



Diocese of Cheyenne

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Clergy and Parish Directors of Music,

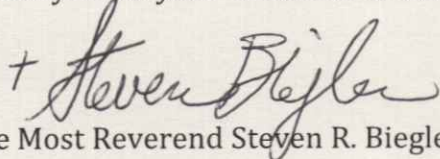
Over the past months, allegations of sexual misconduct and spiritual manipulation have emerged against composer David Haas. The most recent information reveals at least 44 victims: both minors and adult women. The misconduct and abuse occurred at Catholic sponsored events occurring in other dioceses.

While an investigation is underway, both GIA and OCP have suspended publication of Haas's music, and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, where Haas lives, has disallowed him from providing services in any of its institutions.

When a credible accusation is made against a member of the clergy or a lay minister in the Diocese, he or she is not permitted to minister publicly while an investigation is underway. Given the serious nature of the allegations against Mr. Haas, it is inappropriate to use his music in Catholic worship in the Diocese of Cheyenne until the investigations now underway in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles have concluded. He will also be banned from any ministry in the Diocese of Cheyenne. We stand in support of victims of abuse. Therefore, parishes in the Diocese of Cheyenne, which have not already done so are asked to stop using any music by Haas and to choose music by other composers at this time.

To report any suspicion of abuse by any church personnel, please contact local law enforcement. You may also contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Cheyenne: Mary Adams, 307-220-0485 (adamsmaryj@outlook.com) Jean Chrostoski, Chancellor, Diocese of Cheyenne, 307-628-1530 (jchrostoski@dioceseofcheyenne.org)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Bishop of Cheyenne