January 16, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you today to report on the progress of the Independent Commission’s review of the personnel files of the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

But first, to the victim-survivors of clerical sexual abuse, I want to say that there are no words that can restore the innocence that was cruelly and unjustly stolen from you. That your trust was betrayed by a priest or other minister of the Church whom you had a right to expect would protect you compounded the harm done to you. It is with humility, sorrow, and shame that I apologize to you, your family, friends, and community in the name of the Church for the grievous harm you suffered.

If you have been sexually abused by a bishop, priest, deacon, or other representatives of the Church and have not yet reported the abuse, please consider disclosing what happened to you. The best way to do so is to report it to your local law enforcement agency. You may also contact the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jenny Michaelson, LBSW, at (907) 297-7786 or jmichaelson@caak.org, and we will do our best to help you and assist with reporting to law enforcement.

On October 23, 2018, Archbishop Etienne established an Independent Commission to review files in the possession of the Archdiocese of Anchorage relating to sexual misconduct since the creation of the Archdiocese in 1966. The members of the Independent Commission appointed by Archbishop Etienne are; Shirley A. Coté, retired Anchorage police captain and retired City of Soldotna chief of police; Rachel Gernat, former prosecutor of crimes against children and adults and current attorney in private practice; and Michael Spaan, former United States Attorney and retired Alaska Superior Court Judge.

The Independent Commission worked diligently and professionally. They have completed their review of all of the files as required by the decree. I am grateful to the members of the Independent Commission.

There is credible evidence to support the belief that fourteen people who have served in the Archdiocese of Anchorage since 1966 engaged in sexual misconduct against minors and/or vulnerable adults. I am releasing those names today.

The list of names, together with 1) the Standard to Determine Sexual Misconduct, 2) the Standard to Determine Credible Evidence, 3) the Definition of a Minor, and 4) the Definition of a Vulnerable Adult, are attached to this letter. The Archdiocesan Review Board has reviewed the list and the standards.
The Archdiocese is aware that there may be other instances of sexual misconduct against *minors and/or vulnerable adults* that have not been identified in the Commission’s review or that were never reported. If additional information concerning allegations of sexual misconduct of *minors and/or vulnerable adults* are discovered, they will be reviewed by the Independent Commission or its successor.

The work of the Independent Commission has been an effort to uncover the truth. The truth is essential if there is ever to be healing for victim-survivors and our Church. The Archdiocese of Anchorage is committed to the safety of all people with special attention and care for minors and vulnerable adults.

Respectfully and sincerely in Christ,

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Bishop Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.
Apostolic Administrator of Anchorage
January 16, 2020

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE
CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

On October 23, 2018, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne issued a Decree Establishing an Independent Commission to Review Files in the possession of the Archdiocese of Anchorage relating to Sexual Misconduct. The Independent Commission was charged with reviewing the files in the possession of the Archdiocese of Anchorage of all ordained and religious men and women who have served on behalf of the Archdiocese of Anchorage since its canonical establishment in 1966. The Independent Commission was also charged with reviewing all files in the possession of the Archdiocese of Anchorage of any representative of the Church where the Archdiocese of Anchorage has received reports of sexual misconduct, including lay volunteers or employees.

The Decree required the Independent Commission to submit a recommended list for publication of the names of the individuals against whom credible allegations of sexual misconduct have been made as well as a list of names of those who have deliberately, or through gross negligence, failed to adequately respond to such misconduct.

1. **Definition of Sexual Misconduct.**

The Decree defines “sexual misconduct” as any sexually related conduct which is unlawful under the laws of the State of Alaska or of the United States of America, or the canon law of the Catholic Church, including the particular law of the Archdiocese.

2. **Standard of Credible Evidence.**

The Decree directs the Independent Commission to determine if there is “credible evidence” that sexual misconduct occurred. Credible evidence is defined as the available facts, when viewed in light of surrounding circumstances, would cause a reasonable person to believe the allegation is true.

3. **Definition of Minor.**

Any person under the age of 18.

4. **Definition of a Vulnerable Adult.**

According to the Holy See, a “vulnerable adult” is anyone who is infirm or suffering from a physical or psychiatric deficiency, is not able to exercise personal freedom even on occasion and has a limited capacity to understand or resist the crime.
5. Names of those who have been determined by the Independent Commission to have credible evidence of sexual misconduct involving minors and/or vulnerable adults while serving in the Archdiocese of Anchorage. (The names are listed in alphabetical order)

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St. Bernard, Talkeetna, 1970-1974  
St. Benedict, Anchorage, 1974-1984  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Anchorage, 1984-1990  
Sacred Heart, Wasilla, 1990-2000 | Sexual misconduct involving a vulnerable adult on or about 1986 |
Sexual misconduct involving minors outside of the Archdiocese of Anchorage |
| Michael Hornick                               | Archdiocese of Anchorage                         | Dismissed from the clerical state 2014 | Holy Family Cathedral, Anchorage, as Deacon, 1968  
St. Anthony, Anchorage, 1969-1971  
St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church, Anchorage, 1978-1981  
St. Benedict, Anchorage, 1971-1974  
Chancery Office, Anchorage, as Vicar General, 1976-1984  
Chancery Office, Anchorage, as Judicial Vicar, 1976-2004  
St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church, Anchorage, 2006  
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<th>Name</th>
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6. Names of those who have served in the Archdiocese of Anchorage who have been determined by the Independent Commission to have credible evidence of sexual misconduct involving minors and/or vulnerable adults while serving in another location. (The names are listed in alphabetical order)

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