

Dear Monsignor/Father,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share information with you as needed.

## **Ken Gaughan Sentencing Hearing**

Today, September 2, 2022, Mr. Kenneth Gaughan, a former employee of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, received his punishment from the court for the crimes he committed as part of his fraudulent scheme to embezzle funds from the archdiocese's Catholic Schools Office over the course of several years. We are grateful for the efforts of the FBI and the United States Attorney's offices in the District of Columbia and Maryland in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.

We pray that Mr. Gaughan's acceptance of responsibility will be a step toward healing for all those impacted by his crimes, and we pray for Mr. Gaughan, as well.

Responsible stewardship of the financial gifts generously entrusted to the Church is a responsibility that the archdiocese takes very seriously.

Anyone who may suspect financial or other misconduct involving any archdiocesan employee, office, or other setting is encouraged to make a report to the archdiocese.

## Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan websites, adw.org and adw.org/es, are updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Please see <a href="adw.org/coronavirus">adw.org/coronavirus</a> for information related to Covid-19. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at <a href="cathstan.org">cathstan.org</a> and <a href="elpreg.org">elpreg.org</a> for the Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office, please know that you can email me at <a href="mailto:FarrellT@adw.org">FarrellT@adw.org</a> or call my office line at 301-853-4507 or my cell at 202-531-4550.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

**Terence J. Farrell**Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia

