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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We can never fully make right the heinous sins and crimes that have hurt so many. We can remain completely committed to being a part of the healing process and working with all our energy to protect our children from sexual abuse. To the victims and their families I apologize for the severe damage in all aspects of your lives imposed by this sinful and criminal abuse.

Today, I am asking you, the Catholic faithful, to face a painful reality with courage and prayer as we share the names of the clergy who have served in our diocese against whom a credible allegation involving the sexual abuse of a minor has been made.

A "credible allegation" is one that, after review of reasonably available, relevant information in consultation with the Diocesan Review Board or other professionals, there is reason to believe is true.

Since 2003, we have implemented throughout our diocese the requirements of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young Adults." We investigate every allegation. We have zero tolerance for this crime. Nearly 16 years ago, I established a Diocesan Review Board that reviews and assesses the credibility of allegations of sexual abuse of minors and makes recommendations to me. On that board are lay men and women who are not employees of the diocese and who are competent in fields such as psychiatry, judiciary, law enforcement and social service.

A context may be helpful. The diocese was founded in 1966. Every summer since 2003 the diocese is audited on our compliance with the USCCB Charter, and on each third year there is a more comprehensive on-site audit by trained professionals. Since the beginning of the audits, our diocese has received an "in compliance" determination each year. The last incident of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy that we know of and that has been determined credible occurred in 1994.

You can find additional information regarding the reporting of crimes of sexual abuse, the contact information for our Victim Assistance Coordinator and the names of the members of our Diocesan Review Board on our diocesan website. (www.dioceseofbmt.org)

My promise to those who have been victimized is my constant prayer and my work to help with their healing. I ask all of you to continue to pray for them and their families.

I also ask you to pray and support the dedicated priests, deacons and religious as well as the lay faithful who serve in our diocese and throughout the larger Church. Especially pray for those who pick up the pieces left by the damage done by those who betrayed our minors and those who covered up their crimes.

As I prepared this letter I was reminded of the Scripture from the Gospel of John, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

There are those over the centuries who have added their own comment to our Lord's words: "Yes, but before the truth sets you free, it will make you angry." There is truth also in those words for many of us who today may find ourselves angry at those who perpetrated these crimes. I pray that in time with God's grace we will be able to find the mercy to forgive them for the horrible damage they have done to their victims and their families and for the pain they have also caused the Body of Christ.

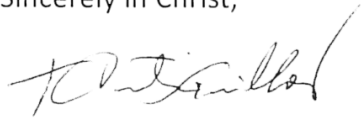
Finally, I ask you not to lose heart. Our Lord and Savior is with us just as He was when the wind and water rocked the Sea of Galilee and the disciples' boat.

I also ask our priests, deacons and seminarians not to lose heart, but instead to trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding them in their vocation.

Together we will pray and work for the purification of our Church and all who have been wounded by the actions of Her clergy.

May our Lord and Savior bless all of you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. J. Guillory", written in a cursive style.

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D.
Bishop of Beaumont

DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT
NAMES OF CLERGY WITH CREDIBLE ALLEGATIONS

Name	Status
+Ronald Bollich (Ordained 5-31-1964)	Suspended from ministry 5/1994 Deceased 8-7-1996
+John Byrne, SSJ (Josephite) (Date Ordained ?)	Removed from ministry approx. 1981 Deceased 8-18-2014
Dale Calhoun (Ordained 5-1-1968) To Diocese of Yakima Nov. 1976	Public priestly ministry revoked by Bishop of the Diocese of Yakima approx. 1986; no faculties, no clerical garb
+Henry Drouilhet (Ordained 3-24-1928)	Deceased 8-16-1988
+James Engle (Ordained 5-25-1963)	Deceased 5-16-1999
+Albert Geoffroy (Ordained 5-28-1965)	Deceased 7-6-2010
+Earl Mudd (Ordained 5-28-1960)	Faculties revoked 11/1996; no public priestly ministry; no clerical garb Deceased 1-1-2019
Frank Paduch (Ordained 7-29-1989)	Faculties revoked 10/2001; no priestly ministry; no clerical garb; Granted dispensation from the clerical state by the Pope 1/2005
+August Pucar (Ordained 5-25-1963)	Faculties revoked 6/2006; no public priestly ministry; no clerical garb; As directed by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 8/2007, must lead a life of prayer & penance Deceased 1-17-2012
Jude Sivcoski (Ordained 4-19-1975)	Arrested 12/1978; Pled no contest; deferred judgment--10 yrs. probation. Canonical Penal Trial in Diocese of Beaumont 1987-1989 with final judgment for dismissal; priest filed appeals all the way to the Roman Rota; Dismissed from the clerical state by the Pope 9/1996
Roger Thibodeaux (Ordained 5-19-1979)	Resigned from priestly ministry 4-1-2002; faculties revoked; no clerical garb
+Joseph Tully (Diocese of Rockford, IL) (Ordained 4-11-1925)	Deceased 12-18-1982
+Herman Vincent (Ordained 10-15-1933)	Deceased 4-21-1985

"+" indicates "deceased"

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+Raymond Woodka, SSJ (Josephites) (Ordained 6-4-1966)	Deceased 9-22-2002
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Served in this diocese and has credible allegations elsewhere:

+Rocco Perone, CSP (Paulist Fathers) (Ordained 5-3-1949)	Deceased 5-5-1992
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