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Dear Friends in Christ:

On Monday, November 12, I will join my brother bishops for the week-long assembly of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. At this meeting, we will make critical decisions regarding the scourge of sex abuse by clergy in our Church. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to act as vigilant guardians of the young and vulnerable in our Church.

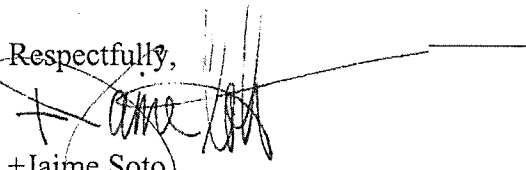
Each bishop must confront the past and the shameful history of priests and bishops who betrayed the trust placed in them by the People of God. Children and young people were scarred by horrible, wicked crimes committed by the very people they had been taught to rely on as spiritual leaders. We must seek atonement for these sins and work continually to be worthy of the trust of God's people. Only after such atonement can we expect there to be confidence in the measures we take to safeguard the vulnerable in our parishes, schools and ministries.

To prepare for this assembly, I ask all of you to join me in prayer for three intentions:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading God's people from all harm.

Thank you for your prayers. Please know that I am grateful for them, and that I hold you in my prayers as *well.*

Respectfully,


+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

Prayer of the Faithful: Suggested Intentions

For the healing and support of all victims and survivors of clergy abuse; We pray to the Lord:

For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of clergy abuse; We pray to the Lord:

For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm; We pray to the Lord:

For the Holy Spirit's guidance of our bishops in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church; We pray to the Lord:

Oración de Los Fieles: Intenciones Sugeridas

Por la sanación y el apoyo a todas las víctimas del abuso del clero; Roguemos al Señor:

Por la conversión y el castigo justo de los perpetradores y encubridores del abuso del clero; Roguemos al Señor:

Por el fortalecer de los obispos para que sean pastores santos que guíen y protejan a sus ovejas de todo mal; Roguemos al Señor:

Para que el Espíritu Santo guíe a nuestros obispos en responder a la tragedia del abuso sexual por el clero en la Iglesia; Roguemos al Señor.