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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I'm sure you are aware of the difficult news and allegations that continue to surface regarding the Catholic Church and sexual abuse of children and seminarians and others at the hands of the clergy. Please know that these crimes cause me great shame and anger and sorrow and pain. We, as a Church, will never be able to undo the damage caused to victims by the abusers and by those who covered up their crimes; but we beg forgiveness.

Archbishop Aymond recently reminded us that this is a time of purification in the Church, and that purification will be difficult; but God is faithful. He is present with us to bring healing to victims, to bring justice to abusers and those who covered them up, to bring faith to all of us who are scandalized by these revelations. As members of the Body of Christ, now is the time for us to keep our eyes fixed on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We look to Jesus to be our perfect model of the Christian life. He is the One upon whom our faith is built. He is the One who is perfect. He is the One who can make us and our Church holy.

Let us keep each other in prayer in these difficult days. Let us also pray and fast and sacrifice for the victims of these crimes and for the Church. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, our parish has begun a daily recitation of the holy rosary. At 6:35am on Monday through Friday, we have begun to pray a rosary before daily Mass. At 3:30pm on Saturday, we pray a rosary before the 4pm Mass. And at 5:30pm on Sunday, we pray a rosary before the 6pm Sunday Mass. Please join us when you can as we ask Our Lady of the Rosary to watch over us and lead us to Christ.

Please be aware that the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin soon in the parish. This is for anyone who is not yet Catholic but who would like to become Catholic. We are planning to meet on Tuesday evenings starting at the end of September, but that time could be flexible if it is not convenient for those participating. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact me or the parish office as soon as possible so that we can begin making plans for RCIA.

To Jesus through Mary,

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