



## Fr. Matt's Musings

### August 17, 2018

I write in the wake of the report from Pennsylvania on clerical sexual abuse of minors and the failure of bishops to protect children from predatory priests. My emotions have ranged from deep sadness for the victims to great anger at the horrendous actions by those who were ordained to protect, shepherd and guide the young, vulnerable members of their flock. I know many of you have shared with me your own anger and outrage. This reprehensible behavior can shake people's faith and trust in the Church and its leaders. The actions of these priests and bishops can only be condemned, and I join with the voices of those who pray for the healing of the victims who are left with lifelong pain and the calls for accountability for the actions of the guilty priests and bishops.

At OLG C, we are dedicated to providing a safe environment for all of our children, and we will continue to work to ensure that our clergy and all adults who minister to our children share the goal to protect, guide and instruct them in their faith. We Oblates also need to be part of the process to rebuild the trust and faith of those who have lost those values in our clergy and the leaders of our Church.

Next week, we will plan for an evening to pray for the victims and also follow it with a meeting for all those parishioners who have questions or would like to discuss the situation.

Live Jesus!

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