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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish:

Recently my office has received inquiries from members of your parish regarding the status of Father Kenneth E. Myers, who was formerly the chaplain to the Latin Mass Community located at the former Holy Wisdom Parish. I would like to take this opportunity to provide some clarity to this issue.

While he was on a leave from priestly ministry because of reasons of health, the Diocese of Pittsburgh received an allegation against Father Myers that he had sexually abused a minor. At that time, Father Myers was placed on Administrative Leave and the substance of the allegation was forwarded to the appropriate district attorney's office. Following a comprehensive canonical investigation, the Independent Review Board of the Diocese of Pittsburgh determined that the allegation is considered to be credible and substantiated. As a result, Father Myers remains removed from ministry and is not permitted to represent himself as a priest. This information has been publically available for all to see on the diocesan website.

While the allegation regarding Father Myers did not involve Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish or its predecessor communities, because concerns have arisen in your parish, I wanted to provide you with this information.

I also want to remind everyone that anyone who has been harmed by someone representing the Church should inform the diocese so that we can protect others and offer healing. To do so, please contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 1-888-808-1235. You can also call the Pennsylvania state abuse hotline at 1-800-932-0313.

Recognizing that this is a painful matter for everyone concerned, I ask that you join me in praying for all those involved, but especially for those who have been most affected by Father Myers' conduct. I would also humbly ask that you would keep me, as your bishop, in your prayers as well. As the People of God, it is essential that we support each other and build each other up, especially in spiritual ways. Please know how much I am praying for you, the Faithful, at his difficult time. May our words, our deeds, and our prayers always reflect the healing love of Jesus Christ.

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am,

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik

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