

Class Action regarding abuse at Vancouver College and St. Thomas More Collegiate

THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU WERE ENROLLED AT VANCOUVER COLLEGE (1976-2013) OR ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE (1976-1989) AND EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE

The British Columbia Supreme Court has certified a class action for former students of Vancouver College (1976-2013) and St. Thomas More Collegiate (1976-1989) who claim they were physically, psychologically or sexually abused by current or former members of the Christian Brothers.

The class action alleges that Christian Brothers – including the defendants Edward English, Joseph Burke, Douglas Kenny and Kevin Short – abused students at Vancouver College and St. Thomas More Collegiate. It alleges that the other defendants – Vancouver College Limited, St. Thomas More Collegiate Ltd., Gerard Gabriel McHugh, and the Archbishops of Vancouver and St. Johns – acted negligently by allowing the transfer of Christian Brothers they knew (or ought to have known) had a history of abuse, and by failing to adequately protect students from abuse at the schools. The class action seeks compensation for class members' losses and injuries, including physical and psychological injuries. This class action is ongoing and the allegations have not yet been proven in court.

Who is affected? You are a class member and affected by this class action if you were sexually, psychologically or physically abused, by a current or former member of the Christian Brothers while enrolled at Vancouver College (1976-2013) or St. Thomas More Collegiate (1976-1989).

You may opt out of the class action. If you want to exclude yourself from the class action, you must provide notice by filling out the Opt Out Form at www.christianbrothersclassaction.ca, and attached to this notice (except for newspaper notice) and by either mailing this Opt Out Form postmarked by November 28, 2024 to Class Counsel at Attn: Laura Jones or Andrew Johnson, CFM Lawyers LLP, Suite 400 – 856 Homer Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 2W5 or by email to

christianbrothersclassaction@cfmlawyers.ca.

The lawyers for the class, and the defendants Vancouver College, St. Thomas More and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, and their legal counsel and insurers, will receive your Opt Out Form on a confidential basis and will not share it with any other person (unless required to by law). Class Counsel will file a sealed envelope with the Court containing a copy of all of the Opt Out forms received that cannot be accessed by the public. If you opt out of the class action you will not be able to receive any benefit from it.

You do not need to do anything to remain part of the class action. You do not need to identify yourself to lawyers or participate in the class action. However, you may contact your lawyers (see Class Counsel below) at any time and should take steps to preserve any documents that might be relevant to your claim, including documents related to your losses, such as receipts for counselling or prescription medication. If the class action is successful you may be entitled to financial compensation.

Class Counsel: The class members are represented by the law firm of Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP (CFM Lawyers). You can contact them at the addresses below and anything you share with them is protected by lawyer-client privilege.

What happens next? The parties have exchanged documents and questioning of the defendants is underway. The common issues trial will commence October 14, 2025. In the common issues trial, the Court will decide whether and what findings may be made on the common issues specified in the order certifying this proceeding as a class action. If judgment is granted against any of the defendants in respect of those common issues, the Court will then decide what procedures are required to determine individual claims.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLASS ACTION OR THIS NOTICE CONTACT
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