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RE: Holy See's Report on Theodore McCarrick

FROM: Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

The Holy See (Pope Francis and “the Vatican”) has today released its report on the investigation into its knowledge and decision-making regarding Theodore McCarrick during his time as a priest, bishop and cardinal, primarily in (the Archdiocese of) New York, New Jersey and Washington D.C. It is a terrible reminder of the devastating effects of the sin and crime of child sexual abuse and the dangers of mishandling such accusations. We are grateful that survivors of sexual abuse courageously participated in the creation of this report.

As we seek to better understand the report's findings, we are reminded of our obligation to guard the safety of minors and vulnerable adults, as well as the need to prevent any abuse of power in the Church. The Diocese of Rockville Centre remains completely committed to these responsibilities. For a comprehensive review of the child protection policies and procedures that have been in place in the Diocese of Rockville Centre for many years, please click on the following links:

- https://www.drvc.org/wpcontent/uploads/Fact_Sheet_Diocesan_Child_Protection_Efforts_09_12_19.pdf
- <https://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/>