

# Report on Mission

## Archdiocesan Response to Sexual Abuse

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*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 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited our Archdiocese for the ninth 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**

3,248 employees and volunteers participated in safe environment training during the past fiscal year. Seventy-seven workshops were offered this past year and continue to be offered each month throughout the Archdiocese. For more information, see [www.archlou.org/safe](http://www.archlou.org/safe).

The sexual abuse policies and safe environment materials were updated and revised.

For Sexual Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Archdiocese sent suggested bulletin blurbs about sexual abuse to parishes and schools.

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 [www.archlou.org/restoringtrust](http://www.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, Ms. Martine Siegel, RN, MSN, CNS, meets and assists victims/survivors. She can be reached by calling 502/636-1044 or emailing [victimassistance@archlou.org](mailto:victimassistance@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, 2012 to June 30, 2013:

Counseling Fees and Support for Victims/Survivors	\$ 4,772
Prevention/Education	<u>\$37,499</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,271</b>