



ARCHDIOCESE
of BALTIMORE

How the Church Responds When...

Abuse is alleged:

- Immediate report to civil authorities
- Cooperation and investigation
- Credibility = permanent removal
- Review by Independent Review Board

A survivor comes forward:

- The Church apologizes
- Counseling is offered
- A meeting with the Archbishop is arranged

Someone wants to work/volunteer:

- Criminal history screening
- Abuse detection training
- References contacted

Someone wants to be a priest:

- Background check
- 2-day psychological evaluation
- Clinical, psychosocial, spirituality interviews
- Pornography addiction screening
- Rigorous multi-year formation

Children need protecting:

- Independent compliance audits
- Parish/school compliance audits
- Prevention education for children

5,353

clergy, religious, and employees working with children were cleared after submitting to a criminal history screening.



30,590

volunteers working with children were cleared after submitting to a criminal history screening.

VIRTUS Online safe environment training was provided to

35,943

individuals including clergy, employees, and any volunteer with substantial contact with children.



39,932

children and youth received safe environment/child abuse prevention education



\$619,500*

paid by the Archdiocese in mediated settlements with survivors of child abuse through its mediation process.



\$551,946*

paid by the Archdiocese to provide therapy and other necessary medical costs for survivors of abuse.

*Money for mediated settlements and counseling and associated legal fees paid from the archdiocesan insurance program and reserves, not from general archdiocesan or parish funds.

All figures for Reporting Year 2017.