

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 the fall of 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited the Archdiocese for the 15th time. As a result of this 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

- The Archdiocese released two major reports reviewing the history of sexual abuse by clergy in the Archdiocese and describing how the Archdiocese now deals with sexual abuse:
 - *Report to the Catholic People*, published in *The Record* on October 18, 2018. See www.therecordnewspaper.org/report.
 - *Overview and Analysis of Files Provided by the Archdiocese of Louisville*, February 6, 2019, by independent investigator Mark L. Miller. Mr. Miller's report also contains a list of credibly accused clergy. See www.ArchLou.org/report-sexual-abuse.
- Archbishop Kurtz began sending a regular e-briefing to more than 2,600 pastoral leaders and key volunteers on the topic of sexual abuse. Eighteen editions of the *Archbishop's Leadership Briefing* were sent in FY 1819. See www.ArchLou.org/archbishops-leadership-briefings.
- The Archdiocese trained 2,756 employees in 45 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 is emailed monthly to all pastors, principals, pastoral associates, parish catechetical leaders, youth ministers, parish safe environment coordinators, counselors, and business managers.
- 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.

Sexual Abuse Review Board

- The Review Board reviews 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. 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019:

Counseling Fees and Support for Victims/Survivors	\$ 2,250
Legal Expense	4,872
Sexual Abuse Prevention/Education	169,744
TOTAL	\$ 176,866