

## **Remarks Shared at Mass By Fr. Sibby and Fr. Peter -Weekend of Sept 7/8**

This year has been a very difficult and heart wrenching journey for all of us as we deal with the Diocesan-wide Abuse Crisis. So many of us are conflicted and trying to understand and make sense of this tragedy with the limited information that is available to us through the media.

As your priests we share your struggle to want to get to the truth and to be able to have faith in those leading our Diocese. Fr. Peter and Father Sibby understand that concerns over our current leadership situation can be divisive for many in our Diocese and in our parish community.

We remind you that in following our conscience we may feel called to speak our minds, and if you feel inclined, we encourage you to write to Bishop Malone, Archbishop Cardinal Dolan of New York, or the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christopher Pierre to express your concerns.

It is important to remember that in the midst of difficult times, we are all called to pray for divine wisdom and guidance, live by our conscience, seek the truth and keep our Faith in God; as we remember our long history of God's faithfulness to us. And we will do all of those things as a faith community; as we continue to pray for all involved, and stand in solidarity with those who are suffering.

Fr. Peter and Father Sibby want to **thank you** for your continued faithfulness to God and to our parish faith community. It is evident to us that the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst giving us the continued perseverance and compassion that is needed to weather this difficult time. We are incredibly proud of our St. Amelia family and humbled by your continued generosity, prayerfulness, and presence as we persevere through this difficult time together.

May God's Peace be with us all.

If you feel called to speak out and express your concerns, here are the addresses to send your letters.

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