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2019 MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

SUNDAY APRIL 7th, 2019 2:00 P.M.

The Most Rev. Frank Caggiano, together with a planning committee of Survivors of Sexual Abuse as Minors by Priests, will hold a very special Mass for anyone who has been sexually abused as a minor and for others who have been impacted. The Mass will be held on **Sunday April 7th, 2019 at 2:00 PM** at St. Joseph Church 8 Robinson Avenue, Danbury CT. Light Refreshments will be served immediately following the Mass.

There are regularly scheduled gatherings for any person who has been sexually abused as a minor, as well as any family members of survivors, to meet with the victim assistance coordinators and fellow survivors of sexual abuse for friendship, prayer and for peer support.

- **Thursday March 14, 2019** Open Meeting for Family Members of Survivors
6:00 PM-7:30 PM the Newman Center Danbury 7 8th Ave, Danbury, CT
- **Tuesday March 26, 2019** Open Meeting for Survivors of Sexual Abuse as a Minor.
6:30 PM -8:00 PM St. Roch Church 10 St Roch Ave, Greenwich, CT

If you are an adult survivor of sexual abuse as a minor or a family member of a survivor and you would like to learn more about the Mass, the upcoming meetings and other resources that are available in our Diocese, please contact one of our Victim Assistance Coordinators, Erin Neil, L.C.S.W., (203) 650-3265 & Michael Tintrup, L.C.S.W. (203) 241-0987

A special message from a mother of a victim of abuse by a priest

"I would like to invite you to join us at the Hope and Healing Mass on Sunday, April 7th at St. Josephs RC Church in Danbury. The mass is at 2 pm. Its focus is on healing those who were victims of sexual abuse by clergy and also for those who were sexually abused by others, such as family members, neighbors, friends of the family, teachers, coaches, caregivers, and others. There will be survivors of abuse in attendance, counselors as well as parents of victims and family members of victims. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this Mass, please, please encourage them to join us. Our son was a victim of sexual abuse when he was only 11. Please also join us for refreshments immediately following the Mass. God Bless you all."