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Dear St. John's family,

As many of you are aware, on Friday, a social media influencer made a post accusing Fr. Roger Haenke of sexual misconduct with a minor. I want you to know that we on the diocesan staff are taking this troubling matter seriously and will cooperate fully with law enforcement authorities to better understand the situation. We have also begun proceedings under the Title IV canons of The Episcopal Church, which govern our handling of and response to allegations of clergy misconduct. You can find that canon at this website: <https://generalconvention.org/>

At this time, we do not have reason to believe that anyone in the congregation has been harmed, but we do not yet have all the information, and Fr. Roger is on planned medical leave and unable to respond. We will share as much information as we can with you as it becomes available.

I realize this information is disturbing and can stir up difficult feelings and memories. If you need pastoral support, please reach out to the Rev. Cathey Dowdle at pastoralcare@edsd.org

If you have information about this or any related matter that you would like to share, I encourage you to be in touch with Ms. Megan Callan, the Rev. Willy Crespo, or Ms. Meredith Hardy. They are the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego's intake officers for clergy misconduct complaints, and you can find their email addresses on the Reporting Misconduct page on the diocesan website <https://EDSD.org>. If at any point you have difficulty in contacting an intake officer, please call us at the Diocesan office at 619-291-5947 and we will assist you. We have given child protective services what little information we have, but I also urge you to report any relevant information to law enforcement in your community or to the San Diego County Child Abuse Hotline at 858-560-2191.

Until we have a resolution to this matter, Fr. Roger will remain on leave. Please contact the senior warden, Bob Dunn, with questions about the day-to-day management of St. John's.

Please pray for everyone involved in this situation.

Peace,

The Rev. Canon Gwynn Lynch
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