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***STATEMENT BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
REGARDING RICHARD MEDRANO
February 23, 2021***

Richard Medrano, who most recently served as Campus Minister and Music and Liturgy Director for the University Catholic Center at UCLA, operated by the Archdiocese, has been suspended from his role at the University Catholic Center and all activities in the Archdiocese pending the investigation of alleged misconduct involving a female minor. The alleged misconduct was reported to have occurred while the minor was a Catholic school student participating in an independent choir, not associated with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, for which Mr. Medrano is a senior executive and artistic director. Mr. Medrano previously served in various roles at Archdiocesan parishes and schools.

The Archdiocese is cooperating fully in an investigation by law enforcement and is also conducting an investigation into the matter. If you have any information about this matter, please reach out to Detective Stefani Valdes of the LAPD at (818) 832-1707 or 34322@lapd.online. Dr. Heather Banis, Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, is also available at (213) 637-7650 or HBanis@la-archdiocese.org. Dr. Banis and the Victims Assistance Ministry provide support and resources to victim-survivors of sexual abuse by clergy, religious or any lay person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese takes these matters seriously and is committed to ensuring that parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for everyone in our community. For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: protect.la-archdiocese.org.