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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *qbb*

Date: June 08, 2019

Subject: Launch of new USCCB Prevention. Protection. Accountability. Website

Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

With gratitude to Mr. James Rogers, Chief Communications Officer, I take this opportunity to share with you the new USCCB Prevention. Protection. Accountability website. As we begin the June 2019 Plenary Assembly, the purpose of this website is to serve as a source of information and provide resources regarding safety of children and vulnerable persons, victim assistance, and frequently asked questions.

<https://www.usccbprevention.org/>

The establishment of the new website was announced publicly by means of the attached.

I am most grateful to James, the staff in communications, and the entire team throughout the Conference for their dedicated work.

Thank you for your kind attention to this memorandum.

Subject: U.S. Bishops To Meet June 11-14 In Baltimore; Assembly To Be Live Streamed, New Prevention Website Launched



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June 7, 2019

WASHINGTON— The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will gather for the 2019 Spring General Assembly in Baltimore, June 11-14.

During the assembly, the bishops will discuss and vote on bishop accountability measures to respond to the abuse crisis and will also hear reports from the National Advisory Council and an annual progress report by the National Review Board. The bishops will also discuss and vote on the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* (2nd edition); and on the final approval of revisions made to the second typical edition of the *ICEL Gray Book of the Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons*, among other items.

The USCCB has also launched a new website highlighting the importance of prevention, protection and accountability in response to the ongoing effort to eradicate clergy sexual abuse. As the American bishops prepare to meet in Baltimore for their Spring General Assembly next week, this new site serves as a resource detailing the steps the American bishops are taking to confront this crisis.

On the site, readers can browse through the layers of the Holy Father's *Motu Proprio*, the 2002 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and its progress, as well as the new reforms set to be discussed in Baltimore. There are also numerous readily available resources to address any instance of clergy sexual abuse.

Explore the website by visiting: usccbprevention.org

Coverage of the meeting is open to credentialed media on Tuesday, June 11, Wednesday (partial day), June 12, and Thursday, June 13. Press conferences will follow open sessions of the meeting. **Due to limited capacity**, please note there will be **no onsite credentialing** due to security considerations.

A live stream and satellite feed is expected to run Tuesday, June 11 from 8:30am-6pm Eastern, Wednesday, June 12, 11am-6pm Eastern and Thursday, June 13, 8:45am to 3pm. The assembly will be live streamed on the Internet and will be available via satellite for broadcasters wishing to air it. Public sessions of the general assembly discussions and votes will be available via livestream at: <http://www.usccb.org/live>

News updates, vote totals, texts of addresses and presentations and other materials will be posted to this page: www.usccb.org/meetings as soon as possible during the general assembly.

Those wishing to follow the meeting on social media can use the hashtag #USCCB19 and follow on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/usccb>) as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/usccb) and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/usccb>).

Media outlets interested in taking the meeting's satellite feed may [request coordinates by contacting jkeane@usccb.org](#)

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