalo, led by Bishop Richard Malone, treated clergy sexual abuse victim/survivors unjustly and unfairly, and covered up many cases of clergy sexual abuse

# <u>What</u>

A press conference by Siobhan O'Connor, courageous former administrative secretary to Bishop Richard Malone who refused to participate in the mistreatment of clergy sexual abuse victims who contacted the Diocese of Buffalo with allegations of sexual abuse against several members of the Buffalo clergy

#### When

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 11:30 am

# **Where**

On the public sidewalk across the street from the headquarters of the Diocese of Buffalo at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, New York

#### <u>Who</u>

Siobhan O'Connor, recently featured in a national news show, 60 Minutes; Attorney Mitchell Garabedian of Boston, MA, attorney for Siobhan O'Connor; Robert M. Hoatson, Co-founder and President of Road to Recovery, Inc., victim/survivor, and advocate for Siobhan O'Connor; and James Faluszczak, victim/survivor and advocate for victims

## <u>Why</u>

Siobhan O'Connor, former administrative secretary for Bishop Richard Malone, decided that her conscience and moral foundation motivated her to report the negligence of the Diocese of Buffalo in the treatment of victim/survivors of clergy sexual abuse who were attempting to report allegations of sexual abuse by clergy. Siobhan O'Connor could no longer keep silent about the lack of care, concern, and compassion on the part of the Diocese of Buffalo toward innocent victim/survivors who were trying to heal and recover. Her courage has empowered others to come forward, assist victims with their attempts to heal, and make the world a safer place for children.

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(portrayed in the 2016 Academy Award-winning Best Picture, "Spotlight")