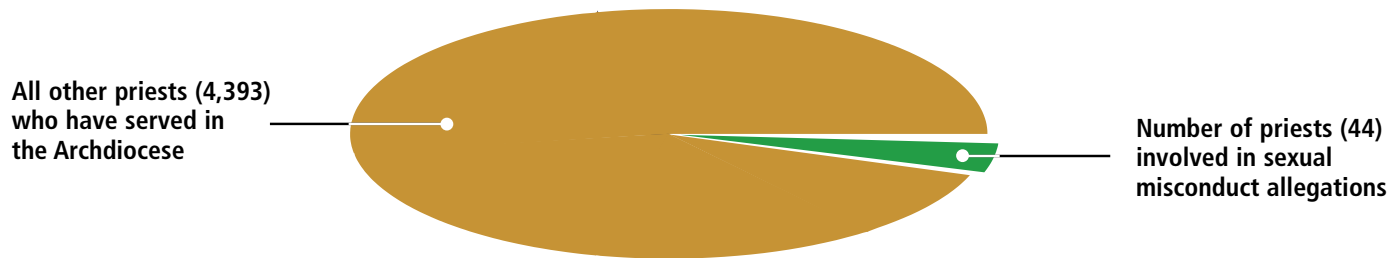


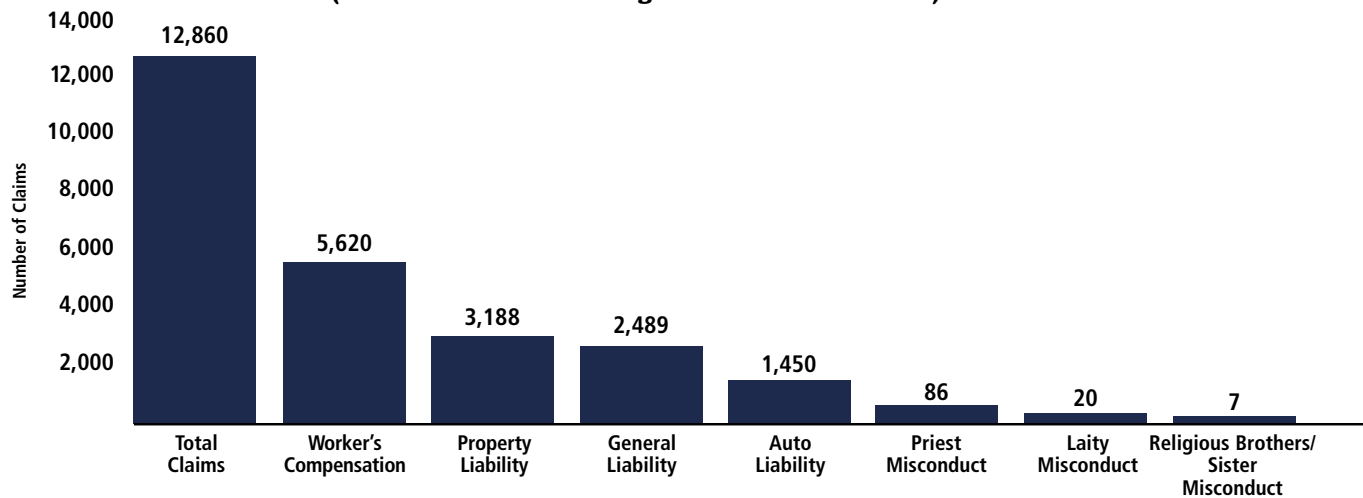
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As of July, 2006 these are the current numbers and amounts regarding sexual misconduct allegations, settlements and legal fees.

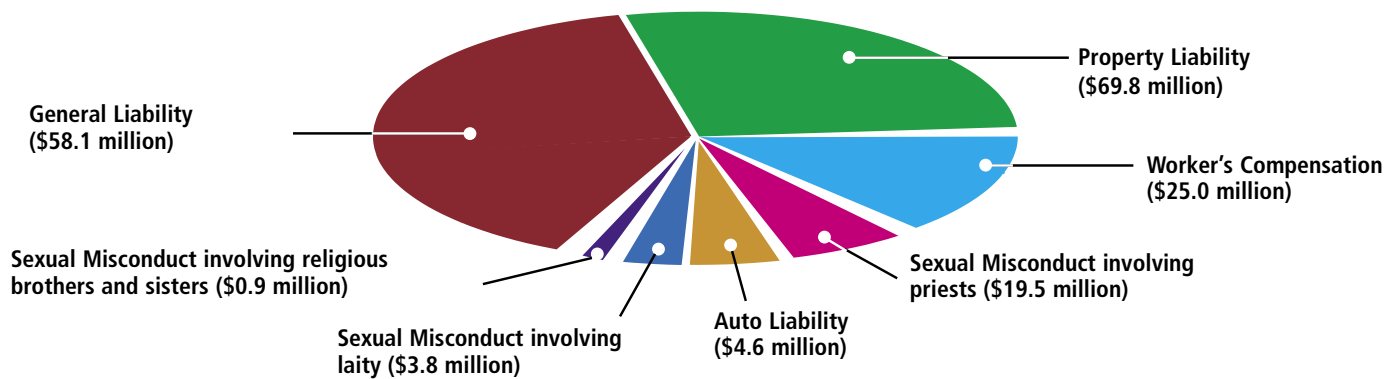
Since the Archdiocese of Miami was founded in 1958, allegations of sexual misconduct involving minors have been made involving 44 priests, which is less than 1% of the 4,393 priests who have served in the Archdiocese.



