



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
August 26, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Clerical Sexual Abuse: I am so devastated over the clerical sexual abuse scandal that it is difficult to know what to write and where to start.

It is roughly 4% of the clergy, especially in the Dallas and Pennsylvania area, who have embarrassed the 96% of the decent clergy and people to no end.

The only explanation is that ordination does not take away the free will. People would like an explanation, and the only thing to say is regret, shame, disgust, and endless apologies by the Church to the victims. It seems to be somewhat of a sickness. However, only God can judge the amount of culpability in the predator.

When the news broke out in Dallas in 2002, and then all over the press in our county, the American Bishops formulated a zero tolerance charter of 2002. The Grand Jury in Pennsylvania studied so many cases in a total of 70 years prior to 2002, and since then, with the zero tolerance charter put into practice in every diocese, the offenses have decreased impressively. By far, the cases studied went back 70 years. A famous psychologist said the greatest motivation to stop sex offenders was FEAR of punishment when caught.

The charter of 2002 stated the problems with priests and deacons. It said nothing of the bishops, who simply changed the priest assignment and trusted things would "go away." When bishops protected priests they thought they were protecting the Church. Unfortunately, they should have been trying to protect the victims more than the predators. Maybe they were underestimating the huge

harm done to the victims and the harm done to the predator's own soul.

Today, the civil law and the Church are identifying predators of the past and their enablers with sanctions. An article in the *Washington Post* stated that for clergymen, bishops, and priests, repentance requires accountability and accountability requires resignation. The Pope recently asked for the resignation of five bishops of Chili. Every diocese has a diocesan review board to examine all accusations. Overseeing the diocesan boards is a National Review Board. Because bishops tend to protect fellow bishops, it has strongly been suggested that no bishop be on a review board when there is a judgement on a bishop who simply transferred a priest.

There is a great article in *Our Sunday Visitor* (Sept. 1 issue) on why a Catholic would be foolish leaving Jesus in the Catholic Church, where the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has been given to us, as seen in these last four Sundays in St. John, Chapter 6. Why give up Jesus in the Eucharist because of 4% of the depraved clergy? The whole issue should remind us to pray for bishops and priests and that justice be served.

WELCOME TO FATHER FRANKLINE: Our people have been welcoming Fr. Frankline after Sunday and daily Masses. He has made a commitment to be a "missionary" in a foreign country for five years. Yes, America has a high standard of living for us priests, but "home is home" for those who come here to serve, as we need "missionaries" with our lack of native vocations.

Fr. Frankline is the sixth child of his parent's seven children. He received a strong faith from his parents and went to the minor seminary for high school. Then, a year of spiritual formation. For the next six years he was in the major seminary.

Father was ordained on April 15, 2004, which means he has been a priest for 14 years. He

became rector of the minor seminary immediately. In 2007 he became the bishop's secretary and Chancellor. His next, and fast assignment, was being a parish priest and Superintendent of the primary schools of the diocese.

Fr. Frankline served as principal of the Catholic college until 2016. Then he became the Secretary of Catholic Education and the bishop's Master of Ceremonies. He finally arrived at the very top as a parish priest at the great OLS parish, Homewood.

I had to meet with the Bishop and the Personnel Board to plead my request for Fr. Frankline to come to us. Bo Lovell entertained Fr. Frankline when Father visited Fr. Wilfred here for five days. Bo made the statement that he thinks Fr. Frankline will be Bishop Frankline in his native land in the not too distant future.

We also must thank Fr. Wilfred, who found us Fr. Frankline with all kinds of recommendations.

Last weekend the celebration of 26 years of Perpetual Adoration was a great success. We thank Jesus for choosing OLS as the only parish in our city with perpetual adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and we thank the 315 committed adorers for this enormously great blessing to our parish.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

NOTICE: All individuals and groups who would like to speak after the announcements must be pre-approved by Fr. Muller. Requests should be in the Church Office no later than the Wednesday prior to the requested weekend. You will be notified when approval is given. This policy is to prevent multiple speakers, which is unfair to the congregation as well as the celebrant. **All talks should be no more than 2 minutes.** This policy was violated recently, resulting in the approved speakers forfeiting there

opportunity to speak. Most groups adhere to our policy, which is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.



Monday, Aug. 27	Special Intention Sp. Int. The Baecher Family Annie Diergo
Tuesday, Aug. 28	Joe Alfano Gina Fontana Duke Rumore
Wednesday, Aug. 29	Gri Cashio Sp. Int. The Dooley Family Annie Diergo
Thursday, Aug. 30	Dale Richards Annie Diergo Joseph Frank Smith
Friday, Aug. 31	Special Intention Sp. Int. The Yaeger Family Frank Diergo
Saturday, Sept. 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation William J. Stevens Joseph Schilleci
Sunday, Sept. 2	People of the Parish Annie Diergo Annie Diergo



Vivian Bonamy, Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann Huie, Melanie
Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth, Fr. John
Robinson, Margie Cole

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Wednesday at 10 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)

Sunday at 5 PM (Need Committed Adorer)

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule.

Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.

Altar Server Training

Four dates have been scheduled for altar server training for those in 4th grade or above. Each date for training has six slots. Please reserve a date for training that works best with your schedule. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Please schedule training by going to signupgenius.com, click on the "search symbol" (magnifying glass) and enter my email kentgraeve@gmail.com to obtain access to altar training site. Register by filling your server's name into one of the slots provided. For answers to questions please call 205-999-3474 or use the above email address.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Sept. 9. Our speaker will be David Anders, PhD. His topic is based on his new book *The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Our Lady of Sorrows Feast

Saturday, September 15

*Music meditation
at 4:30 p.m.*

*Benediction and Meditation on
the Seven Sorrows
at 4:45 p.m.*

Mass at 5 p.m.

*A dinner will immediately
follow in the Parish Hall at
6:00 p.m.*

**Everyone is welcome!
Join us on this
special day!**

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Youth Group Parent Meeting Sept. 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn where their involvement is greatly needed in allowing our youth ministry program to succeed.

Core Team Recruiting! Do you love the Eucharist and have a desire to share that love with teens? Please prayerfully consider joining the OLS Core Team! We are in need of men and women with strong faith to volunteer their time and talent starting this Fall. Please contact Ginny or Carol for more information.

Life Teen High School

Aug. 26th: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. in the youth room. Studying *Catholic Answers for Teens*. Join us for dinner and a guest speaker discussing the pro-life movement from 7-8:30 p.m.

Aug. 29th: "Summit" Scripture study! A co-ed Bible Study every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. Dinner included!

Edge Middle School

Aug. 26th: Join us for an Edge Night on Jesus' Early and Hidden Life: Royal Descent! We will grow in understanding about the importance of the Incarnation and how we can follow the example of Mary's Fiat. 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Blaze Bible Study for 7-8th grade girls: We are starting a six week Bible Study this Fall called "Discovering My Purpose." If you are interested, please email Carol at mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com. The study will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the FLC Library.