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Archdiocese Reaffirms Partnership with Law Enforcement

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 -- The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has the utmost respect for all in law enforcement. Many risk their lives daily for the protection of society, and we thank all for their service to our communities.

Some present the lack of agreement between the police report of the Santo Nino incident and the current recollections of witnesses as a “conflict” or “dispute,” which is incorrect. We believe that any disparity between verbal testimony and the written report is simply due to either misunderstanding or incomplete communication at the time of testimony, without attributing any malice whatever to authors of that report. We find it terribly unfortunate that some seem to desire to unnecessarily foment animosities when so much animosity and suspicion already exists in all corners of society.

Finally, it is wholly unreasonable—and wrong—to assume that the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, having dedicated so much time, effort and material resources over the last two decades to eradicate sexual abuse from its parishes and schools, and after having so much progress in doing so, would now reverse course to regress to the obviously futile, criminal and destructive (even self-destructive) plots to “hide” child sexual abuse. Rather, the archdiocese considers law enforcement as essential partners in achieving this objective, and certainly NOT as adversaries. Any efforts to drive wedges between partners in concerted efforts to eliminate the scourge of child sexual abuse are misguided at very best. -- END