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A Statement from Colorado Vincentian Volunteers Regarding “Fr. Woody’s House”

Tuesday morning, with the publication of the *Roman Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse of Children in Colorado from 1950 to 2020, Special Master’s Supplemental Report, December 1, 2020* by the Office of the Colorado Attorney General, Colorado Vincentian Volunteers (“CVV”) first learned of multiple, credible accusations of sexual abuse perpetrated by Rev. Charles Woodrich, commonly known as “Fr. Woody.” Several years ago, in recognition of Fr. Woody’s service to the poor and homeless of Denver, a mission consistent with CVV’s mission, CVV named one of its properties “Fr. Woody’s House,” more commonly known as “WoHo.” Let there be no mistake that CVV stands in solidarity with and in support of all survivors of sexual abuse.

In light of this information and in response, the Board of Directors of CVV immediately removes the name “Fr. Woody’s House” from one of our properties and further removes Fr. Woody from any of our materials. In the months ahead, we will invite our community to be involved in a process for a new naming of the home.

The Staff and Board of CVV are devastated and disheartened to learn of these acts. We hold in prayer all who have been harmed by acts of abuse and violence, and we are committed to a future of reconciliation and hope as a community.

