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AWAKE MILWAUKEE RESPONDS TO NEWS OF WISCONSIN ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Local Catholic organization welcomes opportunity for truth and justice

MILWAUKEE, April 22, 2021 – Awake Milwaukee welcomes the news that Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul will be launching an investigation into sexual abuse in the state’s Catholic dioceses and religious orders.

Awake Milwaukee offers a particularly important perspective on this news, as our organization is composed of abuse survivors and concerned Catholics who are working together to address the twin crises of sexual abuse and leadership failures in the Catholic Church. In the coming weeks Awake will:

- provide information and resources to Catholic parishes and leaders
- create spaces for concerned Catholics to understand and discuss this news
- encourage survivors and others who have information to come forward to aid the investigation

Executive Director Sara Larson says, “As committed Catholics, we are heartbroken and outraged over the abuse that has taken place in our Church, and we welcome the opportunity to better understand what has happened in the past – and what is happening today. While we recognize that the process and findings of this investigation may be painful for Catholics, we believe that transformation and healing are only possible when we know the whole truth. Our Catholic faith compels us to work for justice and act in solidarity with those who are suffering, so we stand with all victim-survivors and every person who has been harmed by abuse in our Church.”