

Report on Mission

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. In September of 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited the Archdiocese for the 13th time, and the Archdiocese of Louisville was found to be compliant with all elements of the Charter, with no required changes or recommendations for changes.

Prevention/Education

- 3,165 employees and volunteers participated in 55 safe environment workshops during the past fiscal year. For more information, see www.archlou.org/safe.
- All school children in the Archdiocese participate in various approved training programs, such as Speak up Be Safe, Theology of the Body, Safe Sheep, and other religious education curriculum.
- The *Honor Thy Children* Newsletter goes out monthly to all schools and parishes.
- The Archdiocese sent bulletin blurbs about sexual abuse to parishes and schools for Sexual Abuse Prevention Month in April.
- Extensive information is online about child abuse prevention, resources for parents, safe environment programs, and other materials. See www.archlou.org/restoringtrust.

Priest Assignment and Status

- Father Joseph Hemmerle was sentenced to a two year and a seven year sentence for two convictions of sexual abuse dating from the 1970s and is serving this sentence in Oldham County.
- After his arrest and conviction for accessing child pornography, Stephen Pohl is serving a sentence of 33 months in federal prison. Stephen Pohl subsequently submitted his resignation as a priest to the Holy See, and Archbishop Kurtz notified the parishioners of Saint Margaret Mary in March of 2016 that Stephen Pohl has been granted a dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state. Thus, he is now returned to the lay state and is no longer a priest.

Sexual Abuse Review Board

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

Victim Assistance and Outreach

- The victim assistance coordinator, Ms. Martine Siegel, RN, MSN, CNS, meets and assists victims. She can be reached by calling (502)636-1044 or emailing victimassistance@archlou.org.

Cooperation with Civil Authorities

- Reports or suspicion of child abuse are relayed immediately to civil authorities, and the Archdiocese cooperates fully with any investigation. Call 1-877-597-2331 to report child abuse to the police.

Sexual Abuse Expenditures

The following summarizes expenditures from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

Counseling Fees and Support for Victims/Survivors	\$ 5,070
Legal Expense	19,000
Sexual Abuse Prevention/Education	123,052
TOTAL	\$ 147,122