



## *Faith Community of St. Sabina*

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### Pre-Statement Press Conference 01/07/21

Before I begin our official statement, we want to thank all of Chicago and throughout the world for the tremendous show of love and support towards our Sr. Pastor and the Faith Community of St. Sabina. This has been a very difficult week. On Tuesday, we are told that our beloved pastor had to step away from the church. Wednesday we witnessed the horrific actions of President Trump and his supporters in DC. If that were a BLM protest, I believe that outcome would have been very different, and not in a good way. However, Today is still a sad day because while I have heard many people denounce the events of yesterday, I have not heard any statements from any faith community leaders, especially those who still support Trump and Trumpism, denounce yesterday's actions. Nor have I heard any faith communities offering a word of hope, healing, and reconciliation to the hurting and disenfranchised people of this country. So today we offer not only our prayers but our commitment to the residents in our surrounding communities of Auburn Gresham to continue to be a beacon of light and hope to you in these times of the pandemic of COVID, the pandemic of racism and the pandemic of violence that still continues in this City.



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**January 7, 2021**

**The Faith Community of St. Sabina is in full support of Rev. Michael L. Pflieger**

- Pastor Pflieger is a fighter who is typically very vocal, however he is sensitive to the gravity of this investigation process. He has agreed to fully cooperate, and as the matter is being reviewed, he is not allowed to speak at this time.
- We boldly stand behind our Senior Pastor.
- We do not believe the accusation.
- Pastor Pflieger's 45 years of ministry speaks for itself.
- We hope that the investigation will be swift and impartial.
- We fully expect exoneration.
- We continue to maintain the ministry and community outreach that is the foundation of this Faith Community.
- We are people of faith and we stand with and pray for all victims of injustice.

While we greatly appreciate the outpouring of love and support from other individuals, activists, churches and community organizations, the following is a list our **Official Events and Activities sanctioned and hosted by the Faith Community of St. Sabina.**

- Friday, January 8, 2021 – 6pm – Community March hosted by Purpose Over Pain in collaboration with other community organizations (March will start at 1210 West 78<sup>th</sup> Place Outside Rectory Door).
- Sunday, January 10, 2021 – 9am – Boys To Men Standing Up Press Conference (1210 West 78<sup>th</sup> Place Outside Rectory Door) preceding our scheduled 10am Church Service.
- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 6pm – Prayer Vigil (St. Sabina Main Parking Lot).
- Saturday, January 16, 2021 – 12noon – In Honor of Dr. King's Memory a Children's Coat Distribution (1210 West 78<sup>th</sup> Place Rectory Door Entrance).
- Sunday, January 17, 2021 – approximately 12:30pm – Silent March around the church grounds (March will start on the front Steps of the church –Throop Street) immediately following our regular 10am Church Service.
- Write letters of encouragement to Pastor Pflieger and mail or drop off here at the Church Offices.

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