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Dear Holy, Good and Faithful Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish:

The Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province has published on its website a list of the names of friars against whom credible child sexual abuse claims and misconduct have been made. Credible claims against one of the friars on this list – Br. Raymond O'Reilly – occurred while he was serving in ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Br. Raymond died in Sept. 1995.

Although most of the names were already made public at the time the allegations were reported, this list reinforces Holy Name Province's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and safe environments for children under our care. It is the first time that the names of all Holy Name friars with credible child sexual abuse allegations against them are chronicled and publicly posted in a single document.

Holy Name hired an independent firm whose forensic review team conducted a third-party review of every Holy Name friar dating back to 1950. The published list is a result of the review, findings and recommendations of the independent team of forensic specialists.

You can find this list and a detailed letter explaining this process on the Holy Name Province website – where you can also find the Province's policies and procedures on safe environments and the protection of children under our care.

We ask that you pray for all abuse survivors and their families – and pray that all Holy Name friars will be examples of the gentleness and caring of our founding father St. Francis of Assisi and our loving Savior, Jesus Christ. Know, too, that you, your loved ones, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish are always in our prayers.

God bless you,

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