



Fr. Matt's Musings

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The Second Vatican Council stated that the Church is always at the same time holy and in need of purification. In the United States, the holiness of the community has been overshadowed by the revelations of clerical sexual abuse of minors and the cover up by some of its leaders. These ongoing revelations continue to anger, shock and impact the trust of many faithful in their Church leaders. Some have stopped coming to Church; others have held back financial support. Thankfully, so many have said that they still have faith in God. Still others have said that they are angry, but they are staying and will continue to come.

It is painful to realize how these revelations have impacted the lives of victims and the faith and trust of the faithful. I am grateful to all who have continued to come to Mass and to OLGc in order to pray to God, to pray for the victims, and to ask for healing in our Church and to support and uplift the faith of one another. Thank you for your ongoing support of me and the Oblates here. Thank you also for your faithful presence and prayer which builds up my faith. I think that our mutual support, open dialogue and actions to ensure the safety of all in the community, especially our children and our commitment to praying together and to being God's generous presence in Vienna will help in the healing process. Thank you for all that you do to make OLGc Parish a sign of God's holiness and a welcoming community for all who come. Let us continue to support one another and ask for God's healing of our Church!

Live Jesus!

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