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Dear Pastoral Associate:

As you may know, the Archdiocese has been engaged in an ongoing mediation process to achieve prompt and fair resolution in cases of clerical sexual misconduct with minors. As part of that process, from time to time there will be announcements of settlements with abuse survivors and public disclosure of information related to their cases.

The deposition of Most Reverend Raymond Goedert, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, which was taken in November of 2007 as part of the mediation process, was published on July 21, 2009. We have put together information on the Archdiocese's approach to handling misconduct cases over the past several decades. This information is not a public document. It is meant to provide some background you might find helpful as people approach you with any questions. If you have concerns or questions, feel free to contact me at my office, (312) 534-8271 or [jcanary@archchicago.org](mailto:jcanary@archchicago.org).

Please continue to pray for the healing of everyone affected by the tragedy of sexual abuse of children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. John F. Canary".

Very Reverend John F. Canary  
Vicar General