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Consistent with the Diocese's confirmed joint Chapter 11 plan, the Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy, on behalf of the Diocese of Norwich, recently sent a personal letter to each of the survivors. Below is a public apology acknowledging the harm that was done to them, expressing deep sorrow, and reaffirming the Diocese's commitment to healing, accountability, and the protection of all.

A Public Letter of Apology from Bishop Reidy to Survivors of Abuse

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

To all survivors,

I write to you on behalf of the Diocese of Norwich. I offer my sincere and deepest apology for the pain you endured at the hands of individuals who betrayed your trust and everything for which the Diocese stands. What happened to you was a terrible injustice.

Coming forward to share your story required immense strength. I recognize the long, difficult road you have walked, often alone and in silence, and I am sorry for the suffering you have carried and the betrayal you experienced. Please know that I pray for you each day.

Our Diocese continues its solemn commitment to protect our young people and to ensure that such abuse is never repeated. We maintain a strict zero-tolerance policy and have rigorous safeguards and training for all who minister, are employed with, or serve minors within our Diocese. While our policies and practices have changed over the years, we know that no amount of reform can undo the past.

As a Bishop, I will continue to listen. I will continue to pray. And I will do all I can to ensure that this sacred trust is never broken again.

While we cannot alter the past sins and words cannot diminish the pain you have endured, we hope that the resolution of the bankruptcy process marks a step toward healing. I welcome the opportunity, should you wish, to meet with you, to listen to you, to pray with you, and to discuss ways in which we might offer spiritual support on your path to healing.

Above all, I pray that you may know the love of God, who sees your suffering, knows your pain, and offers you the hope of peace. Please know that you remain in our prayers, and that your courage will always be remembered.

Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich