

THE REVIEW BOARD for the DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

The Diocese of Cleveland has revised its official policy for the prevention, reporting, and response to sexual abuse of minors. The revised "*Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse: Revised, 2007*" became effective on Jan 1, 2008.

Part IV of that policy is entitled: The Review Board. It establishes a Review Board as a predominantly lay board composed of a variety of people appointed by the Bishop to serve in a consultative and advisory capacity. It will have no final, decision-making authority, which authority resides exclusively with the Bishop.

The functions of the Review Board are:

- a. To assess reports which suggest sexual abuse of minors by clerics, and to advise the Bishop of its conclusions.
- b. To monitor, in each particular case, reports and investigations of sexual abuse of minors in order to ensure that this Policy has been followed.
- c. To review this Policy and its procedures and to provide the Bishop with its recommendations for any modifications to this Policy.
- d. To make recommendations concerning the suitability for ministry or service of priests or deacons against whom a report of sexual abuse of a minor has been made.
- e. To give advice on all aspects of cases in which sexual abuse of a minor is alleged, and to respond to any specific requests for advice as may be made by the Bishop.

With respect to non-clerics, the Review Board does not make a recommendation as to whether a violation of this Policy has occurred, unless requested by the Bishop. In such cases an administrative decision is to be made regarding the removal of the individual in accord with existing personnel policies within the diocese and in diocesan parishes, institutions and organizations.

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