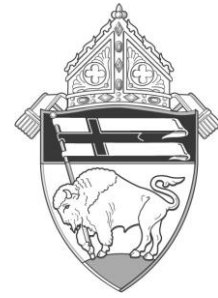

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Diocese Statement Regarding 60 Minutes & WKBW Stories

Two stories aired on Sunday, October 28th, regarding the Diocese. Many have sought our comment about both. Therefore, we issue this statement and will provide information in the days ahead that will add perspective to the stories. For now, we simply observe that the material reported in the stories was incomplete, out of context and in some cases plainly inaccurate.

We know that some clergy and lay people have chosen to speak their minds and publicize confidential documents about the current crisis in our diocese. These individuals say that they acted according to their consciences. We take them at their word, as we did before. If they have any specific matters that they believe need to be addressed, we would appreciate that information.

Please find our statement to 60 Minutes – attached – in which we explained the reasons why Bishop Malone declined their invitation for an interview. We similarly had told WKBW that we had no comment on their story.

People will make up their own minds once they have heard our response to these stories. For our part, at the Diocese of Buffalo, we intend to better utilize our platforms moving forward as a catalyst to share important information, especially about the abuse crisis. Those platforms include: our website, social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and our monthly WNY Catholic newspaper. Several very positive changes are in the works to more effectively, transparently and actively communicate with the public.

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Attachment: 60 Minutes Statement

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