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Dear Saint Ignatius Alumni from the Classes of 1980-1985,

This letter is to inform you that last year, the Very Rev. Karl J. Kiser, S.J., Provincial of the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus, added Mr. Paul Rodgers, a former Jesuit scholastic, to the Midwest Province's public list of Jesuits with established allegations of the sexual abuse of one or more minors.

The allegations made against Mr. Rodgers occurred between 1979 and 1981, when he was at Saint Ignatius High School. Mr. Rodgers was dismissed by the Society of Jesus on June 13, 1982.

The Midwest Province investigated these allegations and determined they were established. An established allegation is based on the facts and circumstances of each case wherein there is a reasonable certainty that the sexual abuse of a minor occurred. The names on the public list are based on a process of consultation and not a legal judgement. The Midwest Province list can be found at www.jesuitsmidwest.org and is updated periodically.

Personally, and on behalf of Saint Ignatius High School, I extend my deepest apologies to the victims, and to anyone who has been hurt in this way. No one should have to suffer what victims of sexual abuse have been made to suffer. As a member of the Jesuit community and the president of the school, I am deeply saddened by this.

I can assure you that we take the care and safety of our students very seriously. All employees, including priests, Jesuits in formation, faculty, staff, and coaches, who work directly with our students must undergo FBI and BCE background checks, as well as safe environment training as mandated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Further, we have in place a vigorously enforced zero-tolerance policy when it comes to any inappropriate physical, sexual, or emotionally abusive interaction between our students and our adult faculty and staff.

I encourage anyone who has been abused by any person while attending Saint Ignatius to report the incident to law enforcement and to Saint Ignatius High School. If the abuse or inappropriate behavior involved a Jesuit, I urge you to contact Ms. Marjorie H. O'Dea, Director of the Office of Safe Environment at the Midwest Provincial Office (Phone: 773-975-6876; email: UMISafeMinistry@jesuits.org). All other questions regarding Mr. Rodgers should be directed to Quentin Maguire, Director of Communications at the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus (phone: 773-975-6914; email: qmaguire@jesuits.org).

Be assured of my ongoing prayers for you.

Yours ever in Christ,

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