



Archdiocese of San Antonio

## Department of Catholic Schools

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Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, the 15 dioceses in Texas and the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter made the decision last fall to release names of clergy who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor and agreed to make public their reports by Jan. 31. Earlier today, Archbishop Gustavo addressed the lay faithful of the Archdiocese and expressed his regret and apologized for the failings and sins that have hurt the Church most deeply, especially in our most vulnerable members.

You can find the full report on the archdiocesan website at [www.archsa.org](http://www.archsa.org). There will be many news stories that will come out today and in the days to come. Archbishop Gustavo firmly believes that this report is an opportunity for deeper conversion: for God's people, for him personally, and for the priests who care for God's people. At all parishes in the archdiocese on Feb. 2-3, there will be prayers for healing the wounds of sexual abuse in our church and prayers of contrition.

As for schools, I can assure you the safety and well-being of our students continues to be our priority. We take seriously the trust you have placed in us in educating your child. All schools will maintain and reinforce our current safe environment procedures. Additionally, counseling services are available on each of our campuses. We will continue to educate our leadership to maintain an awareness of challenges and best practices in ways to address those challenges. We will learn from the mistakes of the past and listen to recommendations on how to improve for the future to continuously strengthen and grow.

Questions or concerns about the report may be directed to your pastor. We ask that if you are aware of allegations of abuse, please report to Steve Martinez in the Office of Victim Assistance & Safe Environment or directly to law enforcement.

The Department of Catholic Schools works closely with the administrators and leadership teams within the 38 Catholic schools of the archdiocese. They are wonderfully committed and passionate about Catholic education. I know that during this time the Holy Spirit is working through our Catholic school leadership, faculty and staff to bring hope for the future of our youth in this ministry of the Church.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in the education of your children and for the sacrifices you make in choosing a Catholic school.

May God bless you and your families.

Marti West  
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