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Statements

**Statement following U.S. cardinals' meeting at Vatican
to address sex abuse scandal**

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"I'm grateful the Holy Father has focused the issue of clergy sexual misconduct in such a serious and direct way. This week's discussions at the Vatican were a good beginning. They provide the foundation for a very fruitful meeting of the U.S. bishops in June. I think every bishop understands the urgency of addressing this problem consistently and rigorously, not only at the local level but nationally.

"This is a painful moment for all Catholics in the United States. My hope and expectation is that the purification we're experiencing now will lead to a stronger Church in the years ahead."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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