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Following is a letter that was mailed anonymously to quite a few residents of Geneva in 2004.

Recipients of this letter included members of the choir, employees of the parish/school, and other parishioners who had publicly called for better handling of the abuse allegations and other parish matters.

Pastor Jarmoluk was made aware of this letter. He admitted that he had already known about it. He, however, refused to take any action to advise and instruct his parishioners to refrain from sending anonymous letters such as this to other parishioners.

True Repentance

"Repentance is an appeal to the deepest mystery of the creative power of God. The merely "ethical" is swallowed up in the ineffable life of the Holy One. Repentance does not cover up sin. On the contrary, repentance is truth. It tries to see things as they really are. The forbidding and frightening element in sin has no part in repentance. Fear is a byproduct of sin and can only confuse genuine repentance. Repentance seeks to know the truth. And with the truth of what he has done, man comes to God and says: "I am guilty before you. I admit it. **You are the judge.** I come before you, against myself. I desire you. I want your will to be done, for you are holy. You are in the right against me. I love you. I judge myself as you judge me. But you are love, and I appeal to this love. With all that I am, I give myself to the mystery of your love. I have no desire to evade the severity of your judgment. But you are the God of Grace! These things are beyond the power of the mind to understand. But the heart understands and knows.

Human repentance corresponds to divine forgiveness. To the living God who is able to forgive, there corresponds the man of living faith who is able to repent. Both constitute a single mystery of holy life.

Repentance is itself a gift. When man come to God with his repentance, the living God is already in him and has given him repentance. Something has not been merely covered up: I have been born again. I begin again."* I can bring new life and cease to be destructive.

*Msgr. Romano Guardini (+1968) was an Italian priest and a renowned theologian and writer.

If one's thoughts, words, and actions are not firmly grounded in the CHARITY that Jesus speaks of in the gospel, then they have no Christian value. They are sinful. When we chose sin, we diminish the life of God within ourselves and within our world.

There are many who are quietly praying for your repentance; that you will turn away from your destructive behavior as it affects our pastor, our principal, and the ministries of our parish. I promise that I will continue to pray for you for as long as is necessary.

Righteousness belongs only to the LORD!