

First Annual **Impact Report**

June 2021 - December 2022

Our Purpose:

Serving those harmed by
clergy sexual abuse through
actions of healing and justice



"Coming together with people who have suffered the same type of trauma has offered me a peace I had not yet experienced. We shared the burden with each other and somehow the burden became lighter."

Susie - survivor and sister of survivor

Highlights

ACTIONS OF HEALING AND JUSTICE

Building an Accompaniment Model

- Engaged parishioners, pastors, and community members in the direct response and care for survivors.

Direct Survivor Support

- Visited one-on-one with survivors to lend an ear and a caring heart.
- Provided assistance with practical needs for survivors such as meals, rides, & repairs.
- Established a monthly gathering of survivors for support and encouragement.

Counseling Referral & Coordination

- Developing institutional knowledge of counselors' style and specialties in our area.
- Coordinated counseling needs for survivors with providers and with the diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection.

Prayer

- Established regular prayer support for survivor gatherings and specific needs.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Community Conversations

- Hosted quarterly Zoom conversations to gather ideas for programming and listen to the community's needs.

Training & Education

- Developed curriculum and hosted training for Trauma-Informed Response and Care for diaconate with plans to expand.
- Hosted webinar on the history of response to clergy sexual abuse in our diocese.

Parish Engagement

- Assisted parishes with specific needs for parishioner support and community conversations
- Introductions and listening to pastors at deanery meetings

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Thank You

For being a part of the Journey to Bethany community and sharing in our "actions of healing & justice."

21 Signatures on the letter to survivors on our website.

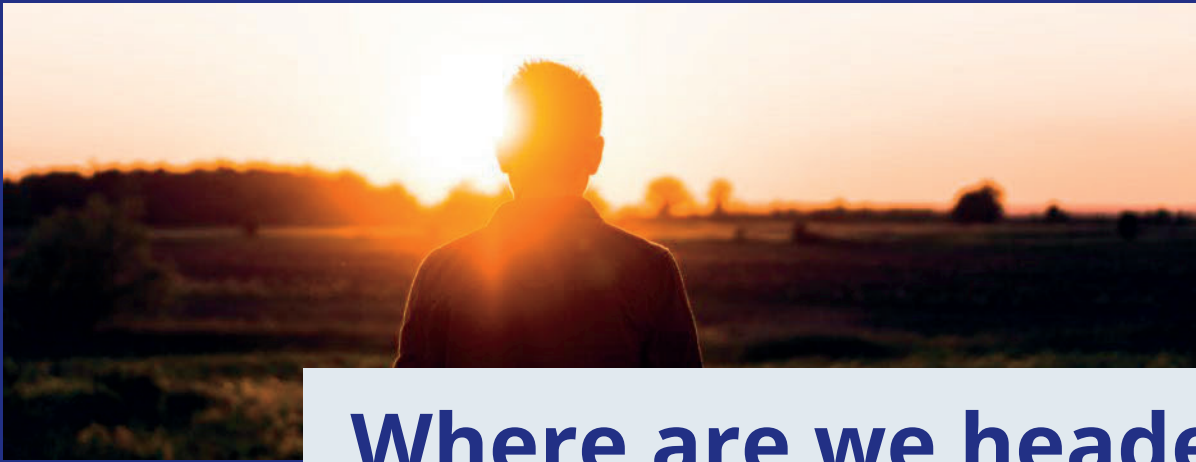
33 Answered survivor requests for prayer & support.

7 Survivors have attended gatherings.

2 Counselors helping expand Survivor Gatherings.

35 Attendees at Community Conversations & webinars

21 Deacons trained in trauma-informed response & care.



Where are we headed?

To Bethany!

At Bethany, Jesus found deep renewal through friendships. It was here that Jesus called his friend Lazarus forth from a tomb and asked those present to unwrap his burial cloths so that he could be free. Bethany inspires our accompaniment model that brings us - the Body of Christ - together to serve and care for survivors just as Jesus' friends cared for one another. We are building a Companion program to accompany survivors one-on-one and expand our reach. We also continue to connect the greater community with survivors in prayer support and assistance with practical needs.

Our Relationship to the Diocese

It is as important for Journey to Bethany to be separate from the diocese as it is for us to be connected to it. As an independent organization, we can be accessible to survivors who find it difficult to seek healing from the institution where harm took place. At the same time, a connection to the diocese assures its ownership of atonement. Separate yet connected allows us to encourage healing through courageous conversations among survivors, bishops, clergy, leaders, and Catholics in the pews. To achieve this relationship Journey to Bethany will be financially supported by both the diocese and donors in the community.



A New Conversation

As we connect with Victim Assistance Coordinators and survivor groups across the country, new opportunities begin to unfold. Conversations about a trauma-informed Church, a restorative justice approach to clergy sexual abuse, and studies on moral injury are all creating an evolved understanding of the extent of harm caused by clergy sexual abuse and the expectation of what and how much needs to be done. Journey to Bethany will be part of that conversation.

THE ORGANIZATION

Leadership & Strategic Plan

- Invited and established our first board of directors.
- Developed goals according to our core values and established year-one objectives.

Relationship with the Diocese

- Determined the preferred, survivor-centered relationship between Journey to Bethany and our Diocese.
- Began discovery and planning to establish and fund an organization which will fulfill this ideal.

Statewide and National Collaboration

- Organized a national group of Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinators and other leaders in healing to share resources and collaborate.

Awareness

- Established social media accounts and monthly email newsletter.
- Established relationships with pastors and parish communications managers.

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