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**Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Charleston regarding
the release of the McCarrick Report**

CHARLESTON, SC – Below is a statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston related to the Vatican’s release of the McCarrick Report:

“We understand the release of the McCarrick Report is another painful reminder to those who suffered abuse by priests or other members of Church personnel. Although we can never erase or lessen your pain, we pray the report will aid you in your healing.

“Initiating an investigation into and reporting the findings of Theodore McCarrick, his alleged actions and those who knew about them is another step the Vatican is taking to hold itself accountable, as well as those who have hurt our children and our youth. We hope this report is yet another brick in building a new culture of accountability and reconciliation in our Church.

“Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone was one of the first bishop’s in the country to publicly ask for an investigation into Mr. McCarrick. In a letter dated Aug. 31, 2018 to His Excellency Christophe Pierre, Papal Nuncio, Bishop Guglielmone wrote: ‘It is imperative that the Holy See take a leadership role in investigating the rise of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, despite the reported knowledge of his prior sexual misconduct and monetary settlements during his earlier diocesan assignments. It is absolutely necessary for all of us to know how and why this happened.’

“Ending abuse against children is a community effort. Let us all join together to protect the youngest members of our society so they may enjoy a childhood filled with love and laughter. We ask for your continued prayers for all who have suffered any form of child abuse, so they will feel the comforting presence of our Lord surrounding them as they continue to heal.”

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