



Diocese of
Green Bay

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Bishop Ricken to host Prayer Service for Healing at two diocesan locations

GREEN BAY, Wis. (Apr. 11, 2017) – Bishop David Ricken will preside at two “Prayer Services for Healing” for all those in need of healing from the Church, especially people affected by sexual abuse.

The “Prayer Services for Healing” will take place Monday, April 24, at St. James Church in White Lake and Tuesday, April 25, at St. Therese Church in Appleton. Both services begin at 6:30 p.m.

“The prayer service is meant to recognize the reality of the hurt and harm that has been caused by some in the Church and to pray for strength and healing,” said Fr. Tom Long, Vicar for Clergy and Pastoral Leaders for the Diocese of Green Bay.

“This is a way for us to say to the Lord and to you that we acknowledge the hurt that might have been caused. We know that this is a terrible affliction that some people live with and struggle with every day, especially people who were harmed as children. I hope and pray that this time is the beginning of deeper and deeper healing for you,” said Bishop David L. Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay.

Compass Article from 2016: <http://www.thecompassnews.org/2016/04/prayer-service-healing-held-survivors-clergy-sexual-abuse/>

“Past healing services have allowed some people to come forward and share their painful experiences and to take steps in the journey of healing,” said Fr. Long. “We hope that people are able to continue to do so.” The services are held during April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

These healing prayer services are intended for all those in need of healing from the Church and for others to come together as Church to pray for those in need of healing. Survivors of sexual abuse are helping to organize and run the services.

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