

His Eminence Blase J. Cupich

Dear Cardinal Cupich,

I respectfully request that you and the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review please expedite the investigation of the accusation against Rev. Michael Pflieger. A swift resolution of this investigation will allow all parties to move forward. Further, closing this matter will reduce the negative spotlight currently cast on St. Sabina, the community it serves, and the Catholic Church at large.

The Faith Community of St. Sabina is known to be a beacon of hope and service in the Auburn-Gresham Community and throughout the city of Chicago. St Sabina Parish and its outreach arms (The ARK of St Sabina Youth Center, St Sabina Academy, St. Sabina Social Services, St. Sabina/Stein Community Garden, and St. Sabina Employment Resource Center) serve several hundred clients every month. This high-profile case has the potential to hinder the services provided by St Sabina in a time of dire need brought on by the current pandemic facing the city and country.

The Catholic Church's long history with cases of this kind continues to be a source of strain to all, especially, victims of injustice, which includes sexual misconduct. A swift resolution to this current case will provide a sense of closure, and hopefully peace for everyone.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Signature _____

Name (Print) _____

Date _____

cc: Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review