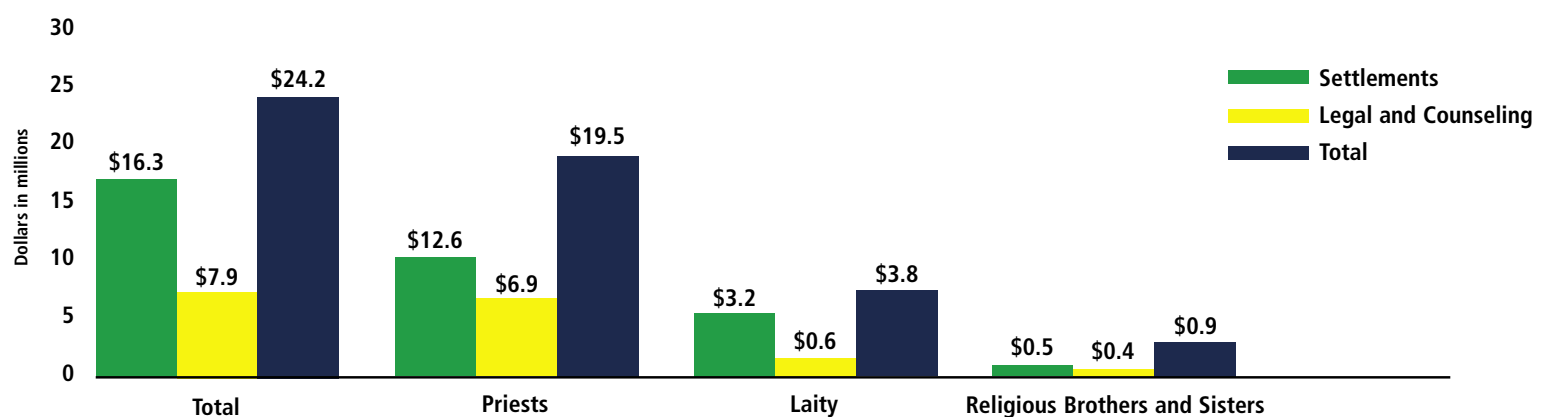
The Archdiocese of Miami Insurance Programs have reported 12,860 claims since 1966 (when the Insurance Programs were established) as follows:



The Archdiocese of Miami Insurance Programs have paid \$181.7 million in total claims since 1966, as follows:



The Archdiocese of Miami Insurance Programs have paid \$24.2 million in settlement, legal and counseling costs associated with sexual misconduct allegations made by minors involving priests, laity and religious brothers and sisters as follows (dollars in millions):



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Church continues efforts to Protect children

From the archdiocese

Working together with civil officials, religious leaders and all persons of good will, the Archdiocese of Miami continues to move forward in its commitment to protect children and vulnerable adults.

The information on this page and on page A27 of this edition of *The Florida Catholic* is part of that commitment. This is the third in a series of reports outlining the legal and insurance costs associated not just with sexual abuse lawsuits but with all insurance claims against the archdiocese. The others were published in December 2003 and January 2005.

Once again in 2005, an independent team of auditors found that the archdiocese's policies and practices in this area were in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young Adults established by the bishops of the United States and approved by the Holy See.

In keeping with the charter, the archdiocese is committed to training all its employees and volunteers, as well as parents, grandparents and other family members, to recognize the danger signs of sexual abuse of minors and learn about specific steps they can take to identify abuse and prevent it.

The training program for adults, now in its third year of use in the archdiocese, is called Virtus. A similar training program, "Teaching Touching Safety," implemented two years ago, also teaches children, in age-appropriate ways, how to protect themselves from potential abusers. More than 11,000 adults and 56,000 children have



undergone the Virtus and Teaching, Touching Safety programs, respectively.

