

## APPENDIX A1.1.1 QUESTIONS

The President of John Jay College, Dr. Gerald Lynch, and members of the faculty met with Ms. McChesney and representatives of the USCCB to discuss possible approaches to the study of the nature and scope of child sexual abuse in the Church. After several weeks of discussion, Kathleen McChesney, on behalf of the USCCB, gave the John Jay College faculty group a specific set of questions to be answered, and thus defined the scope of the study. These questions were divided into four categories, as follows:

### **Information about the alleged offenses**

- How many offenses were alleged or confirmed by conviction about any Catholic priest or deacon in the diocese?
- What was the time frame(s) of the alleged and confirmed offenses?
- Were alcohol and/or drugs used by the victim or offender at the time of the offense?
- In what location(s) did the offense occur?

### **Information about those who have made accusations**

- The age and gender of the victims at the time of the offense.
- With whom did the victim live at the time of the offense?
- What was the relationship between the victim and the offender at the time of the offense?
- Were there any threats to the victim or grooming behavior on the part of the offender at the time of the offense?
- How long did the victim wait to report the offense?
- When was the offense reported?

### **Information about the accused clerics**

- What diocese or religious order did the offender belong to at the time of the offense and what status did he hold in that order?
- What was the offender's job description/duties?
- If the offender was a deacon, was he married or unmarried at the time of the offense?
- What age was the offender at the time of the first and last alleged and/or confirmed offense?
- How many years was the offender ordained at the time of the first offense?
- How many alleged or confirmed victims did the offender have?
- Was there a civil or criminal action against the offender and what were the consequences?
- Was the offender a victim of any type of child sexual abuse?
- Did the offender receive any type of psychological treatment (i.e., for either psychological, sex offending, and/or substance abuse)?
- Was the offender transferred to another ministerial assignment subsequent to offending, and if so, did he re-offend?
- Did the offender have a record of having been abused by a fellow priest and/or deacon?

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**Information about the financial impact on the dioceses and religious community**

- What was the financial cost to the Dioceses or religious community as a result of each alleged or confirmed offense?

In addition to these questions, the Board and USCCB asked for the best estimates that could be made of the extent of child sexual abuse in the United States.