

Dear Brother Priests,

I share with you today that, after nearly a decade, Ms. Courtney Chase has decided to leave the archdiocese to pursue new opportunities, effective today, November 3, 2023. We are appreciative of her commitment to the safe environment efforts of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

I assure you that this staffing change will not impact our ongoing efforts to ensure a safe environment for all young people entrusted to our care or the services and ministries that we have offered to survivors for many years.

Effective immediately, Ms. Nanette Lowe, Executive Director of Human Resources, will supervise the Child Protection staff and ensure proper coordination of the background checks process, the Virtus training classes and other administrative functions.

Temporarily, but effective immediately, Terence Farrell, Chancellor, will oversee the programs in place to provide assistance to survivors, including any financial support needed for counseling. We will also have dedicated staff available to ensure that reports of suspected abuse continue to be made in accordance with the law. We intend to proceed as expeditiously as possible to permanently fill the vital role of victim assistance coordinator.

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

