

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. 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 I: EDUCATION & PREVENTION

Key Principles

- Fingerprinting for FBI and state criminal background checks (clergy, and employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children).
- Child-abuse awareness and prevention education to all clergy, and all adults who have substantial contact with children or vulnerable adults.
- Safe environment training for all children in our care.
- Candidates for clergy go through a battery of screening requirements including but not limited to, criminal background checks; a psychological examination; a credit history; a health examination; numerous checks of references, transcripts and sacramental records; and multiple interviews.
- Each parish and school must have a designated Child Protection Compliance Coordinator.

Key Facts [between June 1, 2003 and June 30, 2017]

- St. Mary's Catholic Church designates a lay employee as the Child Protection Compliance Coordinator for the parish and school. The Coordinator coordinates the fingerprinting and clearance requirements of employees and volunteers; as well as the required annual reporting for the parish.
- Over 64,200 persons underwent civil background checks [including FBI and State of Maryland criminal background checks]. Those passing the background checks are also

obligated to complete Child Protection certification [i.e. *Protecting God's Children*] in the Archdiocese of Washington (averaging 4,500 new certifications annually). These persons include priests, deacons, seminarians, school principals, teachers, directors of religious education, catechists, youth ministers, Christian initiation coordinators, school employees, contract employees, parish employees, and all volunteers who encounter children.

| Reporting Period | Persons Completing Background and Clearance Requirements |
|------------------------------|---|
| June 1, 2003 – May 30, 2004 | 8,187 |
| June 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 | 6,654 |
| July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 | 4,909 |
| July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 | 3,618 |
| July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 | 6,536 |
| July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 | 3,979 |
| July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 | 3,141 |
| July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 | 3,458 |
| July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 | 4,246 |
| July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 | 3,177 |
| July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 | 4,226 |
| July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 | 3,678 |
| July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 | 4,306 |
| July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 | 4,122 |

- The Archdiocese facilitated 1,320 child protection certification classes for clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children (averaging 94 classes annually).

| Reporting Period | Child Protection Certification Classes |
|------------------------------|---|
| June 1, 2003 – May 30, 2004 | 138 |
| June 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 | 84 |
| July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 | 77 |
| July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 | 80 |
| July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 | 97 |
| July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 | 90 |
| July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 | 86 |
| July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 | 80 |
| July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 | 83 |
| July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 | 97 |
| July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 | 105 |
| July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 | 92 |
| July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 | 103 |
| July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 | 108 |

- The Archdiocese, under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Catechesis, provides safe-environment education for children in Archdiocesan schools

and religious education programs on how to recognize abuse and protect themselves. The safe environment program includes age-appropriate lessons for children on recognizing and avoiding potential risks, appropriate touching, how to locate help in public places, and Internet safety. These lessons connect with the education for adults through the Child Protection Certification program. Safe-environment education was provided to over 489,000 children (averaging 37,500 students annually).

| <i>Reporting Period</i> | <i>Children Receiving Safe-Environment Education</i> |
|------------------------------|--|
| June 1, 2003 – May 30, 2004 | No Data Presented |
| June 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 | 46,230 |
| July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 | 27,296 |
| July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 | 41,958 |
| July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 | 41,072 |
| July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 | 39,755 |
| July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 | 37,363 |
| July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 | 36,527 |
| July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 | 37,749 |
| July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 | 36,974 |
| July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 | 36,255 |
| July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 | 36,208 |
| July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 | 35,691 |
| July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 | 36,817 |

- Over \$4.9 million was spent on implementing and complying with the Child Protection Policy (averaging approximately \$352,000 annually). This included salaries and benefits for the Office of Child and Youth Protection and Safe Environment and the Office of Employee and Volunteer Services, materials, training stipends, fingerprinting and other equipment purchases and maintenance, and professional fees for the training program.

| <i>Reporting Period</i> | <i>Financial Resources for Child-Protection Efforts</i> |
|------------------------------|---|
| June 1, 2003 – May 30, 2004 | \$440,000 |
| June 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 | \$345,000 |
| July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 | \$352,000 |
| July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 | \$366,231 |
| July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 | \$385,916 |
| July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 | \$369,325 |
| July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 | \$358,518 |
| July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 | \$374,330 |
| July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 | \$369,652 |
| July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 | \$379,435 |
| July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 | \$333,866 |
| July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 | \$278,885 |
| July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 | \$289,775 |
| July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 | \$289,775 |