



# DOMINICAN FRIARS

Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

## Western Dominican Province Safeguarding History

- 1989 Child Abuse Reporting Manual issued September 29
- 1991 Friars known to have abused minors receiving intensive therapy, many from a therapist expert in the area of pædophilia and ephebophilia in Oakland, CA
- 1995 Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors approved by the Provincial Council June 2  
Protocols for Ministering to Minors approved by the Provincial Council June 2
- 2002 Second Edition of the Sexual Misconduct Policy of the WDP approved October 3  
Sexual Misconduct Advisory Group and Sexual Misconduct Committee established  
First meeting of the Sexual Misconduct Committee  
Fr. Edward Krasevac appointed Vicar Provincial for Sexual Misconduct
- 2004 Fr. Joseph Sergott named Vicar Provincial for Sexual Misconduct
- 2005 Names of friars with established allegations of sexual abuse of minors and a summary of the allegations against there were released to our neighbors in Rockridge and the local press. In addition, an explanation of our screening process, initial formation of friars, and ongoing Praesidium accreditation was included in the release.  
Computer systems in houses of formation upgraded to include content filtering and monitoring.
- 2005 All friars in the Province attend one of two 2.5 day workshops held April 26-28 and June 14-16 regarding sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. The content includes understanding sexual abuse, types of sexual offenders, the nature of boundary violations, appropriate and inappropriate displays of affection in ministry, and what to do when someone reports abuse.  
Friars on restriction are given safety plans in November with an on-site supervisor, the local superior. These plans are reviewed annually and updated as needed. Plans include the friar's history, offenses, treatment history and outcomes, living arrangement, risk management strengths and challenges, statement of problem behavior, and consequences for non-compliance with the plan.
- 2006 Accreditation visitation by Praesidium May 2-6. Province was accredited later this year as following the standards for protection of minors established by Praesidium. "To attain accreditation, the Western Dominican Province underwent a long educational process and a rigorous assessment to clarify their responsibilities, identify best practices, and evaluate the extent to which they are meeting these defined standards. Each accreditation standard was independently verified by Praesidium. The Western Dominican Province was found to be in compliance with the highest current national standards for protecting children. They have acted upon the call to more accountability and transparency in how to protect children, handle allegations of sexual abuse, reach out to victims, and supervise members who have sexually abused."
- 2006 Third Edition of the Sexual Abuse Policy approved September 13
- 2009 Fourth Edition of the Sexual Abuse Policy approved September 17

- 2010 Accreditation visitation by Praesidium in January. “According to Praesidium, we set a new standard for excellence.” (from the Provincial Council minutes of March, 2010)  
The province begins including an external monitor, an independent third party to meet with each friar on restriction and check in with him, as well as review his internet browsing history. This is in addition to the day-to-day supervision provided by the superior of the community
- 2011 Fr. Joseph Sergott appointed Socius and Vicar Provincial
- 2013 Fifth Edition of the Safe Environment Policy: Minors and Vulnerable Adults approved December 4  
Policy on Relationships with Adults approved December 5
- 2014 January - Province is assessed by Praesidium and is accredited through 2018.
- 2014 Safe Environment Policy revised December 3, 2014
- 2015 Safe Environment Policy revised March 11
- 2016 Safe Environment Policy revised September 21
- 2017 Safe Environment Policy revised May 25  
Fr. Christopher Fadok appointed Socius and Vicar Provincial
- 2018 Safe Environment Policy revised November 28
- 2018 Province is assessed by Praesidium, an independent agency and judged to meet the highest standards in sexual abuse prevention and is accredited through 2023.
- 2019 Fr. Michael Fones appointed Socius and Vicar Provincial  
Safe Environment Policy revised March 13  
List of Names of Friars with Established Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor(s) published December 30

