

February 19, 2020

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, D.D.S.T.L.
Archdiocese of Seattle
Office of the Archbishop
710 9th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104-2017

Dear Archbishop Etienne,

Heal Our Church acknowledges your acceptance of its invitation to meet with some of its representatives to discuss our proposal for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Your letter of January 29, 2020 indicates that you share the desires of Heal Our Church to rebuild trust with the laity and to secure greater transparency in church governance. We believe that a mutual and sincere commitment to these shared objectives could transform this Archdiocese and serve as a model for others.

Our members and website have received an outpouring of support from across the Archdiocese and region. The communications have consistently reiterated a sense of profound incompleteness regarding the official church's response to the abuse scandal, as well as a strong belief in the need for greater laity involvement in the significant issues facing our church. Heal Our Church members are faith-filled persons who love our church. They see that church as troubled and want to find a meaningful solution. That is why we sought to have discussions with you towards achieving that goal.

I had reached out to your assistant with the hope of confirming a date in the very near future. Since there has been no response for several weeks, it seems appropriate to set a deadline. Unless your office contacts Heal Our Church by March 1, 2020 to schedule a date for the meeting, we will proceed on the basis that you have elected to withdraw your acceptance of Heal Our Church's invitation to meet.

Respectfully,



Colleen Kinerk