

Archdiocesan Review Board Scope and Mission

1. The Archdiocesan Review Board is established to assist the Archbishop in accord with the provisions of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the United State Conference of Catholic Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, its Essential Norms, and Archdiocesan policies.

2. The Archdiocesan Review Board is a consultative body to the Archbishop, charged with advising him regarding his pastoral and canonical responsibilities related to allegations of:

- a) clergy sexual abuse of minors;
- b) violations of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program, and;
- c) sexual harassment.

The Board also advises the Archbishop regarding suitability for ministry of clergy, employees and volunteers accused of the above.

3. Members of the Archdiocesan Review Board sign a confidentiality agreement that covers their discussions, file review, and recommendations regarding particular cases of sexual abuse, violation of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct involving clergy, employees, and volunteers.

4. The Archdiocesan Review Board receives timely notification of every credible allegation of a violation of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program policies involving clergy, employees, or volunteers.

5. The Archdiocesan Review Board makes recommendations to the Archbishop regarding the creation, revision, and effectiveness of Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program policies, including the training programs for clergy, employees, volunteers, parents, and Catholic school and religious education students, criminal background check procedures, compliance tracking, and related issues.

6. The Archdiocesan Review Board may also be asked to advise the Archbishop in matters of sexual misconduct involving clergy, employees, and volunteers in cases that do not involve minors (under the age of eighteen). The Board is informed of upcoming topic-specific press releases or archdiocesan outreach activities that relate to these topics.

7. The Archdiocesan Review Board makes recommendations to the Archbishop regarding the creation, revision and effectiveness of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program, including training clergy, employees, volunteers, parents, and Catholic school and religious education students; criminal background check procedures: compliance tracking, etc.