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Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore
320 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Archbishop Lori,

In response to the recent and most troubling news regarding sexual abuse in the Church, and in collaboration with our parish staff, several initial steps have been taken by the parish to address this difficult and challenging issue, including:

- reflections on this matter included in my Homilies on the weekends of August 19 and 26, 2018
- a Friday evening Prayer Service for Healing in the presence of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament on August 24, 2018
- a guided Listening and Discussion Session for parishioners between the Sunday Masses on August 26, 2018, facilitated by Dr. Emmet Burke, a parishioner with extensive professional training, expertise and experience in the field of psychology who serves as Clinical Director at Brook Lane, a local mental health care facility

During the Listening and Discussion Session, I shared with the participants that, on their behalf, I would forward to you the reflections they offered so that they can be assured of your awareness of their thoughts and as a help to you in your ongoing efforts in providing spiritual and pastoral care for our Church in this very sad and difficult moment. The enclosed notes reflect participant comments in small table group and large group discussion.

Thank you, Archbishop, for your efforts at helping us all to respond to this dark and difficult moment - be assured of my continuing prayers for your ministry of pastoral leadership among us as we strive together to lead our Church in greater holiness and faithfulness to the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. J. Bruce Jarboe
Pastor

cc: Rev. Msgr. James Hannon, Western Vicar
Mr. Sean Caine, Vice Chancellor & Director of Communications

Encl. Listening and Discussion Session Notes

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