

2003 Accountability Report

From Archbishop Kelly

Since the U.S. Bishops' meeting in June of 2002, we have implemented the provisions of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in our diocese. This implementation includes:

- Sexual Abuse Policies — Archdiocesan policies, first drafted in 1993, were revised to conform to the Charter.
- Review Board — The Archdiocese of Louisville Sexual Abuse Review Board has been meeting regularly since its appointment in August of 2002.
- Victim Assistance — We have appointed two victim assistance coordinators: Dr. Tom Robbins, Ph.D., and Ms. Brenda Marshall, MSSW.
- Priest Assignments — All priests who have a substantiated accusation of abuse – past or present – have been permanently removed from public ministry.
- Reporting and Criminal Investigations — All cases of childhood sexual abuse are reported to the authorities, and we cooperate with the civil authorities on investigations.
- Safe environment programs — A comprehensive safe environment training program was developed and training will begin in fall, 2003.

We have pledged to be accountable about how funds have been used to address the problem of sexual abuse. The expenditures listed below reflect funds that the Archdiocese was committed to pay as of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2003.

SEXUAL ABUSE EXPENDITURES

Counseling fees	\$ 42,140
Settlements for Victims ¹	26,205,772
Legal Fees	1,385,372
Communications/Public Relations	<u>27,457</u>
Sub-Total	\$27,660,741
Accused Priests ²	<u>172,502</u>
Total	\$27,833,243

¹ The settlement figure includes the \$25.7 million settlement for 243 victims that was paid in July, 2003; settlements in individual cases; and reimbursements for counseling and medical costs of victims/survivors.

² Costs include payroll, housing, and medical expenses for accused priests.