



August 16, 2018,

Dear Sisters, Associates, Companions and Staff,

As you may have seen in the media, a Pennsylvania grand jury released a report regarding sexual abuse by priests in six dioceses in the state. As a Catholic faith community we are appalled by the scope of the report and by the devastating impact such abuse has on victims, their families and others.

Some ministries sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy are mentioned as assignments for some of the accused priests.

The Institute Leadership Team, the Mid-Atlantic Community Leadership Team and the Transitional Coordinating Team of the Community of New York Pennsylvania West are deeply saddened and scandalized by this report. We are continuing to review the report and will work collaboratively with leaders, sisters and our ministries to keep you informed and to coordinate our response.

We are working closely with the Institute Communications Office. If you are contacted by media, please refer any requests for comment to Sue Carroll at scarroll@sistersofmercy.org or 301-273-9732.

Let us hold one another in prayer. Please reach out to leaders and each other for support. Join us in praying for healing and justice for all affected by sexual abuse.

In mercy,

A row of five handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: 'Pat', 'Pat', 'Judith', 'Anne Marie', and 'Aine'.

Pat McDermott, Pat Flynn, Judith Frikker, Anne Marie Miller and Aine O'Connor
The Institute Leadership Team

A row of five handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: 'Pat', 'Kathleen', 'Pat', 'Alicia', and 'Pat'.

Pat Vetrano, Kathleen Keenan, Pat Smith, Alicia Zapata and Pat Lapczynski
The Mid-Atlantic Community Leadership Team

and

A row of three handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: 'Nancy', 'Kathy', and 'Pat'.

Nancy Hoff, Kathy Wahl and Pat Whalen
Community of New York Pennsylvania West Transitional Coordinating Team