

**The Preamble of the Charter states “We, who have been given the responsibility to shepherding God’s people, will, with God’s help and in full collaboration with our people, continue to work to restore the bonds of trust that unite us.**

The diocese has not collaborated with the people of St. Peter’s to rebuild trust. The response of the principal, pastor, and diocese, when made aware of Fr. Campobello’s sexual abuse of a grade school student, needs to be told to the parishioners. There was no investigation to see that laws and diocesan policies were upheld by all, especially those in positions of authority. The retention of Allison Ward as a teacher, after her failure to report sexual abuse for three years and her admission of her own inappropriate relationship with the grade school student, was a severe breach of trust by the principal, pastor and diocese. The retention of Ms. Ward demonstrated a complete insensitivity for the suffering of the victim and her family, an arrogant disrespect for the current parents at the school, but above all, a callous disregard for the safety of the students.

*How does Bishop Doran plan to address the mistakes that have been made by those in authority who are responsible for the safety of the children at St. Peter’s?*

*Will the Bishop express his love and concern to the children of the parish who have been exposed to both the knowledge of clergy sexual abuse of a child and a musical director convicted of murder?*

#### **Article 1 of the Charter**

#### **Article 2.3 of the Diocesan Policy**

#### **Outreach to victims and communities affected**

During the two years that the diocese did not fulfill its promise of outreach to St. Peter’s Church more injury has occurred to the victims, families, and the community. Statements made from the altar by the parochial vicar that “the diocese has turned its back on our pastor,” cursing in the form of prayer by the pastor, from the altar, that ask for St. Michael to destroy the enemies of God’s shepherds and crush them into the ground, have left parishioners bewildered and uncertain who to trust. Many parishioners avoid St. Peter’s and attend mass at surrounding parishes. Parishioners who have disagreed with the diocese or parish have been publicly berated. The parish leadership has been either unable or unwilling to promote the necessary healing in the parish.

*How does the Bishop plan to help heal the wounds of this parish?*

*Will the diocesan intervention team be directing the outreach to the parish? Will they be available to address parishioners concerns? Will they remain involved as long as it takes?*

By the absence of public concern and compassion for the victims the church has modeled unchristian behavior to the victims' former schoolmates and young people in our parish.

*How does the Bishop plan to address the harm done by this bad example to these young Catholic people?*

#### **Article 5 of the Charter**

**We repeat the words of our Holy Father..."There is no place in the priesthood or religious life for those who would harm the young."**

*Has Fr. Campobello been dismissed from the clerical state (defrocked)?*

#### **Article 7 of the Charter**

**openness and transparency, especially to assist and support directly affected community, Noncompliance to the Charter by the Diocesan Policy which has no policy to directly support the affected community**

There has been no communication from the diocese to the members of St. Peter Church to this date. Fr. Mark Campobello was arrested December 4, 2002. In addition there has been no communication from the principal to the parents of the students about the arrest of Fr. Campobello for the sexual abuse of a St. Peter student or any communication about the firing of Allison Ward. At all the weekend masses following Campobello's arrest Msgr. Jarmoluk said he could not talk about the case and the parishioners should not talk about it. In June Msgr. released his personal attorney's opinion of Msgr. Joe's actions, along with his personal attorney's opinion of the safety of the parish children and his personal attorney's opinion that Msgr. Joe has grounds to sue some of the parishioners.

*Will the Bishop establish a communication policy that will directly support the affected community?*

#### **Conclusion of the Charter**

**...we (the bishops) do wish to affirm our concern especially with regard to issues related to effective consultation of the laity and the participation of God's people in decision making that affects their well-being...(the laity)are enormously appreciative of the ministry provided by their priests.**

Ever mindful of their commitment to Christ, His Church and His people, the people of St. Peter Church desire to support their priests and respect their authority as head of the parish. Our need to know, love and serve God with all our hearts brings us to His Church. Unfortunately, some children and adults have experienced impatient, imprudent, and uncharitable behavior by those in

authority, not only when big problems arise, but also in the everyday give and take of parish life.

*Will the Bishop stress the importance to priests to strive to be alter Christus to their people, recognizing that each person is created in the image and likeness of God?*