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Dear Brophy Community,

I write today with a heavy heart to inform you of an impending announcement by Jesuits West Province. Under the direction of Father Provincial Scott Santarosa, SJ, Jesuits West has been conducting an investigation and will release the names of all Jesuit priests under jurisdiction of the Province who have been found to have credible allegations of sexual abuse against minors since 1950. According to a [November 9, 2018 letter from Fr. Santarosa](#), this disclosure will be made public on Friday, December 7, 2018.

All Jesuit priests missioned to Brophy are assigned through Jesuits West – formerly the California Province of the Society of Jesus – and it is through the Province that a thorough investigation and accounting of accusations has been taking place.

At this time we do not have the names of the priests in question, including whether any of them may have served at Brophy in past decades. Once we have those names, we will share them. If at that time we determine any member of Brophy's clergy or clergy faculty has been found to be associated with a past, credible allegation, we will move swiftly to cooperate with the investigation, provide evidence and ensure offenders are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Like you, I am saddened and outraged by each new revelation and disclosure. As Catholics whose devotion to the Church centers around our priests as our spiritual guides – placed second only to God himself in our trust and our reverence – we are profoundly devastated by this new information and disclosures that have preceded it from other parts of the country.

In 2002 – as it was becoming clear that sexual abuse by priests was not a rare occurrence but a recurring problem – Jesuits West established strict policies and protocols to address the issue, as well as an absolute no-tolerance policy. Anyone who has ever felt victimized by a Jesuit is encouraged to contact Victims Advocate Mary Pat Panighetti at 408-893-8398 or [mppanighetti@jesuits.org](mailto:mppanighetti@jesuits.org), as well as appropriate law enforcement and child-protective agencies.

You have my strong commitment that Brophy will be completely transparent in relaying information as we have it and doing absolutely everything we can to ensure the safety and health of our students. My door is ALWAYS open to you. Visit me. Call me directly at 602-264-5291, ext. 6248. Email me at [arenke@brophyprep.org](mailto:arenke@brophyprep.org). I welcome a chance to talk with you about how this has impacted your faith and your family.

Please join me in praying for healing within the Church and, *most of all*, for the healing of the bodies and souls of our precious young people, past and present, who have been wounded so deeply.

Blessings,

Adria Renke  
President