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**To: Pastors, Parish Life Directors, Parish Secretaries and
Parish Coordinators of Care**

**Re: Vigil for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – Way of the Cross and
Candlelight Prayer Service**

As Lent approaches, preparations are well underway for the Diocese's annual Prayer Vigil for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. As you know, one aspect of our Covenant of Care work in the diocese is to provide opportunities for reflection and prayer and this is one way the Diocese is fulfilling that commitment.

This year's liturgy will deviate slightly from the usual first Friday of Lent and will take place on **March 14th, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Family**. The liturgy will be a praying of the Way of the Cross developed for this focus, candle lighting, followed by hospitality. Please let your communities know about this opportunity to join in prayer for all victims and survivors of abuse.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Committee recognizes that the Diocese is large, travel is difficult, and people are not able to easily gather in one place for this liturgy. A suggestion from the committee is that all parishes, if they are holding Way of the Cross prayer on Friday's in Lent, are invited to use the liturgy prepared in your parishes. This way, the Diocese could be praying in solidarity together despite the vast distances between us. To support this, attached to this letter you will find a planning document and a copy of the leader and participant liturgy. Parishes who are not holding a Way of the Cross on the 14th are welcome to incorporate this anytime you are, during the Lenten season.

Thank you for your support in this important work in our Diocese. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out MaryLynn Kemp (Coordinator of Safeguarding) at safeguarding@rcdos.ca or Greg Chatlain at gchatlain@rcdos.ca or phone the Catholic Pastoral Centre Office at 306-242-1500.

Sincerely,

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

cc: Safeguarding Committee Members