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- Pastor -

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Dear Parishioners:

This is the last of these special notices about the list of clergy from our Archdiocese. If you have not yet seen the list and desire to do so, you may go to the Archdiocesan web site (www.archgh.org) and you will see the link.

Now that the list of clergy accused of sexual misconduct with minors is published, what do we do? First of all, pray for those — especially our precious children — who have been victimized by the evil actions of those in the Church. There is no excuse for such depravity, and clergy should be held to the highest standard. We should help those abused with counseling, love and respect for bringing these grave offenses into the light, at times at great cost to their hearts and souls.

At the same time, we must not allow the sins of a few sour us on the Church. I have said often that we must believe in God not men. Some have become bitter and even left the Church. Please do not let the sins of a few drive you away from the graces of our sacraments. Doing so only hurts our own hearts. Some have decided to cease any giving to their parish or the larger church. This only hurts the work of the Church's mission to serve the many who come to her for help. We minister to those in prisons, hospitals, schools, the elderly, immigrants, etc. with soup kitchens, housing, medicine, etc.

Satan, master manipulator, can mask himself in the garb of righteous indignation and we need be on guard against his temptations. Let us not give any more power to evil than it already has. We cannot change what was, but we can bring a renewed vigor to our Church. We began the rebuilding some 17 years ago with the Dallas Charter. We still have a way to go, and with the release of this list I for one believe we continue to be on the right track.

The work of the Church must continue even in the midst of crisis. The Mystical Body of Christ is called to love even in the midst of sin and failure. I cannot imagine saying that we should cease good behavior because of the sin of others. Let us rise up in a wave of great faith and holiness and show our world that sin will not conquer.

Let us continue to storm heaven in this month of February as the episcopal president from countries around the world meet with our Holy Father Francis. Let us pray that Holy Spirit will pour out so powerfully that the bishops will see a path that will lead our Church in the direction of deeper chastity, purity, virtue, and holiness.

We are into the building of our new Lady of Lourdes Chapel. It did not take much time to take down the old rectory and garage. In life we see the same phenomena that tearing down is always quicker and restoring takes much, much longer. New codes, supports, foundations, plumbing, etc. must be designed and built. Despite all these issues, moving forward becomes a task of love and generosity. There will be some major inconvenient at times, but we will get through it. At this point we are about 12 to 14 months away from completion, without any unforeseen complications.

Attention all adults who are baptized and have received your first Holy Communion — if you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, now is the time to do so. Please contact Laura Rivera, Director of Faith Formation to register for Adult Confirmation classes to begin in a few weeks.

Can one attain the fullness if not confirmed? Of course! On the other hand, why deny oneself the great gift of a sacrament? I encourage all in this group to make a special effort to get "caught up" and enjoy the many graces received from this sacrament.

Pace — bene,
Msgr. Bill