
NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING

Vancouver College and St. Thomas More Collegiate Class Action Settlement

A class action lawsuit about claims of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse perpetrated by Christian Brothers and former Christian Brothers at Vancouver College and St. Thomas More Collegiate has, subject to approval of the Court, been settled without a trial against three of the defendants for a total of **\$30 million**. The settling defendants are Vancouver College Limited, St. Thomas More Collegiate Ltd., and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver.

If you:

- (a) were enrolled at Vancouver College between 1976 and 2013, or St. Thomas More Collegiate between 1976 and 1989; *and*
- (b) claim to have experienced physical, sexual, and/or psychological abuse by a current or former member of the Christian Brother;

you are a Class Member and may be eligible for compensation for abuse by Christian Brothers and by lay teachers at Vancouver College or St. Thomas More.

The deadline to opt out of this class action has passed. If you did not opt out you are a Class Member.

If approved by the Court, the settlement will:

- allow Class Members to apply for compensation through the Claims Process;
- preclude or affect any future lawsuit against a Settling Defendant if it is determined that the injuries the Class Member claims in that lawsuit were compensable through the Claims Process now. This could include injuries to Class Members resulting from abuse by lay teachers.

The Settlement Agreement must be approved by the Supreme Court of British Columbia before any compensation can be paid to Class Members. The approval hearing is

scheduled for **April 30 and May 1, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street in Vancouver.

At the hearing, the Court will also consider:

- the proposed Claims Process, which describes how Class Members can submit a claim for compensation and how that claim will be adjudicated;
- the proposed Class Counsel legal fee of up to 33-1/3% of the Settlement, plus disbursements and taxes;
- the proposed payment of honoraria of up to \$15,000 to each of the two representative plaintiffs; and
- any applications by Class Members to the Court for special permission to opt out of the class action even though the deadline to do so has passed.

CFM Lawyers LLP represented the Class Members in the class action but will move to the role of Claims Administrator if the settlement is approved.

You can read the Settlement Agreement and Claims Process here:
<https://www.cfmlawyers.ca/class-action/christian-brothers-institutional-abuse-class-action/>

- (a) If you wish to comment on or object to the Settlement, the Claims Process, the proposed reimbursement of legal fees and disbursements to Class Counsel, or the payment of an honorarium to each of the representative plaintiffs, you may do so *in writing*, by delivering the statement to Class Counsel by mail, courier or e-mail; or *in-person* before the Court at the Settlement Approval Hearing, by giving written notice of your intention to appear to Class Counsel by mail or email.
- (b) The Court has directed that comments, objections, or notice of intention to appear must be received by Class Counsel **on or before April 16, 2026** at christianbrothersclassaction@cfmlawyers.ca or CFM Lawyers LLP 400 -

856 Homer street, Vancouver, BC V6B 2W2. Class Counsel will provide all such submissions to the Court. Please include your name, address, and a phone number or email address at which you can receive information about the hearing, if necessary.

- (c) The deadline to opt out of the Class expired on November 28, 2024. If you are a person within the Class definition certified by the Court and did not opt out of the Class Action before that date, you are a Class Member. The Court has directed that any application to opt out of the Class notwithstanding the expiration of the opt-out period must be filed and served on all parties **on or before April 9, 2026** and will be heard in conjunction with the Settlement Approval Hearing.

To find out more, visit www.cfmlawyers.ca or contact Class Counsel at christianbrothersclassaction@cfmlawyers.ca or 604-689-7555.