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Diocese of Knoxville responds to lawsuit Bishop issued letter to clergy, staff

KNOXVILLE— Bishop Richard F. Stika issued a letter to diocesan clergy and staff on Friday, July 19, making them aware of a lawsuit recently filed by Mr. Michael Boyd in the Circuit Court of Knox County and naming the diocese as a defendant.

A copy of Bishop Stika's letter was attached to the email you received.

The diocese is unable to offer additional comment until new information brought to light in the lawsuit can be fully and independently investigated, and the legal process is completed.

We ask that respect be given to all parties named in the lawsuit and that those accused be afforded the presumption of innocence until the merits of the lawsuit can be determined.

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