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Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish:

As you may know, a lawsuit has been filed in Marion County against Harry E. Monroe, a former archdiocesan priest. The suit also names the archdiocese and St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, where Monroe served as associate pastor. The suit alleges that Monroe sexually abused a minor—referred to only as “John Doe R. G.” in the lawsuit—in the mid-1970s while serving at St. Andrew.

Monroe was relieved of his ministerial duties in 1984 by then-Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara.

Monroe at one time or another served in your parish. We remain concerned for all victims of sexual abuse. If you are a victim—or if you know of anyone who is a victim—of such abuse or of any type of sexual misconduct, I urge you to contact the archdiocesan assistance coordinator, Suzanne L. Yakimchick, who is also the chancellor of the archdiocese. Information on how to contact her is printed in your bulletin today. Please come forward to report sexual misconduct so that we may offer our help to you and prevent others from becoming victims.

Pray for all persons who are suffering from acts of sexual misconduct by those who minister for the Church and by others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Joseph F. Schaedel

Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

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