Knoxville Deception #1
Failure of Bishops Kurtz and Stika to respond to victims' requests

Diocese of Knoxville, TN

Abuse victims of Anthony J. O'Connell and all other abusive priests in East Tennessee

Victims have repeatedly repeated the cross-referencing of personnel files and secret archives. This cross-referencing would tell the truth about where and when pedophile priests were assigned in East Tennessee.

Press conference Friday, November 9th in Knoxville to answer questions about Stika's failure to respond to clergy sex abuse victims.

Responses by these bishops to victims?

Bishop Anthony O'Connell

1st Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville 1988-1998

ADMITTED PEDOPHILE 2002

His admission and the subsequent failure of Bishop Joseph Kurtz and Father James Vann Johnston to respond to victims' and advocates' requests for truth, led to the founding of SNAP of Tennessee in 2003

O'Connell's victims still begging for justice and honesty about his flagrant abuse

Knoxville?

Missouri

Palm Beach, FL?

Bishop Joseph Kurtz

2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville 1999 - 2007

Failed to act to remove images of O'Connell from churches and schools.

Suppressed victims. Silenced children and teens about abuse of O'Connell.

Waited patiently for statutes to run on crimes of O'Connell.

Kept O'Connell out of jail. Kept the Church from a criminal reputation. Kept victims silenced. Kept the people of East Tennessee unknowing about the molestation of their children.

Kept a building dedicated to O'Connell a full year AFTER O'Connell resigned.

Church faithful unknowingly helped keep the abuse secrets by the lies that Kurtz allowed to become O'Connell's story in Knoxville.

Got promoted for the efforts in keeping the abuse secrets.

Joseph Kurtz - now an archbishop

James "Vann" Johnston - now a bishop

Bishop Richard Stika

3rd Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville 2008 to present

Asked during 1st year as bishop to cross-reference and tell the names of abusive priests who have been assigned in East Tennessee.

SNAP of Tennessee did research on abusive priests reported to SNAP. Had a press conference and asked Stika to fill in the chart with information from cross-referencing with Nashville.

Stika REFUSED. Sneered at chart. Said ":I don't know who those people are."