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“We must make clear that we will not tolerate criminal and evil behavior, regardless of the rank and standing of the accused.” —
Archbishop William E. Lori





REPENTANCE, REFORM AND RENEWAL

Archbishop William E. Lori hosts media briefing on clergy abu...



ARCHBISHOP LORI MEDIA BRIEFING: Archbishop William E. Lori and Bishop Adam Parker hosted a Jan. 15 media briefing at the Catholic Center in Baltimore to discuss the Archdiocese of Baltimore's ongoing response to the clergy abuse crisis. Watch above.



WYPR INTERVIEW: Archbishop William E. Lori was a guest on WYPR'S "Midday" program, discussing the recent meeting of U.S. Catholic bishops



Frequently Asked Questions

Child Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church



How the Catholic Church Responds to Sexual Abuse

in Baltimore and the Catholic Church's response to the sexual abuse crisis.
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News & Commentary

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION / VIEW ALL



Archdiocese publishes names of clergy accused of abuse after their death

The Archdiocese of Baltimore published April 24 an additional 23 names of priests who had been accused of child sexual abuse after they were deceased.



Archbishop Lori shares Holy Week message

Archbishop William E. Lori shared the following video message with the people of the Archdiocese of Baltimore April 17. A full transcript follows.



Retired pope publishes reflection on abuse crisis

Retired Pope Benedict XVI, acknowledging his role in helping the Catholic Church come to terms with the clerical sexual abuse crisis beginning in the 1980s, wrote an article outlining his...



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REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Baltimore complies with Maryland laws requiring reporting suspected child abuse to civil authorities. Under Maryland Law any person who has reason to believe a child has been subjected to abuse must report the suspected abuse to civil authorities, even if the potential victim is now over 18 years old and even in cases where the alleged perpetrator is deceased.

If someone associated with the Church, including clergy, employees, or volunteers of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, is suspected of abuse, then the suspected abuse must also be reported to the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth at 410-547-5348 or the Victims Assistance Line at 1-866-417-7469.

Allegations of abuse involving bishops of the Archdiocese of Baltimore should be made both to civil authorities and then to the secure [EthicsPoint site here](#). Reports about bishops are sent directly to retired judges who are not employees of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and serve on the Independent Review Board.

For more information, click [here](#).

Bishop Reporting Initiative

This initiative of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Independent Review Board creates a vehicle to assure proper reporting of allegations that a bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore:

1. engaged in child sexual abuse or other inappropriate sexual behavior with a minor;
2. engaged in sexual harassment or sexual misconduct toward an adult; or
3. engaged in activities that constitute seriously negligent supervision or an improper cover-up relating to alleged child sexual abuse by others within the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Although the Vatican and U.S. Catholic bishops are considering a global or nationwide approach to addressing these issues, while such broader discussions are ongoing, the bishops of the Archdiocese of Baltimore have requested that the Independent Review Board establish a process for it to receive and ensure appropriate reporting of allegations. The Independent Review Board has responded with this local initiative, which is supported by the bishops of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Communications on Reports regarding Bishops: Effective immediately, staff for the Archdiocese of Baltimore reporting portals/hotlines (EthicsPoint and office of Child and Youth Protection) are instructed that all allegations in the three categories identified above against a bishop of the Archdiocese must be immediately forwarded to both Judge Joseph F. Murphy and Judge Ellen M. Heller. Also, those reporting portals will be configured to the extent possible so that allegations about bishops are automatically routed directly to Judges Murphy and Heller. Both Judges Murphy and Heller are members of the Independent Review Board (IRB) and are not employees, volunteers, or in any other position within the Archdiocese. The IRB was established in 1993 as a group of independent, interfaith, diverse, lay leaders to review in detail all actions taken by the Archdiocese in connection with allegations of child sexual abuse and provide counsel to the Archdiocese relating to its actions and policies for protecting children.

