

July 1, 2026

Dear Beloved SAC Parishioners and Friends,

Last Tuesday, June 29th, the pastors and principals of the Archdiocese of San Francisco gathered at the Cathedral with Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone and the Archdiocese's legal team to receive an important update regarding the Archdiocese's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Attached you will find Archbishop Cordileone's letter to the faithful, along with a Questions & Answers document regarding the proposed settlement.

The Archdiocese has reached an agreement in principle on a proposed \$395 million settlement to resolve abuse claims stemming from the past as part of its Chapter 11 reorganization.

This proposed settlement represents an important step toward accountability, justice, and healing for survivors. While no amount of money can undo the harm that has been suffered, we pray that this marks another meaningful step toward healing for those whose lives have been so deeply affected.

As part of the proposed agreement, parishes, Catholic schools, and other ministries throughout the Archdiocese are being asked to contribute financially in measured ways. These contributions are intended to help bring this difficult chapter to a close while securing legal protections that will help preserve the long-term stability of our parishes and ministries from future litigation related to these historical claims.

While this process will require sacrifice across the Archdiocese, I want to reassure you that our beloved parish, Saint Augustine Church, will continue its ministry and mission without interruption, just as it has throughout the Chapter 11 process. Our liturgies, sacramental life, outreach ministries, pastoral care, educational programs, and service to the community will continue as they always have. We remain steadfast in our mission to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and serve all who come through our doors.

I also want to be very clear about something I know is important to our parish community: this matter is not related to any current allegations involving Saint Augustine Church, our clergy, staff, or parish leadership. Saint Augustine Church remains a place of prayer, faith, welcome, and service, and the safety and well-being of every person entrusted to our care—especially our children and vulnerable adults—remains a sacred responsibility.

Over many years, the Archdiocese has strengthened its safe-environment policies, mandatory training, background screening, and accountability measures. These efforts reflect our enduring commitment to protecting those we serve and fostering a parish community rooted in trust, compassion, and integrity.

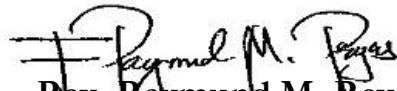
I understand this news may raise questions. Many are addressed in the attached Questions & Answers document, and I will continue to share updates as additional information becomes available and as the Archdiocese moves toward finalizing the proposed settlement and its Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Thank you for your continued faith, prayers, generosity, and commitment to Saint Augustine Church. Your support enables us to continue the mission entrusted to this parish for over 55 years: to worship God, celebrate the sacraments, serve our neighbors, and be a living witness to Christ in the heart of San Francisco.

Please continue to pray for the survivors of abuse, for the Church, and for all those entrusted with leading this process with wisdom, justice, and compassion.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymund M. Reyes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Raymund" being more prominent.

Rev. Raymund M. Reyes

Pastor