

## Helena diocese, nuns, victims to take sex abuse claims before mediator

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It looks like The Helena, Mont., diocese, the Ursuline Sister of the Western Province, and 300 plaintiffs will enter mediation in to try to reach a settlement and avoid going to trial over allegations of child sex abuse.

The plaintiffs, many are Native Americans, say the diocese and the nuns knew or should have know about the abuse of children, but covered it up instead of stopping it.

According to the Associated Press, the Ursulines are resisting having to appear before the mediator in Seattle for the week of April 15, claiming financial hardship and limited resources.

Read the full story here: [Helena diocese, nuns, victims to take sex abuse claims before mediator](#)[1]

Read about how one diocese and plaintiffs used mediation: [Mediation: A new model for settling sex abuse cases](#)[2]

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