



DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

15 October 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Faith,

On Oct. 9, 2020, the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province informed the Diocese of Jefferson City of two priests of their order who are now deceased -- Father Severin Lamping, OFM, and Father Stephen Lamping, OFM – were identified as having substantiated child sex abuse allegations against them. The diocese was also informed that the substantiated allegations did not relate to the time when they ministered in the Diocese of Jefferson City.

Father Severin Lamping was ordained in the order of Franciscan Friars (OFM) on March 16, 1929. His assignments in the Diocese of Jefferson City were:

Immaculate Conception, Macon	June 20, 1957 to March 1958
St. Clement, Bowling Green	March 3, 1958 to July 1970
Resurrection, Wellsville	July 16, 1970 to July 1, 1973

After he retired in July 1973, he moved to Bowling Green and provided support at St. Clement and neighboring parishes. He died April 13, 1986.

Father Stephen Lamping was ordained in the order of Franciscan Friars (OFM) on March 16, 1929. His assignments in the Diocese of Jefferson City were:

Sacred Heart, Bevier	June 20, 1957 – August 14, 1957
Resurrection, Wellsville	August 14, 1957 – July 1, 1973
St. Patrick, Jonesburg	August 14, 1957 – July 1, 1973

After he retired in July 1973, he moved to Bowling Green and provided support at St. Clement and neighboring parishes. He died Dec. 7, 1995.

As a church, we are committed to a safe, healthy and holy environment for our children. If anyone is aware of any inappropriate behavior toward our children or vulnerable adults, I encourage you to contact the appropriate Missouri state hotline:

- The Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline: 1-800-392-3738
- The Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 1-800-392-0210

In addition, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counselor and a certified clinical trauma professional, Nancy Hoey. You may email her at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org or call her at 573-694-3199.

Sexual abuse of children is a crime and a sin. We have no tolerance for those who intentionally harm our children, and we will continue to do everything we can to protect our children and help them grow in God's grace and mercy. I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City