



Members of the Independent Review Board for the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay

October 2020

The Independent Review Board performs three important roles:

1. Review and make recommendations concerning changes to existing policies or the adoption of new sexual misconduct policies.
2. Review and make recommendations regarding the continuation in ministry of clergy who have allegedly sexually abused or exploited minors.
3. Review and make recommendations regarding the return to ministry of priests and deacons following their removal from active ministry when allegations are found to be unsubstantiated.

The members are:

John Flannery, Madison. A law enforcement executive with 25 years experience. Former sensitive crimes instructor in police academy. Presently, a member of WI Office of Victim Services working committee with primary goal of improving outreach services to victims of crime.

Reverend James Hablewitz, Appleton. He is a retired priest that served as pastor at St. John Nepomucene Parish from July 2006 to June 2012 and as co-pastor and pastor at Nativity of Our Lord Parish from 1985 to June 2006. He served a three-year term on the Priest Personnel Board and was formerly the Regional Vicar for Vicariate IV.

Mr. Howard Healy (Chairperson), Neenah. He is an attorney with the DiRenzo and Bomier law firm is serving his third term as chair of the Independent Review Board. He also served one term as chair of the diocesan Total Catholic Education Board. He also served on the National Review Board.

Ms. Kathleen Lyons, RN, MSN, APNP, Denmark. She is a psychiatric advanced practitioner nurse at the Brown County Mental Health Center, Green Bay.

Deacon Paul Umentum, Green Bay. He is a deacon of the Diocese of Green Bay and an attorney with the firm Umentum Law Office SC, Green Bay.

Bonnie Phernetton, Green Bay. She has over 30 years professional experience in the field of child abuse/neglect prevention and intervention services. She has been trained in the dynamics of child abuse/neglect and trauma informed care.