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To the Church of the Resurrection and all concerned,

Greetings to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I look forward to my episcopal visit with you later this spring. Before we enter the Lenten season together as brothers and sisters, I wanted to write to you and communicate about a past situation that has been heavy on my heart for years.

Several years ago, complaints regarding Fr. Dan Claire's pastoral leadership at the Church of the Resurrection were filed with our diocese by a few of your former parishioners. The diocese, under then-Bishop Steve Breedlove, made an effort to investigate and adjudicate this matter. However, our processes, while well intentioned, were terribly flawed, and we injured both Fr. Dan and the complainants. The diocese subsequently apologized for these failures. We are truly sorry for all the difficulty we caused, and we have sought to remedy our safeguarding processes as a result.

Nevertheless, some judicial questions remained. So, in the end, we asked a neutral, third party to step in and bring a final resolution. Under the leadership of ACNA Bishop Ryan Reed (Diocese of Ft. Worth), it was determined that none of the remaining complaints against Fr. Dan amounted to canonical violations, but were instead matters of interpersonal conflict.

At that time, Fr. Dan offered his apologies to those complainants, and Bishop Reed brought the investigative process to a close. Since then, Fr. Dan has continued to pursue peace with others who may have been involved in the conflict.

The diocese stands ready to assist with mediation in this matter (and any other interpersonal conflict involving our clergy). For over five years, from the first complaint until now, Fr. Dan has been willing to participate in mediation with any complainants. To date, no complainant has accepted the offer of mediation.

Fr. Dan has my full support to serve within our diocese as the Rector of Church of the Resurrection on Capitol Hill, and in other capacities. I recently asked him to assist with ongoing expansion efforts, especially in the Church Planter Assessment Process. I am grateful for his ministry and for the vibrant witness of the Church of the Resurrection in our nation's capital.

It will be a joy to be with you soon.

All the very best in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Hawkins", with a large circular flourish at the beginning.

Bishop Alan Hawkins
Diocesan Ordinary