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Dear Ray & Ed:

May the peace of our Lord Jesus be always with you.

Thank you for your letter and your concerns about the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church addressing the problem of sexual abuse by clergy of children and youth and vulnerable adults.

Please know that most of what you are demanding has already been implemented. Most of the abuse cases happened in the 1980's and into the mid 90's. You perhaps know about the charter and norms for the protection of youth and minors implemented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the year of 2002. Since then there have been very few cases. Here in the Archdiocese of Hartford, we have had two over the last twenty years. Both have been turned over to the authorities, answering your important point of getting the police involved. Connecticut is a reporting state so we have to do that. Not only do we have to but it is the right thing to do as you suggest.

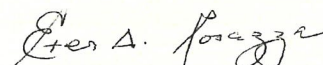
At our last meeting we brought up three areas that would help the public. We were told by the Holy See to postpone a vote on these questions but we did discuss them so that the president of our bishops' conference, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo could bring the results with him to the meeting convoked by Pope Francis of all the presidents of the Catholic bishops' conferences throughout the world to be held in the Vatican from February 21-24, 2019.

Concerning sexual harassment training – our clergy went through this maybe fifteen years ago and our training is ongoing. We all have diocesan review boards composed mostly of laypeople who have competence in areas such as law enforcement and psychology.

Please continue to pray for our church. This is one of the saddest times I have experienced in forty years as a bishop.

A holy Advent to you.

Sincerely,



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