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ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL**

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Salutation,

This letter is to request your continued attention in support of the victims of sexual abuse and cover-up by Catholic clergy. This current crisis will not subside if ignored or set aside as an element of a passing news cycle, in spite of our collective wish that this be so. Only the full commitment of the church hierarchy, in concert with laity world-wide, can extinguish this blight on our faith-lives.

I ask that you not only press forward, but expand upon the initiatives already decided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Your personal, long-term advocacy for all forms of counsel, support and healing of the sexually abused is critical. There exists no more important task for you or we who are together the Body of Christ, in behalf of our church. The organizational integrity of our Roman Catholic church is at stake.

Sincerely and respectfully,