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Memo

To: Pastor, Parochial Administrators, Parish Secretaries and Staff
From: Lois Locey, DMin, Chancellor
Date: November 5, 2018
Re: Letter to the Faithful, General Intercessions and Announcement

Bishop Soto is humbly asking the Faithful for their prayers for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the bishops, especially during the USCCB General Assembly, where they will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

The following attachments (in English and Spanish) are provided to assist you in sharing this effort with the Faithful. Feel free to use or adapt as you see appropriate:

- Letter from Bishop Soto to the Faithful
- Suggested Prayer of the Faithful intentions for Mass
- Sample announcement

Thank you for joining with me as we pray for Bishop Soto and all the bishops in this nationwide effort for prayer and reparation.



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October 31, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ:

On Monday, November 12th, I will join my brother bishops for the week-long assembly of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. At this meeting, we will make critical decisions regarding the scourge of sex abuse by clergy in our Church. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to act as vigilant guardians of the young and vulnerable in our Church.

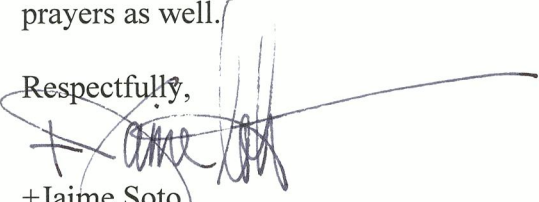
Each bishop must confront the past and the shameful history of priests and bishops who betrayed the trust placed in them by the People of God. Children and young people were scarred by horrible, wicked crimes committed by the very people they had been taught to rely on as spiritual leaders. We must seek atonement for these sins and work continually to be worthy of the trust of God's people. Only after such atonement can we expect there to be confidence in the measures we take to safeguard the vulnerable in our parishes, schools and ministries.

To prepare for this assembly, I ask all of you to join me in prayer for three intentions:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading God's people from all harm.

Thank you for your prayers. Please know that I am grateful for them, and that I hold you in my prayers as well.

Respectfully,


+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento



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31 de octubre, 2018

Estimados amigos en Cristo:

El lunes, 12 de noviembre, me reuniré con mis hermanos obispos durante la semana de la asamblea de la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos. En esta reunión, tomaremos decisiones críticas con respecto al abuso sexual por parte del clero en nuestra Iglesia. Ruego que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe para actuar como guardianes vigilantes de los jóvenes y vulnerables en nuestra iglesia.

Cada obispo debe enfrentar el pasado y la historia vergonzosa de los sacerdotes y obispos que traicionaron la confianza depositada en ellos por el Pueblo de Dios. Los niños y jóvenes quedaron marcados por los horribles crímenes cometidos por las personas mismas a quienes se les había enseñado a confiar como líderes espirituales. Debemos buscar la reparación por estos pecados y trabajar continuamente para ser dignos de la confianza del pueblo de Dios. Sólo después de tal reparación podemos esperar que haya confianza en las medidas que tomamos para proteger a los vulnerables en nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios.

En preparación para esta asamblea, les pido a todos ustedes que se unan a mí en oración por tres intenciones:

- Por la sanación y el apoyo a todas las víctimas del abuso sexual del clero.
- Por la conversión y el castigo justo de los perpetradores y encubridores del abuso sexual.
- Por el fortalecer de los obispos para que sean pastores santos que guíen y protejan al pueblo de Dios de todo mal.

Gracias por sus oraciones. Estoy agradecido por ellas. También tengan la seguridad que los tengo en mis oraciones.

Atentamente,

+Jaime Soto
Obispo de Sacramento

Prayer of the Faithful: Suggested Intentions:

For the healing and support of all victims and survivors of clergy abuse; We pray to the Lord:

For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of clergy abuse; We pray to the Lord:

For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm; We pray to the Lord:

For the Holy Spirit's guidance of our bishops in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church; We pray to the Lord:

Oración de Los Fieles: Intenciones Sugeridas:

Por la sanación y el apoyo a todas las víctimas del abuso del clero; Roguemos al Señor:

Por la conversión y el castigo justo de los perpetradores y encubridores del abuso del clero; Roguemos al Señor:

Por el fortalecer de los obispos para que sean pastores santos que guíen y protejan a sus ovejas de todo mal; Roguemos al Señor:

Para que el Espíritu Santo guíe a nuestros obispos en responder a la tragedia del abuso sexual por el clero en la Iglesia; Roguemos al Señor.

Suggested Announcement:

Bishop Soto asks for your prayers prior to the general assembly of the American bishops beginning November 12th, where they will make critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse.

Anuncio Sugerido:

El Mons. Soto pide sus oraciones antes de la asamblea general de los obispos estadounidenses que empieza el 12 de noviembre, donde tomarán decisiones críticas sobre la tragedia del abuso del clero.