

SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

BETWEEN:

STEVEN GALLANT  
on his own behalf and on behalf of the class

PLAINTIFFS

and

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CORPORATION OF HALIFAX

and

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CORPORATION OF YARMOUTH

and

THE ARCHBISHOP OF HALIFAX – YARMOUTH

DEFENDANTS

ORDER AMENDING MARCH 31, 2020 CERTIFICATION ORDER

BEFORE THE HONORABLE JUSTICE C.M. BROTHERS

WHEREAS the Court issued an order on March 31, 2020 certifying this action as a class proceeding with the consent of the parties;

AND WHEREAS the Schedule D of the Certification Order provided for a Notice Plan, which contains various methods of notification;

AND WHEREAS the Defendants request, and the Plaintiff agrees to, a 12 day delay to the start of the Notice Period;

AND WHEREAS the parties jointly request an amended Notice Plan to remove methods of notifications that are not possible due the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings;

AND UPON HEARING John McKiggan Q.C., Kirk Baert and Celeste Poltak on behalf of the Plaintiffs and the class and Melanie Comstock and Daniel Wallace on behalf of the Defendants;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Notice Period shall start on June 12, 2020 and conclude on October 12, 2020, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

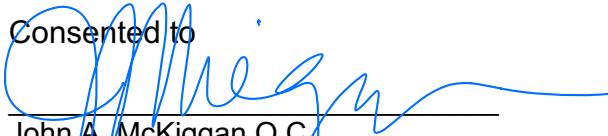
2. The Notice Plan attached as Schedule D to the March 31, 2020 Certification Order is hereby replaced by the Notice Plan attached hereto as Schedule D.

SIGNED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Consented to



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SCHEDULE "D"  
THE AMENDED NOTICE PLAN

Notice of certification shall be provided as follows:

- (1) By Class Counsel placing the Long Form Notice on Class Counsels' websites;
- (2) By Class Counsel forwarding the notice to any Class member who has contacted Class Counsel;
- (3) By Class Counsel issuing a press release containing the information in the Short Form Notice;
- (4) If the Defendants' worship sites re-open to the public during the notice period, by the Defendants shall placeing a copy of the Short Form Notice in a conspicuous area within one week of re-opening, such as the parish public bulletin board, in each of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth parishes and their worship sites until the conclusion of the ~~for the duration of the 120 day~~ notice period;
- (5) By the Defendants posting a copy of the Long Form Notice in a conspicuous area on the websites of each parish, that has an active website, of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth for the duration of the notice period;
- (6) By the Defendants posting a copy of the Long Form Notice on the website of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at [halifaxyarmouth.org](http://halifaxyarmouth.org) for the duration of the notice period;
- ~~(7) By the Defendants including the Short Form Notice in the parish bulletins of each parish of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth four times over the notice period;~~
- (8) By the Defendants distributing the Short Form Notice electronically on its Halifax-Yarmouth News Service four times over the duration of the notice period;
- (9) By Class Counsel sending copies of the Short Form Notice to Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, Springhill Institution, Cape Breton Correctional Facility, Southwest Nova Scotia Correctional Facility with a cover letter asking each facility to post the Short Form Notice in a conspicuous area;
- (10) By Class Counsel purchasing Facebook ads in the amount of \$5,000 linking to the Long Form Notice, targeted to males and females aged 40-60 years old in Nova Scotia;
- (11) By Class Counsel placing the Short Form Notice in the Saltwater Network owned newspapers on mainland Nova Scotia including, if in publication during the notice

period, the Chronicle Herald (both HRM and Provincial edition), Amherst News, Annapolis Valley Register, South Shore Breaker, Tri-County Vanguard, Truro News and Valley Journal Advertiser;

- (12) By Class Counsel sending a copy of the Long Form Notice to SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests; and
- (13) By Class Counsel sending a copy of the Short Form Notice and the Long Form Notice to [bishopaccountability.org](http://bishopaccountability.org) and [theinquiry.ca/wordpress](http://theinquiry.ca/wordpress).