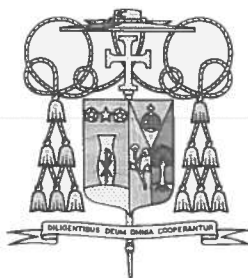


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November 6, 2018

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and penance leading up to and during the bishops' general assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

With my brother bishops, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting. I have chosen the days during the conference from Monday, November 12, through Sunday, November 18. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- 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 our sheep from all harm.

If you are called to do so, I would be very grateful if you would join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be extremely grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly so that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

Please know that each of you and our clergy are in my prayers also.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., D.D.  
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