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Brothers and Sisters in Christ (*for the parish*)
To interested parties (*press release*)

The Archdiocese of Moncton has received information from a number of people from the Cap-Pelé region concerning a pastor, the late Camille Léger. Following this, I took, as a first step, measures to offer a counselling service to those persons who are victims of abuse of a sexual nature. The Beauséjour Family Crisis Centre has been offering this service since the beginning of April.

We wish to follow up to this first initiative by offering alleged victims a means of finding interior peace and renewal with the Church. These persons feel betrayed by the behavior of their alleged abusers. This new intervention will be done confidentially and will be independent from the archdiocese. It will allow persons who have complaints to come forward without fearing that their testimonies may be known. They will not have to pay the costs associated with the services of a lawyer. They will have access to have a quick settlement of the claim they could have.

To offer this service, we have obtained the services of the Honourable Michel Bastarache. He has been instructed to set up and manage a conciliation process for those persons who have complaints pertaining to the behavior of the late Rev. Camille Léger. I am quite pleased that Mr. Bastarache has accepted this mandate. His sense of justice and his privileged knowledge of the people in our community and our province will enable us, I am convinced, to redress the harm attributed to Camille Léger. Mr. Bastarache will contact those persons who will come forward shortly after they have communicated with his office.

By this conciliation process, we hope to have reconciliation and reestablish peace for those persons who have been wounded. Our thoughts and our prayers accompany these persons and their families. May the Spirit guide us in our undertaking.



Archbishop of Moncton

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