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Via email C/O : daniel.hartman.ago.mo.gov

Attorney General Josh Hawley
Supreme Court Building
207 West High Street
P.O. Box 899
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear General Hawley,

I am aware of the public's requests to your office to investigate the Catholic Church in Missouri with regard to clergy sexual abuse.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis, during my episcopacy here, has always taken the protection of children and youth as one of our highest priorities. To this end we have always cooperated with law enforcement in any investigation into these matters and we will continue to do so. Last year, I instructed that a review of our safe environment protocols to protect children and vulnerable individuals be undertaken by a former member of the FBI with experience in this area. She found our protocols to be appropriate and robust.

I now invite you to review our files for the purpose of making an independent determination of our handling of allegations of clergy sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for all you do for the State of Missouri.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Carlson", with a small cross symbol to the left of the first letter.

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis