

Bishop Daly's Personal Reflections in response to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report

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During times of great sin in the world, God always raises up holy priests and religious to call the world to faith in Christ. During times of corruption and degeneracy in the clergy, God raises up holy lay women and men to call the church back to holiness.

We need the laity to help lead the way. Today's statement by Cardinal DiNardo and the USCCB is a start towards the reforms we need to ensure that sin and degeneracy cannot flourish in the clergy, nor corruption in the episcopal leadership. Link to USCCB Statement: <https://t.co/eDQ5AAbRuL>

The Pennsylvania Grand Jury report is nauseating; the immoral acts of Archbishop McCarrick are despicable. The abuses wounded vulnerable persons in profoundly devastating ways, and the cover-up has harmed every Catholic by betraying the trust that they had in us bishops.

Words are not enough, we need concrete action to restore trust. For myself and my fellow bishops, I apologize for the failures of bishops in diocese after diocese. I look forward to working with my fellow bishops to establish a lay-led investigation into the abuses and cover-up.

Transparency is needed; what is needed even more are priests, bishops, and laity who live holy lives with integrity so that transparency is not an imposition but a welcome opportunity to witness to the love of Christ and His saving work in our lives.

I pray that no one would let this terrible crisis separate them from Jesus, He is the divine healer and the Good Shepherd. Let us beg Mary, Queen of the Clergy to pray for her priests and guide them to her son Jesus. That they may always seek to be shepherds after His own heart.

Most importantly we pray for every victim of abuse and for every Catholic who feels betrayed by the Church. Our Blessed Mother weeps when her children are hurt by the Church. Let us turn to her in confidence and implore her intercession for the healing of God's children.

Bishop Daly's Statement on Archbishop McCarrick



On Friday, July 27th, The Holy See issued the following announcement:

Yesterday evening the Holy Father received the letter in which Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington (U.S.A.), presented his resignation as a member of the College of Cardinals.

Pope Francis accepted his resignation from the cardinalate and has ordered his suspension from the exercise of any public ministry, together with the obligation to remain in a house yet to be indicated to him, for a life of prayer and penance until the accusations made against him are examined in a regular canonical trial.

I am grateful to the Holy Father for his actions. The credible and substantiated accusations against Archbishop McCarrick remind us that even bishops and cardinals must be held accountable for their actions. The sexual abuse of a minor is an intrinsic moral evil and a crime for all perpetrators no matter their state in life.

I also want to take this opportunity to assure the faithful of Eastern Washington that we continue our efforts to provide a safe environment for all minors and vulnerable adults in our care. To report any suspicion of abuse by any Church personnel please contact local law enforcement. In addition, Roberta Smith in our Office of Child and Youth Protection stands ready to assist in any way possible. She may be contacted by phone at (509) 353-0442.

Our Blessed Mother weeps when her children are hurt by the Church. Let us then turn with humility to the patroness of the Diocese of Spokane and implore her intercession for the safety of all God's little ones. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!