Communications materials about the portals/hotlines will be updated to emphasize that these allegations concerning bishops are being directed to these two members of the Independent Review Board who are not employees, volunteers, or in any other position with the Archdiocese.

Renorting and Procedures:

1. If the allegation involves **sexual abuse of a minor**, Judges Murphy and Heller shall ensure that the matter is reported immediately to appropriate criminal and civil authorities. After consultation with the appropriate authorities, Judges Murphy and Heller shall report the allegation to the Independent Review Board, the papal nuncio in Washington, the senior suffragan bishop in the province (currently Bishop W. Francis Malooly of Wilmington, Delaware), counsel for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and (if the allegation is against an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore) the Archbishop of Baltimore. (Detailed child abuse reporting information is found at <http://dhr.maryland.gov/child-protective-services/reporting-suspected-child-abuse-or-neglect/>).
2. If the allegation involves **inappropriate sexual behavior with an adult** as listed above, Judges Murphy and Heller shall determine whether the allegation must be reported to criminal authorities. Judges Murphy and Heller shall report the allegation to the Independent Review Board, the papal nuncio, the senior suffragan bishop in the province, counsel for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and (if the allegation is against an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore) the Archbishop of Baltimore.
3. If the allegation is that the bishop engaged in activities that constitute **seriously negligent supervision or an improper cover-up** relating to alleged child sexual abuse by others within the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Judges Murphy and Heller shall report the allegation to the Independent Review Board for its review and recommendations. The Independent Review Board may make additional inquiries and seek additional information from the bishop or others in the Archdiocese regarding the allegation.
4. If the allegation is **not in one of the three categories above** (for example, if the allegation relates to a general complaint about a bishop such as poor homilies), Judges Murphy and Heller shall forward the allegation to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese for further review and response.

5. If the allegation in one of the three categories above is against a **bishop of a different diocese**, Judges Murphy and Heller shall report the allegation to criminal and civil authorities if appropriate, and to the papal nuncio and the Archbishop of Baltimore.

REPORT ETHICAL VIOLATIONS



The Archdiocese of Baltimore is committed to ethical behavior and accountability. To make a report regarding violations of ethical behavior, visit the secure [EthicsPoint site here](#).

Categories for reporting include: accounting/financial; confidentiality; fraud/theft; gifts/donations; harassment/inappropriate behavior; misuse of resources; workplace safety; child and youth protection and school safety.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD



The Independent Review Board, made up mostly of lay people and headed by Judge Joseph F. Murphy, is an interfaith group including representatives from the legal community and law enforcement, health care, academia and social work.

Board members review individual allegations of abuse and help shape archdiocesan child protection policies.

“They make sure that we actually live up to our policies ... to make sure that we are living up to the promises of our policy and of the charter,” said **Jerri Burkhardt**, director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the archdiocese.

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Independent Review Board Members

Judge Joseph F. Murphy (chairman)

Retired judge of Maryland Court of Appeals, former Chief Judge of Maryland Court of Special Appeals and former Deputy State’s Attorney for Baltimore City

Frederick H. Bealefeld III

Former police commissioner of Baltimore City

Beverly A. Cooper

Vice president, The Reginald F. Lewis Foundation, Inc.

Michael R. Enright

Managing director, Beowulf Energy

Judge Ellen M. Heller

Retired judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City

2018 Annual Child Protection Reports of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Independent Review Board (IRB) and of the Archdiocese of Baltimore

Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot

Pastor of St. Mary-St. Francis-Holy Family Catholic Community, Frederick County

Sister Patricia M. McCarron, S.S.N.D., PhD.

Headmistress, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson

Mary Page Michel

Community volunteer

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Anti-human trafficking and exploitation program manager, Baltimore City Child Abuse Center



CLERGY CREDIBLY ACCUSED OF ABUSE

In September 2002, the Archdiocese of Baltimore published a list of 57 priests and religious brothers who had served in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and who had been accused in their lifetime of child sexual abuse. The disclosure did not include priests and brothers who were accused after their deaths, nor did it include a few instances where an investigation concluded that the facts did not indicate sexual abuse had occurred.

Since 2002, additional priests and brothers have been added to this list because of an allegation of child sexual abuse or because they were identified publicly in connection with such an allegation, when the priest had an assignment in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore or the abuse occurred in Baltimore.

As was noted in 2002 by Cardinal William H. Keeler, then-Archbishop of Baltimore, the list at that time did not include priests and brothers who were accused after their deaths, because the Archdiocese could not question those who were accused and they were not a danger to children. However, beginning in April 2019, in a spirit of increased transparency, the Archdiocese has added the names of priests and brothers accused after their deaths if the Archdiocese received an allegation of child sexual abuse from more than one victim, if a single allegation of child sexual abuse was substantiated through external information that corroborated that sexual abuse occurred, or if the name of the priest or brother was already published elsewhere in connection with an allegation of child sexual abuse.

Upon recommendation of the Archdiocese's Independent Review Board, the Archdiocese is not publishing the names of additional priests where the allegation of child sexual abuse could not be substantiated or was ruled out, or where the allegation was from a third-party and the Archdiocese could not speak with the alleged victim.

All allegations of child sexual abuse are reported to law enforcement regardless of credibility, and victims are offered counseling assistance with a counselor of their own choosing.

Allegations of child sexual abuse involving Church personnel are also reported to the Archdiocese's Independent Child Abuse Review Board.

Click [here](#) or the button below to read full lists of all names that have been published.

[CLICK HERE FOR LIST OF NAMES](#)



2002 Catholic Review report on abuse

Click [here](#) to read a special section of the Catholic Review published in 2002 that includes information about the decision to release names of those accused of abuse, descriptions of the alleged abuse and the names of those who had credible allegations of abuse against them.

A Response to the Netflix Series, "The Keepers"

PROMISE TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE HEALING

Click here to watch video interviews with key figures and access fact sheets, statements, news articles and other resources.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

April 24, 2019 | [Names of 23 Deceased Priests Previously Reported to Law Enforcement Added to Archdiocese's Online List of Clergy Accused of Child Sexual Abuse](#)

April 17, 2019 | [Archbishop Lori shares Holy Week message](#)

March 11, 2019 | [Archbishop Announces Completion of Preliminary Investigation of Allegations Against Bishop Michael Bransfield, Imposes Ministerial Restrictions on Bishop Bransfield and Former Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J.](#)

Feb. 16, 2019 | [Statement on Dismissal from the Clerical State of Theodore McCarrick](#)

Jan. 15, 2019 | [Archbishop Lori Announces Measures to Combat Sexual Abuse Crisis, Hold Local Bishops Accountable](#)

Dec. 24, 2018 | [A Christmas message from Archbishop Lori](#)

Nov. 18, 2018 | [A message from Archbishop Lori](#)

Oct. 25, 2018 | [Missionary Discipleship in Crisis](#)

Sept. 24, 2018 | [Archbishop Lori Informs Clergy of Maryland Attorney General's Review](#)

Sept. 13, 2018 | [Pope Francis Appoints Archbishop William Lori Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston](#)

Sept. 7, 2018 | [Archdiocese Updates its Online List of Abusive Priests with Names Disclosed in PA Grand Jury Report](#)

Aug. 27, 2018 | [Statement of Archbishop Lori on Accountability of Bishops](#)

Aug. 14, 2018 | [Declaración del Arzobispo William E. Lori sobre el Difunto Cardenal William H. Keeler y el Informe del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania](#)

Aug. 14, 2018 | [Statement of Archbishop William E. Lori on the Late Cardinal William H. Keeler and the Report of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury](#)

Aug. 14, 2018 | [Statement from the Diocese of Harrisburg on release of Grand Jury Report](#)

July 30, 2018 | [Accountability for all a must](#)

Sept. 15, 2017 | [Charter 15 years later](#)

June 12, 2017 | [Bishop W. Francis Malooly responds to 'The Keepers'](#)

May 17, 2017 | [An important message from Archbishop Lori](#)

Click [here](#) to read a sampling of homilies and other remarks by priests and deacons of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

NEWS COVERAGE

April 24, 2019 | [Archdiocese publishes names of clergy accused of abuse after their death](#)

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March 11, 2019 | Catholic Review: [Archbishop Lori restricts ministry of Bishop Bransfield and Bishop Bennett in dioceses](#)

Feb. 22, 2019 | Catholic News Service: [Archbishop Lori supports Knights of Columbus novena underway to pray for success of Vatican summit](#)

Feb. 10, 2019 | Catholic Baltimore Radio Show: [Dr. Thomas Plante discusses misconceptions about clergy sexual abuse](#)

Feb. 4, 2019 | Catholic Review: ['Substantial evolution:' Bishop Parker shares observations on response to abuse crisis](#)

Jan. 9, 2019 | Commonweal Magazine: [The PA Grand-Jury Report: Not What It Seems](#)

Jan. 6, 2019 | Catholic Baltimore Radio Show: [Bishop Parker discusses Archdiocese of Baltimore's response to clergy sexual abuse crisis](#)

Nov. 20, 2018 | WYPR: [Archbishop Lori's interview on the "Midday" radio program](#)

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Nov. 16, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Path for reform goes through Rome](#)

Nov. 16, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Bishops hear frank presentations, discussion on abuse crisis](#)

Nov. 15, 2018 | Washington Post: [Here's why the Vatican stopped American bishops from voting on responses to sexual abuse](#)

Nov. 14, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Bishop Parker joins Facebook Live panel discussion at meeting of U.S. bishops](#)

Nov. 14, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Psychologist addresses bishops on helping abuse victims to heal](#)

Nov. 13, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Archbishop Lori addresses Baltimore media at bishops' meeting](#)

Nov. 13, 2018 | Baltimore Sun: [Some Catholic bishops urge conference to reach consensus on sex abuse crisis in American church](#)

Nov. 13, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Cesareo fears for church future if more action not taken on abuse](#)

Nov. 13, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Survivors of clergy child sex abuse tell U.S. bishops of rejection, pain](#)

Nov. 12, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Protesters call for change outside bishops' conference in Baltimore](#)

Nov. 12, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Papal nuncio urges U.S. bishops to restore trust, bring about reform](#)

Nov. 12, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Vatican asks USCCB to delay vote on sex abuse response proposals](#)

Nov. 9, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Pilgrims set out on 50-mile walk in penance, prayer from Emmitsburg to Baltimore](#)

Nov. 9, 2018 | WBAL-Radio: [Archbishop Lori Addresses Church Sex Abuse Scandal](#)

Nov. 9, 2018 | Baltimore Sun: [Baltimore archbishop outlines path toward reform and renewal in the Catholic Church](#)

Oct. 30, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Archbishop Lori: During Baltimore meeting, U.S. bishops will work to restore trust](#)

Oct. 30, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Baltimore Archdiocese priests to participate in 50-mile penitential pilgrimage](#)

Oct. 29, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Archdiocese tightens screening requirements to enhance child protection](#)

Oct. 25, 2028 | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: [W.Va. diocese to release names of accused clerics as it reviews abuse cases since 1950](#)

Oct. 15, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Archbishop Lori: Catholics living out their God-given vocations will help church heal](#)

Oct. 2, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Nativity parishioner's lunch means rosary outside Catholic Center](#)

Sept. 27, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Victim assistance coordinators comfort in a behind-the-scenes ministry](#)

Sept. 24, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Maryland attorney general will review archdiocesan records related to sexual abuse of children](#)

Sept. 21, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Archdiocese of Baltimore to hold virtual town-hall meetings for input on sexual abuse crisis](#)

Sept. 18, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Archbishop Lori hears faithful's concerns about scandals](#)

Sept. 17, 2018 | Catholic News Service: [Archbishop Lori with West Virginia's faithful on 'journey of healing, reconciliation and a hopeful future'](#)

Sept. 8, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Parishes, parishioners across Baltimore Archdiocese join day of prayer and fasting for reparation in abuse crisis](#)

Sept. 7, 2018 | Catholic Review: [Archdiocese adds names of 10 priests in Pennsylvania report to local list of accused priests](#)

Aug. 31, 2018 | Psychology Today: [Separating Facts About Clergy Abuse From Fiction](#)

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VIDEOS

Auxiliary Bishop Adam...



AUXILIARY BISHOP ADAM J. PARKER DISCUSSES PUBLISHING OF NEW NAMES

Bishop Adam J. Parker comments on the publishing of the names of 23 deceased priests added to the

A Message from Arch...



HOLY WEEK MESSAGE

Archbishop William E. Lori shares a Holy Week message with the people of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. (April 17, 2019)

Archbishop William E. ...



ARCHBISHOP LORI HOSTS MEDIA BRIEFING

Archbishop William E. Lori hosted a media briefing Jan. 15 at the Catholic Center in Baltimore to discuss the Archdiocese of Baltimore's ongoing response to

Archdiocese's online list of clergy accused of child sexual abuse. (April 24, 2019)

the clergy sexual abuse crisis. (Jan. 15, 2019)

Message to the Peopl...



MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL

In the wake of the recent meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore, Archbishop William E. Lori delivered the following special message via video and audio in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore Nov. 17-18. (Nov. 17-18, 2018)

Votive Mass to the Sa...



DAY OF REPARATION

Archbishop William E. Lori discusses the Sept. 7 Day of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Aug. 29, 2018)

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Archbishop William E. Lori discusses the Church's response to the ongoing sexual abuse crisis. (Aug. 29, 2018)

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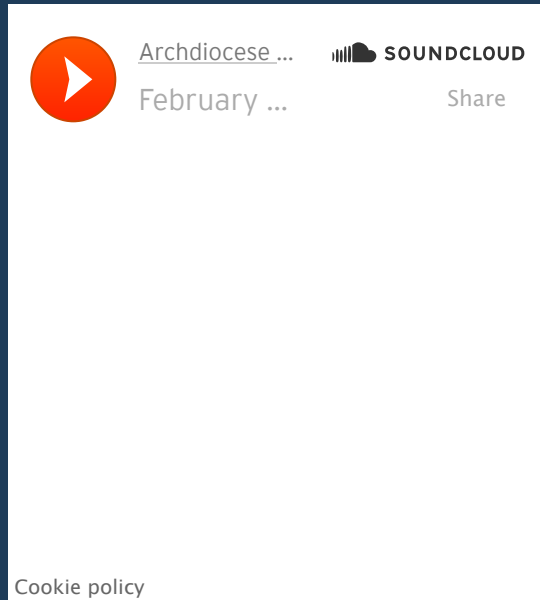
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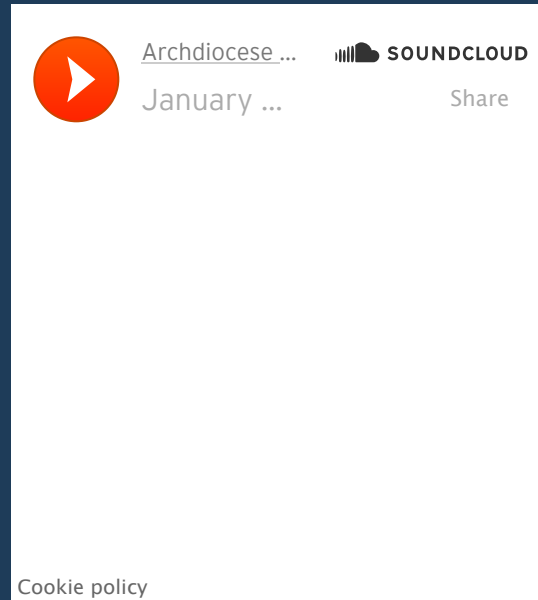
CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy, is marking its 15th anniversary. (Oct. 30, 2017)

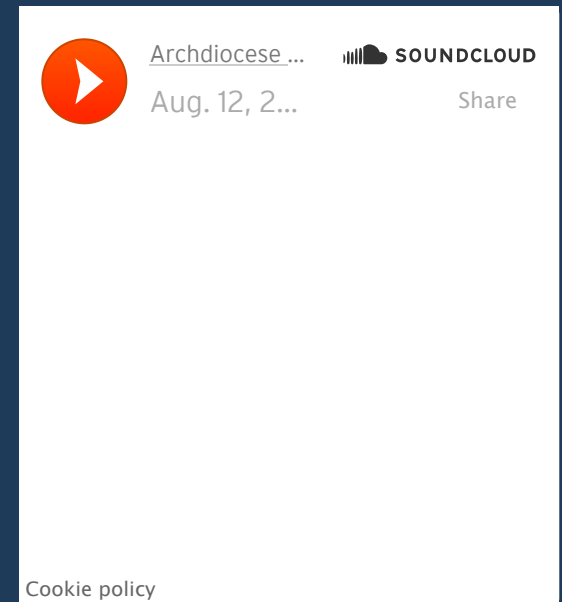
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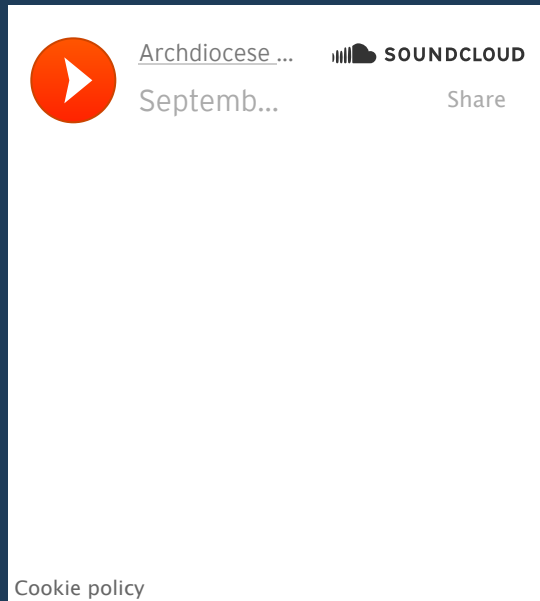
Dr. Thomas Plante, a professor of psychology at Santa Clara University and adjunct clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine, discusses misconceptions about clergy sexual abuse. Listen above.



Bishop Adam Parker speaks about the Archdiocese of Baltimore response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. Listen above.



Archbishop Lori speaks about accountability during an Aug. 12, 2018 radio interview. Listen above.



Jerri Burkhardt, director of the archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, speaks about the charter for the protection of children in a Sept. 24, 2017 radio interview. Listen above.

RESOURCES

Frequently Asked Questions

Click [here](#) to download a fact sheet about frequently asked questions concerning the abuse crisis and the Archdiocese of Baltimore's response.

Click [here](#) to download an information graphic about the abuse crisis.

Office of Child and Youth Protection

Click [here](#) to visit the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Office of Youth and Child Protection, which provides information about safe environment training, archdiocesan policies related to the protection of children and the reporting of abuse, the Charter for the Protection of Young People and much more.



CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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God calls the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to be

MISSION

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Service: to reach out in love and service to those in need.

Stewardship: to develop the material, financial and human resources of the Church and to manage them as faithful stewards.

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