

**Press Release**  
**Diocese of Antigonish**  
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The trial of Bishop Raymond Lahey has concluded with his sentencing today. This entire matter has caused a great deal of hurt, disappointment and anger within and outside of our Diocese.

Church leaders are called to provide good example and to show moral integrity in their lives. When they commit serious moral failures, this can have a significant impact on the faith community. This is especially so when it involves the crime of child pornography.

This Diocese is committed to establishing safe and supportive communities for our young people and vulnerable adults. Through the diocesan Responsible Ministry Protocol, the diocese continues to take steps to create a secure environment for all members of the church particularly with respect to young people.

I regret that so many people have been disturbed and upset by these sad events. As we continue the Celebration of the birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we humbly ask the Prince of Peace for the healing and hope that only He can bring.

+Brian Joseph Dunn  
Bishop of Antigonish