

## **Summary of Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection**

The Archdiocese of Washington has had a written Child Protection Policy since 1986, a Child Protection Review Board primarily consisting primarily of lay experts since 1993 (reorganized as the Child Protection Advisory Board in 2002), and a fully staffed Office of Child Protection and Safe Environment since 2002.

The Office of Child Protection and Safe Environment releases an independently audited report annually to parishioners on the status of Archdiocesan child protection activities. In Fall 2018, the St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council undertook a thorough review of 14 annual reports; accounting for activities in the Archdiocese between June 1, 2003 and June 30, 2017.

All 14 ADW annual reports are available to the public at the following website:  
<https://adw.org/about-us/policies-and-resources/child-protection/advisory-board/>

The Parish Pastoral Council will publish a four-part summary of these reports for the Parish:

- Part I (October 20/21, 2018): Education & Prevention
- Part II (October 27/28, 2018): Reporting
  - Reference to list of former Archdiocese of Washington clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors; including Fr. James J. Powderly
- Part III (November 3/4, 2018): Healing & Auditing
- Part IV (ASAP): 2017-18 ADW Child Protection Advisory Board Annual Report

### **PART IV: 2017-2018 ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

#### ***Timing of Report***

On April 18, 2019, the Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Advisory Board published its 2017-18 Annual Report in the *Catholic Standard*.

The Archdiocese posted a digital copy of the report for the public at the following website:  
<https://adw.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/04/2017-2018-Annual-Report-Final.docx>

The full 4-page report is attached to this summary. The report highlights all child protection activities in the Archdiocese of Washington between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

#### ***Key Facts and Figures [July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018]***

- 76 Child Protection certification classes hosted in the Archdiocese of Washington
- 3,385 individuals completed Child Protection classes
- 14,678 Catholic school students and 23,569 CCD children received safe environment education, totaling 38,247 children
- 1,241 persons completed finger-printing clearance requirements
- 3,985 persons completed background check requirements
- No allegations reported against clergy

***Key Facts and Figured [July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018] Continued***

- No allegations reported against lay employees, contract workers, and others
- \$298,418 allotted by the Archdiocese for child-protection efforts
- Additional \$53,274.87 spent on counseling and pastoral assistance for victims
- \$0 spent on financial settlements in lieu of future counseling expenses
- An independent audit found the Archdiocese of Washington to be compliant with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

***Note on Theodore McCarrick***

In June 2018, the Archdiocese of New York reported to the Archdiocese of Washington that a credible allegation of child sexual abuse was made against Theodore McCarrick when he served as a priest in the Archdiocese of New York. After the allegation was reported, the Archdiocese of Washington's legal department reviewed its files and found no allegations of child abuse filed against the former archbishop while he served in Washington.

On February 16, 2019, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a decree finding Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, guilty of crimes against Church Law and imposing on him the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. Church law establishes that one who has been dismissed from the clerical state cannot function in any way as a bishop, priest, or deacon. McCarrick cannot celebrate the sacraments, wear clerical attire, or be addressed by his former title. Pope Francis recognized the definitive nature of this decision made in accord with Church Law; rendering that the decision has no further recourse and making it formally impossible for the decision to be appealed.

***Looking Ahead to 2018-2019 Annual Report***

- If any reports of past historical allegations of abuse were filed after the close of this annual report (June 30, 2018), they will be included in the 2018-2019 annual report.
- The child protection matter at Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish in Washington, DC will be included in the 2018-2019 annual report. The matter was first reported by the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (OFM Cap.), which for many years has overseen the pastoral ministry and governance of Sacred Heart Parish, to the Archdiocese of Washington on October 26, 2018.
  - <https://adw.org/news/statement-on-child-protection-matter-at-sacred-heart-parish/>

***Mass of Healing for Parishioners***

A Mass of Healing will be offered on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Main Church. The Mass is open to all parishioners. The Mass intention is for the healing of survivors of abuse in our parish and their families. Msgr. Robert Amey will be the Principal Celebrant. Fr. Kevin Fields will be the Homilist.