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The Pastoral Staff has just received news of an additional allegation against Fr. Pflieger. We are deferring to Fr. Pflieger's lawyers to respond to the allegations. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience. Our position has not changed, we continue to stand with Fr. Pflieger.

Statement on behalf of Father Michael Pflieger

Responding to a new false story that is being circulated by the Texas accusers' lawyer Eugene Hollander concerning a 59-year-old Louisiana man, Father Pflieger definitively states that this alleged incident, which purportedly occurred when the man was 18 years old, did not happen. He never touched this man in any sexual or inappropriate way at any time.

Father Pflieger remembers the man who was identified in this false report. During the late 1970s, the man's mother was very active at St Sabina's in the Women's Club and the Church community. He knew the man as a teenager at St Sabina's, but did not take him to Jazz clubs or give him alcohol or marijuana.

We think Eugene Hollander is desperately trying to find anything to help his dishonest clients get money from the Archdiocese. He knows that his clients are dishonest men and that their gross and false stories about purported incidents from more than 45 years ago do not make sense. They are wholly inconsistent with Father Pflieger's character and the recollections of the thousands of young men and women who have known Father Pflieger over the decades, including the accusers' friends during the years that these alleged incidents purportedly occurred.

Hollander has shamelessly used the media to smear the reputation of a truly good priest and advocate for his community in a sordid attempt to get some celebrity time on TV for him and his clients and some money from the Archdiocese. The release of this new false story on the day that one of the Texas brothers is being interviewed by the Archdiocese is not a coincidence. Hollander's initial client's blackmail attempt failed and now Hollander is trying to keep the story alive with allegations that even he recognizes do not constitute a legitimate claim. Any suggestion by Hollander that he or this Louisiana man are publishing this so-called affidavit "to do the right thing" is a shameful ploy for publicity.

If the identity and background of Hollanders' secret accusers from become public, people will know that they and their stories are utterly unreliable, and should not be believed.

Submitted by his counsel James R. Figliulo and Michael Monico