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***Statement from Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
Concerning the Recent Reports from Pennsylvania***

Peoria, IL - I was truly saddened and deeply disturbed by the recent report from Pennsylvania of the sexual abuse of minors and the failures of some bishops to address of this crisis. I know that many of you share my sorrow. I stand with you. We also stand together in offering support to those who have suffered from these horrible offenses. These crimes harm the victims, weaken many people's faith, and hurt the entire Church. Christ is always the true Head and Shepherd of His flock and His grace alone is able to heal what is broken. I invite you to join me in offering prayers and asking for God's grace of healing, correction, and continued reform.

A close reading of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report focuses more upon crimes from years ago and less on crimes today. It also describes the handling of these offenses more by the Church in the past and less of the Church today. Since 2002 and certainly today, the Church addresses these matters in a much better way. Here in the Diocese of Peoria, priests, employees, and volunteers undergo extensive background checks and child safety education. We are doing all we can to provide a safe environment for our children to grow in every way and in their faith.

Please join me in praying for God's grace and guidance during this difficult time.

Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C.  
Bishop of Peoria

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