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Statement regarding David Haas Music

Recently we have been made aware of credible allegations of abuse brought against composer David Haas. In conjunction with the Archdiocese of St. Paul Minneapolis and Diocese of St. Cloud, at this time we have made the decision to discontinue using his music in our liturgies unless the allegations are retracted or proven to be without merit. We recognize the harm that has been alleged and want to stand with victims of abuse. For more information please see below.

Many of us love the music David Haas composed and will miss using it at liturgies. At the same time we recognize that other songs can meet the same theological and musical needs. Removing Haas' music from our repertoire is sad, but it is one way we can help to shoulder some of the pain felt by victims. The Archbishop has encouraged pastors, principals, and leaders of other Catholic institutions to consider the sensitivities involved with using Haas' music in liturgies or other parish or school events, and to take appropriate steps to fully support those who have been harmed by sexual assault or abuse.

Some of the music includes:

Blest Are They	We Have Been Told
Holy Is Your Name	We Will Rise Again
You Are Mine	Table Song
If Today you Hear God's Voice	Jesus, Heal Us
Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled	Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name
Child of Mercy	Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light
Jesus, Come to Us	Send Us Your Spirit
We Are Called	Morning Hymn
Saints of God/Song of Farewell	Deep Within
Now We Remain	

This is by no means a complete list of his music. If you have questions please ask.

Sincerely,

Sarah Woeste
Director of Music & Liturgy

Diocese of St. Cloud statement - July 31, 2020

David Haas: In recent weeks, allegations have surfaced that liturgical composer/musician David Haas engaged in inappropriate conduct with several women. In light of this, I have decided that we will not use Haas' compositions at diocesan liturgies or events. I leave it up to you as pastors, in consultation with your liturgists, to make a decision about using

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his music in your parish(es)/ACCs. However, please be mindful of the sensitivities of using Haas' music for any parish or school events and make decisions that are supportive of victims/survivors of sexual misconduct. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, his home archdiocese, also has decided not to use Haas' composition at any archdiocesan Masses or events.

For more information please see:

[Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis Statement](#)

[Archdiocese Additional Statement regarding David Haas](#)

[GIA Publications](#)

[National Catholic Reporter](#)

[Catholic News Agency](#)