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Reverend Matthew J. Hillyard, OSFS
Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
8601 Wolf Trap Road SE
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Dear Father Hillyard and Parishioners:

I received my copy of your October 30, 2019 petition regarding the Catholic clergy scandal, as it is being called. In my role, I have received dozens of letters and many thousands of words of suggestions and exhortations. I am grateful for the work that you have done there locally. Be assured that there is a lot of information coming at us all at once and we have been working diligently since the end of June in trying to respond to all interested parties and to get the right allies in helping bishops and bishops' organizations to function in a way that better reflects the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your interest. I ask you for your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy L. Doherty".

Most Reverend Timothy L. Doherty
Bishop of Lafayette-in-Indiana