



## **DIocese of SIOUX CITY**

*Office of the Vicar General*

To: All Priests, Music Directors and School Administrators  
From: Fr. Brad Pelzel  
Date: 21 July 2020  
Re: Suspension of the use of Music written by David Haas

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has received multiple reports of sexual misconduct by the popular musical composer David Haas. In response to these reports, the archdiocese no longer provides Mr. Haas with letters of recommendation or suitability. Haas' music publisher, GIA publications, along with Oregon Catholic Press and the National Association of Pastoral Ministers have issued statements that they were discontinuing their relationships with Haas, and would no longer publish or support his works. Mr. Haas has denied the allegations.

Our hearts go out to all victims of abuse and, as the legal actions taking place against David Haas proceed, we direct that our parishes, schools, institutions and other organizations associated with the Diocese of Sioux City refrain from using his music and musical compositions until the veracity of the allegations are settled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Fr. Bradley C. Pelzel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Very Reverend Bradley C. Pelzel, V.G.