

Statement Regarding Steve Brotzman

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has recently learned of an allegation of child sexual abuse against a teacher who most recently taught middle school students at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Steve Brotzman, who died on August 31, taught students at St. Louis School in Clarksville prior to teaching at Immaculate Heart.

In the past week, the Archdiocese learned of inappropriate emails written by Mr. Brotzman to a girl and an allegation of sexual abuse involving Mr. Brotzman and a different girl. The incidents involved girls in their middle school/early high school years.

These incidents were immediately reported to the appropriate civil authorities. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, counseling assistance has and will be offered to those affected.

Mr. Brotzman also conducted a summer sports camp for youths in Baltimore and Howard Counties for several years. He first held the camp at Our Lady Queen of Peace; then from 1999-2003 at St. Louis; and the past two years at the Norbel School in Elkridge.

Mr. Brotzman began his teaching career in the Archdiocese at St. Clement in Lansdowne from 1991-92; then at Our Lady Queen of Peace from 1993-1999; then at St. Louis from 1999-2004; and finally at Immaculate Heart from 2004-2005.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is committed to protecting children and helping to heal victims of abuse.

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We urge anyone who has any knowledge of any child sexual abuse to come forward, and to report it immediately to civil authorities. The number for Baltimore County is 410-853-3000. If clergy or other church personnel are suspected of committing the abuse, we ask that you also call the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection Hotline at 1-866-417-7469.