

## Order of nuns agrees to pay \$1.5 million in abuse suit

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An order of Catholic nuns based in Nelson County has agreed to pay \$1.5 million to settle lawsuits by 45 plaintiffs who alleged they were sexually

abused at orphanages and schools.

The settlement ends the bulk of two years of litigation involving the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

The plaintiffs said they were abused as children at orphanages and schools super-

vised by the nuns between the 1930s and 1970s. More than 20 of the plaintiffs accused a priest who was a longtime orphanage chaplain, and others accused several nuns and two laymen who were involved at the orphanage.

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Adams, representing the Sisters of Charity, and William McMurry, representing the plaintiffs, confirmed they had agreed to the settlement. McMurry added that it needs to be completed with delivery of the payment, expected today.

Under the agreement, the Sisters of Charity did not acknowledge any guilt, but the order did agree not to use the term "alleged victims" but rather "plaintiffs."

Two other plaintiffs repre-

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