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Dear Clergy, Religious & Laity,

As we continue to keep all survivors of sexual child abuse in our prayers, and to reach out to them in healing support, I want to share with you some highlights of last week's meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore. The primary focus of our week was the societal issue of sexual child abuse and our priority of addressing and preventing this problem. It was a week well spent.

Addressing the importance of accountability, responsibility, transparency among bishops in this area of concern, was front and center stage. The work that has done on policies to address bishops accused of sexual abuse, or the improper handling of sexual abuse by bishops, was a focus of discussion. By voting on these policies we have taken another step forward in addressing this area of concern. It was a grace filled and productive week, and it all began with the celebration of Pentecost. The work of the Holy Spirit was evident amongst us. Included in this letter, you will find a link to the new [USCCB Prevention. Protection. Accountability. Website](#), which shares some information from last week's June Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States and has many other important resources. I hope you find this helpful.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Myron J. Cotta

