

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
Archdiocese of Seattle
710 9th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Archbishop Etienne,

We are delivering to you documents on behalf of Heal Our Church which is a laity-lead group of the faithful who have spent the past year and one half in prayerful discernment and active study. The focal point has been to find a means to openly and effectively explore the history of the clerical sexual abuse scandal in this Archdiocese so that an authentic reconciliation with those harmed can be achieved as well as provide a platform for addressing those issues of reform important to clergy and laity. Heal Our Church members include survivors, educators, elected and appointed leaders, law enforcement professionals and others.

The attached letter of support, Statement of Belief and the Heal Our Church website, healingourchurch.org, identify the key objectives. These include appointment of an independent, lay led Truth and Reconciliation Commission to examine pertinent church archives in order to produce a fact-based reconstruction of this horrific chapter of our church history. The identity of victims would be protected. Following the examination of church records, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission would oversee assemblies of the faithful to not only hear from survivors but to discuss matters of concern to the faithful as well .

Heal Our Church invites the Archdiocese to participate with us in this long delayed and critically needed undertaking. We ask that you meet with a small group of our representatives in the near future for what we believe could be a productive step towards truth, reconciliation and healing.

Sincerely,

Terrence Carroll

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Enclosures: Letter of Support; Statement of Principles