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Pastor's Message - August 26, 2018

The whole Church has been rocked with the Pennsylvania scandal. Please read the Holy Father, Bishop Olmsted, and Fr. Provincial (Scott Santarosa)'s letters on our SFX Website.

Bishop Barron's homily for Tuesday, August 21, gives us hope for a path forward.

When we fail on the spiritual path, we must become, like Bartimaeus, beggars. When we stumble . . . We must once again cry out, "*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,*" relying not on our own powers but on God.

Thérèse of Lisieux commented that (among spiritual giants) she felt like a little helpless child, lifting her arms up and begging to be carried. The heavenly Father, like any good parent, could hardly resist such a sight, and thus she found herself lifted higher than the spiritual "giants."

We have stumbled grievously as Church. Let us pray for the humility to raise up our arms like a helpless child for God to carry us forward. *Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.*

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George V. Wanser S.J." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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