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Subject: Independent Reconciliation Program Report Issued

Dear Priests, Deacons and Seminarians of the Diocese,

As you are aware, His Excellency, Bishop Barry C. Knestout, announced in February an Independent Reconciliation Program (“Program”) as part of his promise to expand the healing ministry to further assist victim survivors of clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Richmond. The Program was administered by an independent and nationally recognized firm specializing in claims administration.

Today, the diocese published a summary report providing the findings of the Independent Reconciliation Program. The report, a letter from Bishop Knestout, and other details about the Independent Reconciliation Program can be found at <https://assistance.richmonddiocese.org>.

We ask that you and your staff please share Bishop Knestout’s entire letter and the website link <https://assistance.richmonddiocese.org> with your parishioners in an effort to assist in the updated communication of this Program. To help you with publicizing the information, Bishop Knestout’s letter and a bulletin announcement are now available on the diocese’s extranet for your convenience.

You can also find a webpage which summarizes the steps taken by Bishop Knestout to provide further accountability in our diocese. You can access the information at: <https://richmonddiocese.org/diocese-response/>

Please know of my prayers for you, for your parishes and communities, and for all the faithful of our diocese.

Sincerely in our Lord,

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