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Statement regarding the Pennsylvania Supreme Court stay

Bishop Lawrence Persico and the Diocese of Erie did not seek a stay of the publication of the grand jury report, and thus cannot comment on the merits of the legal arguments of others. As demonstrated from the recent revisions to our *Policy for the Protection of Children*, we are committed to transparency.

We anxiously await the Supreme Court's decision on this matter, and support the release of the report which will give victims a voice. Until the report is released, we will continue our efforts to identify abusers and provide counseling and assistance to victims.

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