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Dear parishioners and friends:

I hope to clarify the pedophile abuse scandal as it pertains to the Diocese of Oakland a little further:

The recent allegation from the Pennsylvania grand jury applies to the Catholic Church in that state. In Jan 2003 California enacted a one-year window wherein people who had claims against priests could bring suits even though the statute of limitations had expired. That period closed several years ago and the cases have been litigated.

While it's no secret the Diocese of Oakland made its share of mistakes the diocese has taken steps to right them as outlined in Bishop Barber's statement.

On a personal note, I grieve over the pain predatory priests have caused; I feel betrayed by a hierarchy who ignored the problem and facilitated continued abuse by not punishing abusers; I lament the lost good will and opportunities for advancing the gospel. It hurts when I must turn the other cheek for the Church concerning the abuse scandal.

Fr. Nick

"Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others"