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**STATEMENT OF CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY FOLLOWING  
SUPERIOR COURT SETTLEMENT MEETING**

I wish to express my gratitude to all those who participated in today's settlement meeting in Judge Haley Fromholtz's courtroom. I again extend my personal apology to victims who suffered sexual abuse by clergy and repeat again my steadfast commitment to continuing all of the abuse prevention programs and policies currently in force in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. As Chief Shepherd of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I will also continue to meet with any victim of abuse who wishes to meet privately with me.

I am very aware that this day in particular is a day for the victims to speak, so I will refrain from further comment beyond these remarks and those I made yesterday during my press conference at the Cathedral. I will spend the remainder of today in prayer for the victims.

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