

## Place focus where it belongs.

To the Editor:

I read with interest the comments from the Rockford Diocese, the pastor, Geneva's mayor and parishioners of St. Peter Parish in Geneva about the need for healing following the plea acceptance of Mr. Campobello.

The focus seemed to be the need for the parish to heal, but what about the focus being upon the victims? Picture them as your daughters, your sisters. Think about their need for healing. Perhaps it began when Mr. Campobello said aloud in court that he was guilty. Perhaps it can begin when they hear the click of the handcuffs on May 28 when he is taken into custody. Think of the nightmare that each of them and their families has had to live with.

Did anyone reach out to the girls? How many of you doubted their assertions? Have you said you were sorry? Have you offered support?

The parish was not abused; the victims were young girls preyed upon by an authority figure who happened to live at St. Peter's. Let's begin our focus where it belongs. Only then will healing happen.

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