

## Afterword

John Jay College promised that we would present data on allegations of sexual abuse against Catholic priests as accurately as possible. We have kept that promise. Having utilized a rigorous methodology, we have confidence in the validity of our results.

Because of the urgency of reporting the results of this important study in a timely fashion, John Jay College approved a very tight time schedule for completion of the project. It was agreed that the report would be made public on February 27, 2004, less than one year from the commencement of the project. This required the research team to function at a rapid pace in order to carry out a complex survey, analyze a massive data set, and write a thorough report presenting the findings within the time constraints that were imposed. For example, data included in the report arrived as late as Friday, February 13, 2004, and corrections came in throughout the time we were writing the final draft of the report.

Although the data contained herein have been systematically and rigorously checked multiple times and the prose has been subjected to substantial proofreading, we nevertheless anticipate that some minor errors may remain. The research team fully intends within short order to review the text, the figures, the graphs and the tables reported in this document. A final version of the report which includes corrections will be published shortly by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. These changes will also be incorporated into the file posted on the World Wide Web.