



A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

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Statement on the conclusion of the pope's meeting on the protection of minors

The commitment of the Catholic Church is, that we will not knowingly admit to ministry anyone capable of clergy sexual abuse, or knowingly allow anyone guilty of such behavior to continue in ministry.

We ask pardon for not carrying out that commitment as well as we could or should have; we will keep trying.

For the way forward, we will work on a protocol for the misconduct of a bishop, and to identify an independent reporting mechanism for allegations.

Of course, we will continue to try to promote healing of victims, protect minors from clergy sexual abuse, and restore trust in the Church.

All of this is not just the work of the Pope, or the archbishop, or the community of priests and deacons, but of all who glory in the name Christian.

God, help us, and have mercy on us.

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