

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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Dear Saint Ignatius Parish and School Families,

First, on behalf of the entire church and school staff, we want to thank you for the many expressions of support over the last week. As you are aware, the allegations shared on Monday and new information today, are a source of anger, betrayal and hurt for all involved, both staff and families. When this incident came to light, we promised to keep you up to date as information is released. Today we write to honor that pledge of transparency.

This morning, Monday, August 5th, a meeting was held with the staff of Saint Ignatius, Archbishop Schnurr and Mike Shafer, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese. During this meeting, an updated timeline of events was shared that dates back to 2013. **Please see the attached timeline provided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.** We know that investigations in Butler and Hamilton County have been re-opened and are ongoing at this time.

As of today, we know of no other allegations of inappropriate texting or behavior other than the one reported at the meeting on Monday, July 29th. The teenager who came forward was high school aged and did not attend Saint Ignatius school, but is a member of Saint Ignatius parish. He felt uncomfortable about the text and informed his parents, who then notified the Archdiocese. No staff member at Saint Ignatius knew of previous allegations or was ever informed of any restrictions placed on Fr. Geoff.

The Pastoral Leadership Team and School Administration fully realize that one of our primary responsibilities is to keep all children safe, and we take this responsibility seriously.

While we know the information provided by the Archdiocese does not provide satisfying answers, we will continue to keep you apprised as information is released.

Please continue to pray for families and the staff of Saint Ignatius and Saint Maximillian Kolbe.

In Christ's Peace,

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