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Dear Monsignor/Father:

I hope that this finds you safe and well. As Bishop Gainer made you aware previously, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in February of this year. As a part of the bankruptcy proceedings, the bankruptcy court has recently entered an order approving, among other things, the form and manner of notice with respect to giving notice of the court-approved claims process for, among other things, the submission of claims by survivors of abuse. In connection with the notice process, and in accordance with the bankruptcy court's order, Bishop Gainer needs your cooperation in order for the Diocese to meet its obligations.

To that end, please:

- (i) display the attached Publication Notice and Sexual Abuse Claims Deadline Notice in a prominent location in every church, mission, and school within your Parish (such location(s) should at least include the location(s) in which you currently display information on how to report suspected abuse of minors in accordance with the Diocese's Youth Protection Program);
- (ii) publish the Publication Notice once per month in your Parish's weekly bulletin until November 13, 2020;
- (iii) have each priest within your Parish remind parishioners that information concerning the Claims Filing Deadline of November 13, 2020 is available at the posted locations around your parish, as well as by visiting www.hbgdiocese.org or <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/redh/info>;
- (iv) provide in a pinned posting a one-click link to the general proof of claim for and Sexual Abuse Claims Package on any Facebook or Twitter Parish/School account you maintain;
- (v) distribute the Publication Notice and Sexual Abuse Claims Deadline Notice via e-mail to your parish's e-mail distribution lists;
- (vi) Have you, or the parochial vicar within your Parish if you have one, read the attached letter from Bishop Gainer at a regularly-scheduled Mass at each church within your Parish at least two times, once in mid-June and the second time in mid-September, before the Claims Filing Deadline of November 13, 2020; and

- (vii) provide confirmation to me that your Parish has complied with the publication requests made in this letter, including (a) the dates of publication of the notices in your parish's bulletin and (b) a copy of each bulletin containing the notices. In addition, please send me a confirmation Letter listing the two weekends that the Bishop's Letter was read at.

It is of the utmost importance that the above-described procedures be followed and implemented. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danneker", written in a cursive style.

Very Rev. David L Danneker
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia