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Dear Members of the Faith Community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity,

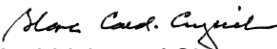
Thank you for your patience and prayers during the absence of your Pastor Emeritus, Father Dan McCarthy. As you know, late last year the Archdiocese received allegations of child sexual abuse against Father McCarthy. In accordance with our policies for the protection of children and youth, the Archdiocese Independent Review Board, assisted by our Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review and outside investigators conducted a thorough review of the allegations.

The Review Board has concluded that there is insufficient reason to suspect Father McCarthy is guilty of these allegations. Having given careful consideration to their decision, which I accept, I now inform you that I am reinstating Father McCarthy's faculties and his position of Pastor Emeritus with residence at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, effective immediately.

This coming weekend, as we celebrate Fathers' Day and honor all of those who have been fathers to us, I know that Father McCarthy will have a special place in your prayers and fond thoughts as you thank God for many gifts.

The Gospel next Sunday challenges us to not panic in the midst of storms, but to trust that Christ abides with us. Let us keep that in mind as we look back on how this past year has been a time of great trial for us all, and yet a time to deepen our faith in the Lord. Please know you will have my support and prayers as you continue to witness the presence of Jesus in your community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Most Reverend Mark Bartosic, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate II