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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, a lawsuit has been filed against me alleging that I have committed a grievous act. The abuse of a child is despicable. This false accusation against me has no merit whatsoever; I have vigorously defended myself and will continue to do so.

As this case moves forward, I remain your Bishop. I will, however, temporarily reduce my public presence, as I do not want to distract the focus from the important ministries of the Church in South Carolina – including creating safe environments for our children.

I understand that these are challenging times for you, the faithful, and the coming days may be even more so. Please know that I am grateful for your prayers. St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston