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STATEMENT ON SENTENCING OF FATHER JAMES SCHOOK

For the sake of victims and our community, it is important for those who have abused children to face the consequence of their actions as has happened with the conviction and sentencing of Fr. James Schook.

In 2010, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz removed Fr. James Schook from all public ministry and directed him to lead a life of prayer and penance. Now that these criminal proceedings have been concluded and the sentencing is complete, the Archdiocese will forward a report to the Holy See for a final determination of Fr. Schook's status. The direction to lead a life of prayer and penance is made in the case of advanced age and/or infirmity. The final determination of a priest's status, however, is made by the Holy See.

No child should have to experience abuse of any kind. As has been the case for many years, the Archdiocese is committed to preventing the sexual abuse of minors through training and education and to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse. We continue to encourage victims to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Martine Siegel at 502/636-1044 or victimassistance@archlou.org.

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