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To the Legionaries of Christ in the North American Territory

Dear fathers and brothers in Christ,

I hope our Lord continues blessing your work for the Kingdom. I am writing to let you know about an important change for our safe environment efforts. Since 2008, Father Steven Reilly has been the Legion's safe environment coordinator, playing a large role in the Legion's efforts to address the issues raised by the post-2002 abuse crisis. He has overseen three Praesidium accreditations, the ongoing development of our code of conduct, investigation of allegations, and victim support. I would like to thank him for his significant contribution.

Effective February 1, Father Frank Formolo will take over Father Steven's responsibilities and become our territorial safe environment coordinator. He and Father Steven have been working together over the last several months to help provide for a smooth transition. Father Frank will oversee compliance with Praesidium accreditation standards, the investigation of abuse allegations and coordinating the review board that assists me in assessing those allegations. Father Steven will continue to assist these efforts through consultation and assisting with special cases of victim outreach.

I am pleased that Father Frank has generously assumed these new duties and also that this will allow Father Steven to focus on his work as superior of the Rye community and spiritual director of the St. Vincent clergy therapeutic program. Please join me in praying that we can continue growing in our safe environment awareness and effectiveness. As the past year illustrated for the whole Church, keeping our apostolates safe for children and all those who seek a priestly care is a vital duty that requires ongoing vigilance and concern.

Yours in Christ and the Legion,



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