



St. Bernard Church

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PASTOR'S STATEMENT ON SEX ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

I am sure many of you have seen news reports during the past week regarding the Grand Jury Report released by the Attorney General of Pennsylvania. This report has revealed sexual abuse charges brought against priests from all 6 of the Dioceses in that State. This report has provided a very sad spectacle of shame and heartbreak for Catholics in our parish and throughout the country.

The Church first and foremost must express its sorrow and remorse to the victims of these terrible crimes and the leadership of our own Diocese of Providence and every Diocese must be committed more than ever to the protection of our young people who are entrusted to our care.

Please join me in praying, first of all for the innocent victims of these crimes, that our efforts will help them heal and find God's love again. Let us pray also for the Church and for the priests, brothers and religious women who continue to faithfully serve, that together we may grow into the more perfect Church Christ has called us to be.

You can obtain full information on the policy our parish has in place for the protection of our children by visiting our web site (www.stbernardnk.org) and clicking on 'Forms' then scroll to 'Safe Environment'.

Fr. Jack