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STATEMENT REGARDING ARCHBISHOP JOHN NIENSTEDT March 11, 2014

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis appreciates today's announcement by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office that they have declined to file charges against Archbishop Nienstedt. As a result of today's announcement, the archbishop will now resume all of his public ministry duties.

"I am thankful to the Saint Paul Police for their thorough investigation, as well as to the Ramsey County Attorney's office for their professional work regarding this matter. I look forward to returning to public ministry during this Lenten season, especially during Holy Week and the great feast of Easter," Archbishop Nienstedt said. "While I look forward to my return to public ministry, I remain committed to the ongoing work needed to provide safe environments for all children and youth. I continue to offer my prayers for all victims, their families and their communities, as well as to all who have been harmed by clergy sexual abuse. I once again offer my apology to all who have been affected by these terrible offenses."

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse in Church ministry, you are urged to call the police or other civil authorities. You are also invited to call the archdiocese's Director of Advocacy and Victim Assistance at 651-291-4497.

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