

The Faith Community of Saint Sabina  
1210 West 78<sup>th</sup> Place  
Chicago, IL 60620

October 17, 2022

To The Faith Community of Saint Sabina,

I am writing to apologize for my actions yesterday during the 10:00am Mass. I let my emotions and concern for Fr. Pflieger overcome my good judgement and I regret that you witnessed my inappropriate behavior.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' child protection policies for dealing with such allegations are designed to respect all victim survivors and to ensure a fair and rigorous review of the facts by an independent board. Our archdiocese pioneered these processes and has applied them many times. It has responded to and reported every allegation and has put protecting children before any other consideration. We believe it has acted justly and has protected children and cannot let our personal feelings cloud our judgment.

Again, I apologize to you and to Rev. Michael Pflieger if this has brought more negative attention upon the people of Saint Sabina or has caused you to think I do not support our historically effective child protection policies. Only by following them can we be fair both to victims and priests so accused. I will persist in my prayers for The Faith Community of Saint Sabina and for all those affected by the crime and sin of sexual abuse. .

Sincerely yours In the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Tom Walsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "F" and "W".

Fr. Tom Walsh