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Archbishop of Seattle announces review board appointments

(Seattle) Archbishop Alex J. Brunett today announced his appointments to a newly formed panel that will assist him in establishing policies related to clergy sexual abuse of minors. The new board combines the roles of two previous advisory bodies appointed by Archbishop Brunett following the approval of national standards and norms by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002.

The Archdiocesan Review Board is established to assist the Archbishop in accordance with Church law, the USCCB’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the Essential Norms and locally established church policies. The board operates as a confidential consultative body that advises the Archbishop regarding his responsibilities related to clergy sexual abuse of minors and assisting him in assessing allegations and fitness for ministry.

“I am very grateful to these community professionals for their willingness to assist me by serving on the Archdiocesan Review Board,” Archbishop Brunett said. “These appointments complete the reorganization of our review board and bring it into conformity with the national model by consolidating the two existing boards into a single board.

“I would like to publicly acknowledge past members of the Case Review Board and the Policy Review Board, and express my special gratitude for those who agreed to continue their service to the Church and community on the new, consolidated board,” he said. “Because the Case Review Board completed its work last year, the time is right to streamline our procedures as we continue to improve our response to sexual abuse of minors.”

The new board includes:

Lucy Berliner, MSW
Director, Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress. Served in various capacities on previous Archdiocesan Committees and Review Boards.

Joan Cole Duffell
Director of partnership development for Committee for Children, a Seattle-based, international nonprofit organization that conducts research and develops programs for the prevention of child abuse, youth violence and bullying.

Orlando Manaois, LICSW
Social Worker Clinician and Supervisor at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, Seattle. Has also served as a member of the pastoral outreach team provided to parishes through the Vicar for Clergy Office.

Deacon Michael Riggio
Deacon serving at St Leo, Tacoma and an attorney who also teaches Trial Practice at Seattle University Law School. Former deputy Pierce County prosecutor working in the Special Assault Unit.

Tim Smith, M.Ed.
Counselor and specialist working with victims and offenders of sexual abuse. Previously served on
Archdiocese of Seattle Blue Ribbon Committee, Special Cases Committee, Policy Review Board and Case Review Board.

**Fr. Michael Tyrrell, S.J.**
Principal, Seattle Prep. Served as member of Archdiocese of Seattle Case Review Board.

**Mary Ellen Stone, MS**
Executive Director, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, the largest sexual assault victim’s service organization in Washington.

**Archdiocesan Curia Members:**

**Fr. Paul Magnano,** Archdiocese of Seattle Vicar for Clergy

**Mary Santi,** Archbishop’s Delegate for Human Resources

**Legal Resource:**

**Dan Satterberg,** Chief of Staff, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Previous resource to Archdiocese of Seattle Policy Review Board.

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