



# Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

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Dear Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Catholic Schools Family,

With love and support, I am writing to inform you of the release of Bishop Shelton Fabre's Pastoral Letter, *Light in the Darkness*, and the list of priests with credible allegations of child sexual abuse in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. As Superintendent of Catholic Schools in our diocese, I want to keep you informed with the process leading to this point, as well as the resources available to you as we continue to work toward healing in our Church.

Please know that the safety of our children in our schools is of utmost importance to me, and I want to assure you that our Catholic school administrator-ministers, teacher-ministers, and staffs understand this responsibility. As mandated reporters in the State of Louisiana, those working in our schools and with our children in the diocese are required to complete Safe Environment Training. This responsibility is not taken lightly, and the diocese is committed to ensuring that our young people in our schools are in a safe and secure setting.

As Superintendent of Catholic Schools, an alumna, a parishioner, and, most importantly, a parent of alumni, I share with you the pain and grave disappointment this information brings to us. I am sincerely sorry for the hurt caused by those trusted in our Church, and I humbly ask you to join me in prayer for all of the victims, their families, and all members of our faith community as we turn to God for His guidance and strength.

For your use, I am providing you with resources to assist you as we work together towards healing during this difficult time. The following documents will be beneficial to you and our students:

- Questions and Answers Regarding the Release of Names
- Website Guidance
- A List of Listening Sessions that will occur in our future

I want to also assure you that our school families are preparing to assist our students and staffs throughout this healing process. Many of the resources they will be using are also available for you on the Diocesan website. Please visit [www.htdiocese.org](http://www.htdiocese.org) for more information and resources.

In closing, I want to thank you for entrusting your children in our care in the ministry of Catholic education in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. May our Lord and Savior guide and lead us as we work together toward the healing necessary during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,

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