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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After thorough review of files by an independent party, I am publishing the names of priests who have served in the Diocese of Victoria, and been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor. The scandals that have developed in the Church since last summer have been a source of deep hurt, anger and shame. I've listened to personal stories of clergy abuse survivors, read many articles and books about the topic of clergy sexual abuse, and prayed to God for empathy into the pain experienced and insights for channels of healing and hope.

The jurors of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury offered the word "hope" in acknowledging one bishop who responded to their requests for an interview. They write on page 305: "We commend Bishop Persico for acknowledging past abuse, unmasking the abusers, and encouraging accountability. In his testimony we find hope." These three actions commended by our fellow citizens served as a guide for the bishops in the State of Texas when we were meeting to discuss the crisis in September 2018. At that meeting we committed that on or before January 31, 2019 we would publish the names of priests credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor.

Following the example of Bishop Persico the Diocese of Victoria is publishing a list, and I will be available for interviews by local media and organizations. Each of these actions is with the prayer that God bring healing and hope to deep wounds. May God bless you and your families, entrusting our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let's keep one another in prayer,

*+ Brendan Cahill*

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D.