

**Dear Parishioners,**

**No doubt you have been reading about the revelation of the sexual abuse of minors by Archbishop McCarrick and an eleven page “testimony” by Archbishop Vigano, former apostolic nuncio to the United States, in which, among other things, he accuses the Holy Father of being part of the cover up. There was also a report detailing the many cases of the sexual abuse of minors over a seventy year period put together by the attorney general of Pennsylvania.**

**All this information can be very unsettling and stir up a lot of emotions, including anger and shame, about how our church is and has been conducting itself regarding the safety of our children.**

**A week ago I placed in the bulletin a copy of the letter by Bishop Vann addressing the issues involved what the response of the Diocese of Orange has been over the years.**

**A number of you spoke to me over the weekend asking me to address it publicly here at Saint Anne’s. This would be an adult discussion which I don’t believe should take place in front of our younger parishioners. In place of that I am sending you a link to a You Tube video in which Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, is interviewed about all the relevant issues. It is 24 minutes long and I urge you to click on it as I believe he does an excellent job.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncMEXr60AeI>**

**Throughout history, the Church has sinned and been unfaithful to our calling. By acknowledging our sins and repenting from our sinful ways, the Church moves forward and those who were hurt can be healed. Please keep in your prayers all young people who are victims of violence in any form.**

**Your pastor,  
Msgr. Mike**