

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 2021, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited the Archdiocese for the 18th time. This audit found the Archdiocese of Louisville to be fully compliant with all elements of the Charter, with no required changes or recommendations for changes.

Prevention/Education

- The Archdiocese trained 2,831 employees and volunteers in 60 safe environment workshops during the past fiscal year, and the same individuals received a criminal background check. Since the program began in 2003, 57,704 individuals have been trained. For more information, see www.archlou.org/safe.
- The Archdiocese launched an update of its safe environment training policies to require all active employees and volunteers to have attended a safe environment training program within the past five years. All new employees and volunteers will be required to attend an in-person training, but the five-year renewal can be completed through a virtual option offered by Catholic Mutual or by participation in an in-person session. Renewals for the past fiscal year totaled 1,979.
- Children in schools and religious education programs of 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 Child 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 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 by emailing victimassistance@archlou.org.

Cooperation with Civil Authorities

- The Archdiocese immediately relays reports or suspicion of child abuse to civil authorities, and the Archdiocese cooperates fully with investigations. Call 1-877-597-2331 to report child abuse to the police.

Sexual Abuse Expenditures

The following summarizes expenditures from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

Legal Expense.....	\$10,634
Sexual Abuse Prevention/Education.....	<u>\$222,172</u>
TOTAL.....	\$232,806