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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark

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My dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

You probably have heard the announcement by Cardinal Timothy Dolan that the Archdiocese of New York received allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick some forty-five years ago. After conducting its investigation, the Review Board of the Archdiocese of New York found the allegations to be credible and substantiated. Cardinal Dolan sent the results of the investigation to the Holy See and will await its decision.

This is extremely difficult news for us to hear, most especially those who have suffered abuse by clergy and their loved ones.

Cardinal McCarrick served this Archdiocese for 15 years. No doubt many of you developed strong relationships with him and appreciate the impact of his service. Those feelings are likely hard to reconcile with the news made public last Wednesday. While Cardinal McCarrick maintains his innocence and the canonical process continues, we should see the serious nature of this matter with respect and support for the process aimed at hearing victims and finding truth.

Sexual abuse by clerics has devastated lives of its victims and shattered the faith of many more. The shepherds of the Church must continue a path of repentance and constant vigilance. I renew my commitment to work for forgiveness and healing, while ensuring a safe environment for children in this Archdiocese. I continue to urge anyone who was abused by clergy to come forward, as brave survivors before you have done. Please join me in begging God to keep us united in His love and strengthen our commitment to our faith and to one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

  
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
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