



Dominican Friars

PROVINCE OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

March 30, 2019

Dear Parents and Parishioners of Saint Dominic School and Church,

As Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres and on behalf of my brothers, I apologize to those who have been sexually abused by clergy, especially by members of the Dominican Order and this Province.

I want to assure you that in consultation with the Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, Fr. Richard Archer, O.P. is no longer residing at the Priory adjacent to St. Dominic Church.

Under our internal policy, Fr. Archer was removed from public ministry in 2002 and while residing at the Priory, was supervised by another Dominican priest. Fr. Archer has no access to social media and has had no contact with the children or involvement with the school or the parish. At no time has Fr. Archer heard confessions or presided in the public sacrifice of the Mass or other sacraments at the school or the church.

I and all members of the Province will continue our efforts to prevent abuse of children. The Province began working with Praesidium, Inc., of Arlington, Texas in 2004 to strengthen our internal policies for training our members to safeguard children from sexual abuse and has maintained accreditation from Praesidium since 2007. Praesidium is an independent agency and is not a part of the Catholic Church.

Do not hesitate to contact me or Fr. Victor Laroche, O.P., my Socius and Vicar Provincial who also serves as Victim Assistance Coordinator at 504-837-2129, if you have any question or concerns.

Know of my prayers for the Church, for you, and all who have been harmed by Church leaders. I also humbly ask for your prayers and continued faithfulness to the Church.

I wish you and yours a very blessed and fruitful Lenten season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Thomas M. Condon, O.P.
Prior Provincial