

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
Meeting Summary
November 2, 2019
320 Cathedral Street

Present: Archbishop William E. Lori, Mr. Richard Babbitt, Ms. Chelsea Baranoski, Ms. Anita Cain, Ms. Stephanie Clancy, Ms. Cynthia Clarke, Ms. Elaine McCubbin, Ms. Sara Miller, Mr. Jesus Eusebio Perez, Ms. Consuelo Petro, Ms. Camilla Rawe, Mr. Larry Simmons, Mr. Alexander Wright, Dcn. Christopher Yeung

Excused: Ms. Gloria Olivares

Guests: Dr. Diane Barr, Ms. Jeri Burkhardt, Ms. Beverly Cooper, Mr. David Kinkopf, Ms. Iona Rudisill, and Ms. Mary Ellen Russell

The members were introduced to one another and received information regarding these matters:

- **A Draft Document Regarding the Functioning of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council – this document will be reviewed at the next meeting by conference call;**
- **Current Archdiocesan Policies, Practices and Challenges in the area of the Protection of Children and Youth**

Began To Address How APC Will Function

- **Number of Meetings for the APC per year including conference calls;**
- **How the APC will gather information from others – an on-line survey tool was suggested;**
- **How the APC will share information with others – a posting of a meeting summary was suggested;**

Ms. Burkhardt, Mr. Kinkopf and Ms. Cooper indicated:

- **Current Protection polices go to the 1980's and were formalized in 1993.**
- **Office of Child and Youth Protection was established as part of Charter for the Protections of Children and Young People in 2002.**
- **OYCP 90% focused on prevention/protection;**
- **Process includes screening all employees, clergy and volunteers who work with children - 35,000 screened last year;**
- **Seminarians go through extensive screening process;**
- **Both Children and adults receive training;**
- **All allegations brought to Independent Review Board for review;**
- **Investigation process - Allegation is immediately reported to civil authorities;**
- **If the accused is a volunteer, cleric – wait until police give go ahead;**
- **No one who is credibly accused can work for Archdiocese;**

- **List of persons who were credibly accused is available on AOB website** - We do it so people who are abused are encouraged to come forward - Has born fruit by surfacing other allegations;
- **Survivors offered counselling and pastoral support** – Offered meeting with Archbishop if they wish - Also have option of monetary settlement if represented – Survivors are free to speak about their experiences;
- **Have Archdiocesan Mediation program since 2007** - Offered meeting with a retired judge - hopefully a day of healing and reconciliation;
- **Implemented reporting process for local bishops in January of 2019 through Ethicspoint system; and**
- **USCCB working on a similar process.**

The members provided input and comments indicating that continuing education of the Catholic community on these matters is very important.

Next meeting will be January 17, 2020 by conference call.