



## PASTORAL RESOURCES

### **Prayer:**

[\*A Prayer for Our Church – Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions\*](#)

### **Report, Timeline, & Church Response**

#### [\*Grand Jury Report\*](#)

The full report of the Grand Jury hearing for six dioceses of the state of Pennsylvania on the subject of child sex abuse within the Catholic Church, with the exception of the Dioceses of Philadelphia and Altoona-Johnstown.

#### [\*Timeline of the Church and Its Response\*](#)

A timeline of the crisis from 1983 through the present day, including actions taken by the Church and U.S. legal authorities.

#### [\*Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People\*](#)

A comprehensive set of procedures originally established by the USCCB in July 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for the reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. Revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018.

#### [\*Response of the National Review Board\*](#)

Statement from the National Review Board, a lay commission that works collaboratively with the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People of the USCCB in the prevention of sexual abuse of minors in the United States by persons in the service of the Church, recommending further edits to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People under independent lay supervision.

#### [\*The Pope's Response\*](#)

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). The Pope's pastoral letter to the Catholic Church expressing his solidarity with the victims, condemnation of the perpetrators, and call for an end to clericalism.

#### [\*The USCCB's Response\*](#)

A communication of and a commitment to the goals and criteria the USCCB has defined for its response plan to the current crisis, including a call to the Church to hold it accountable to the same.



## **Statements:**

### **[A Message from ACCU Board Chair & President of St. Mary's University, Tom Mengler](#)**

A message to the St. Mary's University community announcing a special Mass of Intentions for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, including the text of a pastoral letter from Rev. Oscar Vasquez, SM, Provincial of the Marianist Province.

### **[A Message from NCEA President, Tom Burnford](#)**

A personal message from Tom Burnford to Catholic educators, including seven reflections/talking points in answer to the present crisis.

### **[Archbishop Lucas letter to all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Omaha, NE](#)**

#### **[Podcast: Archbishop Lucas on the abuse crisis](#)**

A letter and podcast from Archbishop George Lucas, former Chair of the Committee on Catholic Education of the USCCB, to the Archdiocese of Omaha, addressing the twin evils of sex abuse and the abuse of power in our Church.

#### **[A Statement from Leadership Roundtable](#)**

A statement on behalf of Leadership Roundtable CEO Kim Smolik, titled, "Healthy leadership and management leads to a healthy Church," with a list of actions focused on restoring trust.

#### **[A Pastoral Letter from the Executive Director of CCMA, Mike St. Pierre](#)**

A statement of solidarity and encouragement to Catholic campus ministers.

## **Talking Points:**

### **[Bishop Barron's Resources](#)**

A list of resources pertinent to the sexual abuse scandal involving Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report provided by Bishop Barron from his [Word on Fire](#) blog.

### **[Discussing the Scandal: Do's and Don'ts](#)**

A list of Do's and Don'ts from the staff of [Catholic Answers](#) regarding how to discuss the present scandal with non-Catholics.

### **[Abuse Scandal Talking Points](#)**

A list of Do's and Don'ts from the Executive Director of Catholic Climate Covenant, Dan Misleh, drafted for his staff to help them in responding to the crisis.