



(HealingOurChurch Mass Presentation)

DRAFT of 1/30/19

For Delivery at Mass, by a Coordinating Team Member, on Sign-up Sunday

Good (morning, afternoon, evening). My name is (insert your name). I have been a parishioner here at (name of parish) for (however long you have been a parishioner).

I am here today to encourage you to sign up for “Healing Our Church,” a series of six small-group discussion sessions that will be held during Lent.

These discussion groups will be held right here at (name of parish), and they will be moderated by our fellow parishioners.

The topic of these discussions will be the clergy abuse crisis in the Catholic Church.

Discussions like the ones that will be held here are going to be happening throughout the Diocese. These sessions are designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy-abuse crisis. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called these parish-based small-group discussions “an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on the abuse crisis and to discern our path forward as a Roman Catholic family of faith.”

The Healing Our Church program was created by RENEW International, a Catholic non-profit organization that designed the program at the request of the Bishop.

Registration for these small groups will take place this Sunday and next Sunday (again adapt according to your parish process). Check the bulletin for details on how to sign up.

I strongly encourage you to consider joining us for what I am sure will be a timely and helpful series of discussions on this important topic.

If you are not able to be in a small group, I invite you to participate by offering prayers for the victims and survivors of abuse. I also ask you to pray for the facilitators and group members as they take this spiritual journey together.

Thank you for your attention.