



TRANSFER & ASSIGNMENT OF CLERGY POLICY

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Article 14

1. A priest or deacon who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor must first complete state-sanctioned penalties and will never be eligible for continued ministry.
2. No priest or deacon of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor may be transferred for ministerial assignment to another diocese or eparchy.
3. If any priest or deacon of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor is relocated for residence (including retirement) to another diocese or eparchy or religious province, the Bishop notifies the appropriate bishop, eparch or religious superior, in a confidential manner and in writing, about any and all points of information concerning any act of sexual abuse of a minor and other information indicating that he has been or may be a danger to children and/or young people.
4. The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings has a process in place to ascertain the suitability for ministry for those priests and deacons from other dioceses, eparchies and religious congregations seeking assignment and/or residence within this diocese.

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