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Dear Parishioner:

I write to make you aware of a situation that arose late last week regarding unlawful use of images of All Saints Catholic Church.

Whole Woman's Health Alliance, in affiliation with NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia, The Latina Institute VA, and Progress, VA created a video in which sacred Catholic religious symbols and images of our church were used without my permission as a backdrop to promote abortion. The troubling video creates the impression that Catholic teaching is compatible with abortion, which is obviously not the case.

As Pope John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message." The Catholic Church is unwavering in its teaching about the sacredness of all human life and the need to protect and cherish it. We are also devoted to assisting women in a crisis pregnancy, and we offer hope and reconciliation with Christ to post-abortive women. These are truths that bring light in an otherwise dark hour.

All Saints Catholic Church welcomes and seeks to accompany any woman in a crisis pregnancy. This parish is a place where post-abortive women can find true healing and peace, knowing Christ forgives and offers hope for the future. Additionally, *Project Rachel* of the Diocese of Arlington is a resource which helps women find healing after abortion. Anyone interested in learning more can email info@helpafterabortion.org or call 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) for confidential help.

The Diocese also provides women facing unexpected pregnancies with material and medical assistance through the *Gabriel Project* and with help for those interested in making an adoption plan through Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities' *Mother of Mercy Clinic*, located in Manassas, offers ultrasounds to the poor and provides prenatal care.

I welcome anyone who is looking for guidance on or assistance with either a crisis pregnancy or post-abortive healing to reach out to me or contact one of the confidential resources listed above.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Lee R. Roos, V.F.
Pastor