The archdiocese also requires all church employees, including religious, priests and deacons, to undergo a criminal background check at both the state and national levels. The same background check is required of any volunteer who spends any unsupervised time with children or vulnerable adults. Since 2004, background checks have been conducted on 17,390 archdiocesan employees and volunteers, including priests and religious.

Archbishop John C. Favalora hopes the reports printed in *The Florida Catholic* will help restore parishioners' confidence in the church's efforts to address the problem of child sexual abuse, which continues to make news in our society.

A PLEDGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese of Miami is committed to the well-being of those who are served by the church. We will make every reasonable effort to prevent sexual abuse, and to respond promptly to all allegations of abuse where there is a reasonable belief that abuse has occurred. We will comply with all obligations of civil and canon law. We will promote healing where it is needed, provide education, training and guidance when it is appropriate, and endeavor to prevent any sexual abuse of minors with firm justice and

mercy towards all. No person, including clergy, who has been determined to have engaged in sexual abuse of a minor, will be allowed to remain in active ministry. Care will always be taken to protect the rights of all parties involved, particularly those of the person claiming to have been sexually abused and the person against whom the charge has been made. When the accusation has been proved to be unfounded, every step possible will be taken to restore the good name of the person falsely accused.

"While it is most scandalous when a member of the Catholic clergy or another representative of the church commits this sin against a child, young adult or vulnerable adult, the sexual abuse of minors is not an exclusively Catho-

lic problem," Archbishop Favalora said. "It is a societal problem that affects people of all races, creeds and professions, be they married or single."

The archdiocese's policies on keeping children safe from sexual

abuse, procedures for reporting suspected abusers, and past reports, "A Time to Heal" and "Protecting God's Children," are available on the archdiocesan website, www.miamiarch.org. Also available on the site is a copy of the U.S. bishops' Charter for the Protection and Children and Young People, and information on reporting abuse to archdiocesan officials and civil authorities.

Volunteers needed — the archdiocese's Safe Environment office is looking for volunteers to be trained as facilitators for the Virtus "Protecting God's Children" program. The program trains parents, teachers and anyone who works with children to recognize signs of sexual abuse and spot abusers. Anyone interested in becoming a facilitator or undergoing the training should contact: Deacon Frank O'Gorman, Virtus training coordinator, at 305-762-1250 or lfranko@bellsouth.net.

CONTACT INFO

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Virtus Training Coordinator

Deacon Frank O'Gorman
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Victim Assistance Coordinator

Vicki Kaufmann
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Background Check Coordinators

Myriam Leinweber and Vicky Cartio
305-891-5664

To report suspected abuse to civil authorities:
1-800-96ABUSE.

DEANERY COORDINATORS

Following are the Virtus training coordinators for each of the deaneries of the archdiocese:

Northeast Broward

Mara Goldin

Northwest Broward

Ann Stiles

South Broward

Maureen Freeman

East and Northeast Miami-Dade

Joe Zacheo

West Miami-Dade

Maria Glass

South Miami-Dade

Patricia Nord

Monroe

Linda Luizza

VIRTUS TRAINING

Upcoming Virtus training dates

Virtus training sessions are conducted free of charge and open to all adults, regardless of parish or religious affiliation. Anyone who works or volunteers in any parish, school or ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is required to attend a Virtus training session.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m. — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1401 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8 a.m. — St. Hugh School, 3460 Royal Road, Coconut Grove
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. — St. Anne's Nursing Center, 11185 Quail Roost Drive, Miami
Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 p.m. — St.

Jerome School, 2601 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale (English and Spanish)
Monday, Oct. 31, noon and 3 p.m. — St. Anne's Nursing Center 11185 Quail Roost Drive, Miami
Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m. — Our Lady of the Lakes, 15801 N.W. 67 Ave., Miami Lakes
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. — Santa Barbara, 6801 W. 30 Ave., Hialeah (Spanish)
Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. — St. Anne's Nursing Center, 11185 Quail Roost Drive, Miami
Saturday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m. — St. Jerome School, 2601 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale (English and Spanish)
Saturday, April 14, 1 p.m. — St. Jerome School, 2601 S.W. Ninth Ave., Fort Lauderdale (English and Spanish)

Allegations of sexual abuse must be reported to Florida's Department of Children and Families by calling their Abuse Hotline at: 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873). After making a report to the Department of Children and Families, you may notify the Archdiocese of Miami. Mail this form to:

Archdiocese of Miami
9401 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami Shores, FL 33138

Attention: Vicar General

Your Last Name: _____

Your First Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Person(s) responsible for alleged abuse: _____

Relationship: _____

Date of incident: _____

A brief description of the abuse including physical, mental or sexual injuries: