

Topic	Decisions/Responsible Party
<p>Discussion of recent developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pope Francis’s recent statements to the press re: Sexual Abuse of Nuns · Pope Francis’s statements regarding the purpose of the February meeting · Should the parish and/or the committee make statements condemning the Church’s response such as: “We condemn the past actions and cover-up. We are deeply grieved, and call for an examination of canon law.” 	<p>In response to the last item, Al read to the committee the following statement, currently on the parish’s home page: “The parishioners of St. Vincent’s share a deep concern over the crises of abuse and lack of accountability in the Church, and the culture that contributed to this terrible situation. Committed to healing, justice, and peace, we call for, and work towards, the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need.”</p> <p>We also discussed the possibility of adding a letter like this to the letters we would like to write and send as a group.</p>
<p>Partnering with E&E committee for speaker or panel on the topic of sexual abuse</p>	<p>Amber to reach out to Liz and Rita. Let them know we are happy to work with them should the E&E committee be interested in taking on this topic.</p>
<p>Communicate back to the parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Time after liturgy to let people know what we’ve been doing and to create an opening for interested parishioners to ask questions. · Write a letter and make it available in the gathering space – add everyone’s names on the committee. Will use previous letter to Dr. Ray Bahr as starting place. · Hope to accomplish both items in the next month. Letter to come first.

<p>Discussion of Future Letters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardizing methods for providing feedback • Involving the parish in more letter-writing • Prioritizing the list of letters below, and requesting volunteer(s) to take on next topics 	<p>First item from this section discussed.</p> <p>Amber will start a Google Docs folder and add the current drafts available. We will post future documents and will make comments for editing.</p> <p>Also discussed was Colleen's draft of our letter to Archbishop Lori regarding the formation of the APC.</p>
<p>Check Out</p>	

- Letter in support of the **Ordination of Women** (draft submitted by Maureen)
- Letter in support of **Optional Celibacy** (draft submitted by Maureen)
- **Letter to the Attorney General** expressing support of investigation, our hope that the archdiocese is cooperating, and our interest in learning of any misconduct even if it is currently unable to be prosecuted through the legal system. (draft submitted by Maureen)
- **Letter to the Archdiocese** stating that we understand that changes have been made, that we support them in their continued cooperation with the Attorney General's investigation, and that we are interested in learning of any discoveries of misconduct that such an investigation uncovers even if it is not prosecutable. (draft submitted by Maureen)
- **Letter to the Archdiocese** focusing on the more spiritual aspects of the crisis and echoing Pope Francis's recent letter to the retreatants.
- **Letter following up on the six packets we sent out several months ago, which have not received any response. - Amber to write. (draft submitted)**
- **Letter to condemning past actions and cover-up, supporting current steps forward, and calling for a reexamination of Canon Law.**
- **Letter to the Catholic Review**

Items for next meeting

- Format of requesting parish to write letters to be discussed first at next meeting
- Candle of Atonement to be put on agenda for next meeting