



Moderator of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Brother Priests,

Please see an announcement from Cardinal Gregory below:

I write to share difficult news about Msgr. James Montgomery, who served as pastor of Annunciation Parish from 1972 until his death in 2000, as well as Director of Catholic Charities from 1974 until 1981. After receiving information that Msgr. Montgomery's departure from Catholic Charities may have been prompted by allegations of sexual misconduct toward minors, I directed the Archdiocese to undertake a thorough review of these allegations. As this review was proceeding, the Archdiocese also heard from a survivor who reported physical and sexual abuse at the hands of Msgr. Montgomery at Annunciation Parish and School in the 1980s.

Having now concluded this review, we have determined that there is sufficient evidence to place Msgr. Montgomery on the list of credibly accused clergy, which can be found at <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/accused-clergy>.

As your Archbishop, I would like to express that I am profoundly sorry for the pain and suffering endured by those who have survived abuse at the hands of one of our clergy. Please know of my ongoing prayers for all survivors and their families, as well as for all the faithful who must endure the sting of this news.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is committed to providing a safe environment for all those we serve and to assist in bringing healing to anyone who has suffered harm at the hands of a member of the clergy, religious, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese.

If you would like to make a report of sexual abuse, please contact Courtney Chase, Executive Director of the [Office of Child and Youth Protection & Safe Environment](https://adw.org/about-us/resources/child-protection/how-to-report/), at 301-853-5302 or visit <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/child-protection/how-to-report/>.

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As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Juan Esposito

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia



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