



Members of the Independent Review Board for the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay September 2016

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, Green Bay. He is a former law enforcement professional that now holds the position of Associate Dean at the local police academy. He has been in law enforcement for over 20 years and has extensive experience dealing with sexual assault cases.

Reverend James Hablewitz, Appleton. He is a senior priest in the Diocese of Green Bay. He served a three-year term on the Priest Personnel Board and was formerly the Regional Vicar for Vicariate IV. He has served in parishes for over 50 years.

Mr. Howard Healy (Chairperson), Neenah. He is an attorney with a local law firm and is currently serving as chair of the Independent Review Board. He also is currently serving on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops National Review Board.

Ms. Kathleen Lyons, RN, MSN, APNP, Denmark. She is a psychiatric advanced practice nurse prescriber at a local psychiatric center. She has been a nurse for over 30 years. She is also a diocesan Safe Environment VIRTUS Facilitator.

Ms. Bonita Phernetton, BS, Green Bay. She is the program director at a local family services agency. She has worked in the field of child protective services for over 35 years.

Deacon Paul Umentum, Green Bay. He is a deacon of the Diocese of Green Bay and an attorney with a local law firm. He leads many mission trips to the diocesan mission parish in the Dominican Republic to assist children and their families.

Sister Laura Wolf, OSF, JD/MHA, Manitowoc. She is President of Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity HealthCare Ministry, Inc., and has served the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in its health ministry for the past 30 years. She also has a law degree.