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Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Concerning the Recent Report on Cardinal Theodore McCarrick

Today we received the Holy See's report of former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. Once again, the spotlight is cast upon the stain of sin of clergy abuse. This report, after a two-year investigation, holds the Church to a greater amount of responsibility, transparency and accountability.

Our first commitment remains for the care of victims with a great deal of sadness for past sins and a hope for a healing future. The lessons learned from this exhaustive study must continue to shape our on-going response to ensure we provide a safe environment for all people especially the young and vulnerable.

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