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We understand from the press that Jannelle Craig Difronzo has filed a lawsuit against the Diocese of Monterey claiming wrongful termination after she allegedly reported that the principal failed to report child abuse. While we are not going to try this case in the press, we deny these allegations and intend to defend this case vigorously.

The Diocese of Monterey and Old Mission School take their responsibility to report child abuse seriously. All mandatory reporters in the Diocese have been trained in their duties and have signed written acknowledgments of their understanding of their responsibilities. The law and our policies require that every employee who is a mandatory reporter of child abuse report to child protective services or law enforcement whenever that employee suspects child abuse. Failure to do so subjects that employee to prosecution and termination of their employment with the Diocese.

Each child under our care is a precious gift from God and we take our responsibility as mandatory reporters of child abuse seriously and fully comply with the law.