

Office of the Bishop

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As bishop of the Diocese of Tyler I wish to remind the people of East Texas of the importance of reporting to legal authorities all incidents of abuse. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to cooperation with legal authorities in judicial actions.

I must inform the people of the Diocese of Tyler that Fr. Robert Frank "Bob" Poandl who served in the Mt. Vernon, Daingerfield and Pittsburg area from July 1993 until January 1999 and was involved with Marriage Encounter and Retrovaille, has been indicted in Roane County, West Virginia on three counts of sexual assault and abuse of a minor. The diocese has no information to suggest there are any victims of Fr. Poandl in our area.

Please report any local cases of sexual abuse of minors by Father Poandl to the police.

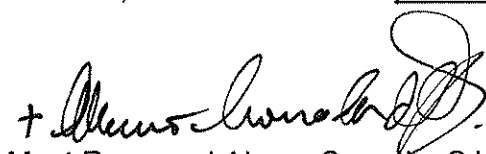
Cases of possible criminal abuse should always be reported to the local police. Abuse by clergy or Church personnel should also be reported to the Promoter of Justice, Rev Gavin Vaverek, 903 266 2159 or promoter@dioceseoftyler.org.

Como Obispo de la Diócesis de Tyler, deseo recordar a todo el pueblo del este de Texas de la suma importancia de reportar todo incidente de abuso a las autoridades legales. La Diócesis de Tyler está comprometida a cooperar con las autoridades legales en asuntos judiciales.

Debo informar al pueblo de de la Diócesis de Tyler que el Padre Robert Frank "Bob" Poandl que sirvió en las áreas de Mt. Vernon, Daingerfield, y Pittsburg de Julio 1993, hasta Enero 1999, y que estaba involucrado con Marriage Encounter (Encuentro Matrimonial) y Retrovaille, ha sido acusado de tres asaltos sexuales y abuso de un menor en el condado de Roane, West Virginia. Esta diócesis no tiene información que pueda sugerir que haya víctimas del Padre Poandl en nuestra área.

Por favor reporte cualquier caso local de abuso sexual de menores de edad por el Padre Poandl a la policía.

Todo caso posible de abuso criminal debe ser reportado al Promotor de Justicia, Padre Gavin Vaverek, al 903-266-2159 o promoter@dioceseoftyler.org.


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