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**STATEMENT BY BISHOP THOMAS CURRY REGARDING NEWS STORIES  
ON CLERGY ABUSE DOCUMENTS**

I wish to acknowledge and apologize for those instances when I made decisions regarding the treatment and disposition of clergy accused of sexual abuse that in retrospect appear inadequate or mistaken. Most especially, I wish to express my sympathy to all the victims of sexual abuse by clergy. Like many others, I have come to a clearer understanding over the years of the causes and treatment of sexual abuse, and I have fully implemented in my Pastoral Region the Archdiocese's policies and procedures for reporting abuse, screening those who supervise children, and abuse prevention training for adults and children. Again, I offer my apologies and prayers to all victims of sexual abuse and their families.

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