

# 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 2022, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited the Archdiocese for the 20th 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 3,320 employees and volunteers for the first time in 41 safe environment workshops or emergency videos during the past fiscal year, and the same individuals received a criminal background check. Since the program began in 2003, 61,024 individuals have been trained. For more information, see [www.archlou.org/safe](http://www.archlou.org/safe).
- During 2021, 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**. This 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 3,491.
- 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](http://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](mailto: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, 2022 to June 30, 2023:

Counseling Expenses	\$ 11,192
Legal Expense	730
Prevention/Education	<u>203,547</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$215,469</b>