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Mr. John Kelly
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for providing us a copy of the ChildUSA Report, which is based on a review of the written policies of all 32 archdioceses in the United States. We understand that the Report was limited in scope and did not consider all of the information we provided to ChildUSA regarding the extent and implementation of the Archdiocese's policies, procedures and protocols. Even so, the Report's gap analysis comparing the policies of the archdioceses in the United States is a useful exercise for considering varied approaches and which ones work best in different contexts. We appreciate the effort in this regard. Although we are pleased that ChildUSA found that the policies of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are among the most comprehensive of all those reviewed, we remain committed to continual improvement.

As you know, the Archdiocese has undertaken a review of all of its policies, procedures and protocols this year, which will involve external experts who have significant experience working with different types of organizations in the area of child protection and safe environments. The ChildUSA Report will be provided to the participants of that review process for full consideration. Lastly, and as discussed previously, we also will seek input from your Office based on its practical experience.

As always, we remain committed to working with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office going forward in our effort to ensure the safest possible environments.

Regards,

Tim O'Malley
Director of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment