

Diocese of Richmond

Office of the Bishop

July 7, 2021

Scott G. West and Members of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Committee for Education and Action c/o 2174 Meadow Drive Appomattox, VA 24522

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I write to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter and your committee's additional thoughts on the subject of "complete transparency and full accountability."

As to your disappointment that "full disclosure is not being pursued," I feel I must disagree with that assessment.

Please know of my gratitude for all you have done to bring about a deeper awareness of these issues that ultimately protect children and vulnerable people.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout

Bishop of Richmond

C: Rev. James Gallagher, Pastor