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Press Release

Diocese of Baton Rouge

To be read at St. Aloysius Parish at all Sunday Masses

As your Bishop, with deep sadness, I must inform you that The Diocesan Victim Assistance Office has recently received credible allegations that in the mid-1960's some altar boys were sexually abused by a volunteer worker at St. Aloysius Parish. The name of the accused is Everett Gauthier, Senior (deceased). If you know of such instances or were a victim of such abuse, please contact Amy Cordon, Victim Assistance Coordinator, on the Diocesan 24-hour Sexual Abuse Hotline at 225-242-0250. The Diocese of Baton Rouge is prepared to offer immediate outreach and compassionate assistance.

To be read at St. Thomas More Parish at all the Sunday Masses

As your Bishop, with deep sadness, I must inform you that an allegation of sexual abuse has been made against a member of the clergy serving St. Thomas More parish during the early to mid-1970s. The victim is uncertain of the identity of perpetrator. This allegation is being taken seriously and is being investigated. Anyone having information regarding sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy during the early to mid-1970s, or any time, should call Amy Cordon, Victim Assistance Coordinator, on the Diocesan 24-hour Sexual Abuse Hotline at 225-242-0250.

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Bishop of Baton Rouge