

## Archdiocesan Response to Sexual Abuse

*The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* provides a comprehensive framework for addressing allegations of sexual abuse and for creating safe environments in parishes and schools, and it directs all sexual abuse policies and procedures in the Archdiocese of Louisville. In August of 2011, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited our diocese for the eighth time and as was determined in each previous audit, the Archdiocese of Louisville was found to be fully compliant with all elements of the Charter with no required changes or recommendations for changes.

### Prevention/Education

- 3,122 employees and volunteers participated in safe environment training during the past fiscal year. Forty-six workshops were offered this past year and continue to be offered each month throughout the Archdiocese.
- For Sexual Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Archdiocese ran a full page ad several times in *The Courier-Journal* and *The Record*. This ad outlined the steps adults can take to prevent and address sexual abuse and thanked community agencies who serve families and children in this area.
- All parishes and schools were audited, and all updated the comprehensive database that tracks criminal background records checks and verification of attendance at safe environment training sessions for all employees and volunteers who work with children and youth.
- Extensive information is online to provide information on child abuse prevention, resources for parents, safe environment programs, and other materials. See [archlou.org/restoringtrust](http://archlou.org/restoringtrust).
- Presentations and workshops on sexual abuse and related issues are offered to parishes and other organizations as requested.

### Sexual Abuse Review Board

- The Review Board reviews past and present cases and monitors the implementation of our sexual abuse policies.

### Victim Assistance and Outreach

- The victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Tom Robbins, meets and assists victims/survivors. He can be reached by calling 502/636-1044 or emailing [trobbs@archlou.org](mailto:trobbs@archlou.org). The Archdiocese continues to offer counseling assistance and other support to victims/survivors.

### Cooperation with Civil Authorities

- Any report or suspicion of child abuse is reported immediately to civil authorities, and the Archdiocese cooperates fully with any investigation.

### Sexual Abuse Expenditures

We pledge to be accountable for the financial costs of sexual abuse. The following summarizes funds expended from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

Counseling Fees and Support for Victims/Survivors	\$3,566
Legal Fees	\$165
Prevention/Education	\$26,524
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,255</b>