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Our hope is that the arrest of retired priest Paul Shanley on charges of the sexual abuse of a child will bring some level of relief and contribute to the healing of those who have been sexually abused as children and teenagers, their families, and all who suffer during this horrific time. The Archdiocese of Boston will continue to cooperate with civil authorities in the investigation of all such cases.

We continue to extend our prayers and support to all people who have suffered sexual abuse, their families and members of the community who are struggling during this difficult and disturbing time. The Healing and Assistance Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of Boston is ready to be of service to all those who bear the burden of sexual abuse of children.

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