



LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS

May 10, 2025

We are proud of our involvement and support in securing the passage of SB 5375 into law. We worked hard to raise awareness and to coalesce the support of a broad, interfaith coalition (Clergy Accountability Coalition), because ultimately, the issue of child abuse and its cover-up is bigger than the Catholic Church and so the solution must be too. It is the teachings of our Catholic Catechism, our faith in God, and our belief that all things are possible with the help of His Holy Spirit, that has carried us successfully along this journey.

Pope Leo XIV, as God's Shepherd, will seek pastoral care for all of us. It is our deepest hope and prayer that, under his guidance, our Church will reconsider its policy and support mandated clergy reporting of child abuse and neglect without exception. Pope Leo can change Canon Law, if only he chooses to do so.

We are grateful to the organizations that joined us on this journey and to the more than 500 individual coalition supporters who wrote to, called and gave testimony in support of this bill. We would like to give a shout out and our heartfelt gratitude to the ex-Jehovah Witnesses whose support, energy and knowledge helped carry SB5375 over the finish line ensuring that JW Elders will report child abuse to authorities! We are thankful to Senator Frame who was the prime sponsor of the bill, and to the many senators and representatives who co-sponsored SB 5375 and HB 1211.

KEEP THE FAITH

Jan, Lori, Mary, Robert, Sharon & Tim