

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Fifth Avenue • New York City

Frequently Asked Questions:

What will be the scope of T&M's investigation?

- T&M's investigation will likely include interviews and a review of a variety of documents, including documents provided by the school and others.

Will their findings be made public?

- We expect to share T&M's findings after they complete their investigation.

Why did Saint Thomas decide to launch an investigation now?

- We initiated the investigation after we became aware of the allegations discussed in the community letter.
- This is a deeply disturbing issue that has affected schools and religious organizations across the country and we felt a responsibility to investigate and address it directly and with transparency.

Have you been in touch with law enforcement regarding these incidents?

- Yes, we have reported all known incidents to the relevant authorities.
- We will do everything within our power to ensure the safety of any other children who may have been exposed to harm.

How do I come forward with information about sexual misconduct at Saint Thomas?

- If anyone wishes to come forward with information regarding sexual misconduct at Saint Thomas, they may reach out to T&M at SaintThomas@tmusalic.com or (646) 445-7748.

What are you doing to protect children now?

- We are committed to creating a safe environment for children. We follow best practices. You can see our safeguarding policies on the Saint Thomas Church and Choir School websites.
- A year before this investigation even started, the Church and Choir School reviewed our safeguarding policies. As part of that review, we also invited the independent firm *Praesidium* to undertake a thorough review of historic church and school personnel files to confirm there were not additional indications of safety and abuse issues.
- The Choir School is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS). It is, therefore, governed by further policies pertinent to the unique needs of a boarding school, and participates in reaccreditation reporting processes and visits from NYSAIS every five years.

If you are affected in any way by this letter and need care, what should you do?

- Please contact Mo. Turner, who will discuss care options with you. She can be reached at aturner@saintthomaschurch.org or at 917-674-1899.
- If you have any other information to share related to the inquiry, please contact T&M.