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## Seattle Archdiocese announces settlements with abuse victims

**(Seattle)** The Archdiocese of Seattle today announced that it has reached settlement with 12 victims of clergy child sexual abuse for \$1.8 million. The settlements resulted from mediation talks with victims who experienced abuse from two priests of the Archdiocese dating back to the 1960s.

"I pray that these settlements will be a positive step toward healing the wounds of victims and restoring their trust," said Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett. "I offer my sincere apology to victims, their families and all those who have suffered as a result of abuse by priests.

I am encouraged by these settlements and remain hopeful that we may still be able to settle the remaining cases before us," Archbishop Brunett said. "We have made substantial offers in every case and remain committed to a process that brings just settlements and healing to all victims."

"We've settled cases similar to these within fair and reasonable amounts," said Mike Patterson, the Archdiocese's attorney. "In the cases that we were unable to settle the attorneys' demands were substantially beyond the amount we've been able to settle previous cases."

Anyone who has knowledge of clergy sexual abuse is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at: 1-800-446-7762.

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