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**Statement from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone regarding the  
laicization of Theodore E. McCarrick**

“Theodore Edgar McCarrick, former Archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., has been laicized by Pope Francis as a result of substantiated claims of abuse against minors and adults. Hopefully, this will bring some sense of peace to those who were abused by him.

“While this process has been painful for the whole Church, this action by the Holy Father was necessary and appropriate. I sincerely hope and pray that the investigation by various dioceses and the Vatican into McCarrick’s rise to power and authority in the Church will soon be completed and the details released to the public.

“I also pray for positive results of this week’s Vatican gathering of national Church leaders from all countries as they strive to address this scourge of sexual abuse.”

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