

Dear Mr. Riehle,

Your website www.not1dime.com was brought to my attention. It's very well done.

In browsing your site I noticed that the Diocese of Allentown got an "amber" rating.

According to your site AMBER means (a Diocese is) on track but they don't encourage contacting Law Enforcement First

GREEN means (a Diocese has) policies that include contacting Law Enforcement First.

By that criteria, the Diocese of Allentown should have a GREEN rating.

I have attached four documents: *(Attachments were include with the email)*

- The Diocese's news release on the issuance of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report
- The Diocese's news release on the arrest of one of our priests
- The District Attorney's news release on that priest's release
- A news release on a pledge that Bishop Schlert has made and published

Each of those documents states that the Diocesan policy is to immediately notify law enforcement when an allegation about a priest is received.

I would also note that every news release the Diocese issues ends with the following language, which directs someone who has been a victim of abuse to notify law enforcement:

Anyone who knows of incidents of abuse, in the Church or outside it, should report it to the State ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313, the State Attorney General's hotline at 1-888-538-8541, or to local law enforcement. The Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to provide assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was abused by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese, or of its parishes. Her direct line is 1-800-791-9209.

After you review the material I have sent you, I hope you will be able to adjust the Diocese of Allentown's rating.

Thank you for your advocacy of accountability in the Church,

Matt Kerr

(We took another look at the website and found everything Mr. Kerr said was true and upgraded The Diocese of Allentown to Green)