

The Committee for Education and Action on Sexual Abuse
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
c/o 2174 Meadow Drive
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

August 9, 2021

Dear Bishop Knestout,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee for Education and Action on Sexual Abuse (CEASA) from Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Appomattox. Thank you for your correspondence dated July 7, 2021. We appreciate your response to our letter dated June 14, 2021.

Be assured of our confidence in, and appreciation of your diligent work to eliminate sexual abuse in the future. Please be assured that our committee is ready and willing to assist you, the Pastoral Council, the Director of Safe Environment, the Diocesan Review Board, and any other entity we might be able to help in some way.

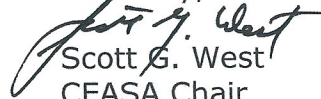
That said, we believe there is more to be learned about the clergy sexual abuse in our diocese. Our CEASA is strongly committed to our mission, which includes full transparency and accountability. We would truly appreciate any further dialogue we might have with you that could help us to better understand your stance on the issue.

While we recognize how busy you are and respect your limited time, still we dare to request a meeting with you. As your schedule would allow, we invite you here to Appomattox, or we would gladly travel to Richmond. Discussion and exchange always seem to result in clarification, which is what we are diligently and sincerely seeking.

We will continue to do our part to address this crisis in the church we all so dearly love. It is our intention to regularly correspond with you to keep you informed on our ministry.

Thank you for all that you are doing to protect our children and vulnerable adults. Once again, thank you for your response to our letter.

Faithfully,



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