

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

CLASS ACTION NO ° 150-06-000008-151 REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE COMMITTED BY PAUL-ANDRÉ HARVEY IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICOUTIMI

On March 8, 2022, an agreement in principle was reached to settle out of court the class action of the victims of Paul-André Harvey. The agreement is between the *Association des jeunes victimes de l'Église* ("**AJVE**") which represents the victims, the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Chicoutimi, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicoutimi, nine parishes of the Diocese of Chicoutimi, and *l'Assurance mutuelle des fabriques de Québec* which are defendants in the class action as well as Intact Insurance Company.

Settlement Agreement

The Agreement includes the payment of **a total of \$13,750,000** for the benefit of all persons who were sexually abused by Paul-André Harvey between 1962 and 2002 in the territory of the Diocese of Chicoutimi, a public apology by the Bishop of Chicoutimi, as well as other restorative measures aimed at preventing similar abuse in the future within the Diocese of Chicoutimi.

The full text of the Agreement will be available on the website of Trudel Johnston & Lespérance ("TJL"), counsel to AJVE: <https://tjl.quebec/en/class-actions/victims-of-sexual-assault-harvey/> as of April 6, 2022.

The Agreement includes a Claims and Distribution Protocol that sets out the process for filing a claim and how the settlement amount will be distributed. The protocol provides, among other things:

- That a fair, efficient and fully confidential process will be put in place to allow for the distribution of compensation before the end of 2022;
- that the claims will be handled by an independent adjudicator, the Honourable Danielle Grenier, retired judge of the Superior Court of Quebec;
- that the amount of compensation will be determined according to the severity of the consequences of abuse.

Court Approval of the Agreement

For the Agreement to be valid, the Honourable Justice Sandra Bouchard of the Superior Court must be satisfied that it is in the best interests of the class members.

The Agreement will therefore be presented to her on **April 27, 2022, starting at 9:30 a.m. in room 3.09 of the Chicoutimi Courthouse**. You may attend the hearing if you wish.

At the April 27, 2022, hearing, TjL will ask Judge Bouchard to approve their fee agreement, which provides for a rate of 25% (plus taxes) on the amount recovered collectively, as well as the reimbursement of a portion of the expenses incurred by TjL for this class action.

If you believe that the Agreement is not in the best interests of the class members, you may object to the approval of the Agreement, or challenge the fairness and reasonableness of the lawyers' fees, by sending your reasons to TjL by email, fax or registered mail **no later than April 25, 2022**, at the coordinates indicated below. Any objection will be provided to Justice Bouchard who may consider it in her review of the Agreement. You may also present your objection in person to the Judge at the hearing, if you wish.

If Justice Bouchard approves the Agreement, a further notice will be issued to inform you of the procedure and time limits for filing a claim.

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