

**STATEMENT OF
BISHOP MICHAEL MULHALL
CONCERNING THE MATTER OF
FATHER HENRY MALONEY**

As Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke, I wish to express my profound sadness in learning of the allegations of sexual abuse by Father Henry Maloney. In dealing with this situation, the diocese has done all that it could to respond to its protocol. At the time, we tried unsuccessfully to reach out to Mr. Fitzgerald upon learning of the allegation. Eventually receiving a Statement of Claim that a proceeding in court was undertaken toward the Diocese of Pembroke, we responded in a transparent and cooperative way.

We respect the needs of people to live in a manner that is necessary for them at the time. Though Father Maloney cannot defend himself, the diocese chose to respond to the alleged victim in a respectful way. The protocol of the Diocese of Pembroke for the handling of allegations of Professional Misconduct can be found on our Web Site at pembrokediocese.com.

Living conditions at a rectory, as described in the press, were deemed to be appropriate in the past. They are not seen in the same light today. As Church we are doing all we can to provide a safe environment for all our people with a particular sensitivity to the vulnerable.

To all concerned in any way by this matter, we pledge our ongoing support. Through compassion and trust, we hope to build respectful relationships.

May the grace of God be the source of peace for all who are touched by this matter.

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