



ARCHDIOCESE
of BALTIMORE

How the Church Responds When...

Abuse is alleged:

- Immediate report to law enforcement
- Cooperation and investigation
- Credibility = permanent removal
- Review by Independent Review Board

A survivor comes forward:

- The Church apologizes
- Counseling is offered
- A meeting with the Archbishop is arranged

Someone wants to work/volunteer:

- Criminal history screening
- Abuse prevention/detection training
- References contacted

Someone wants to be a priest:

- Background check
- 2-day psychological evaluation
- Clinical, psychosocial, spirituality interviews
- Pornography addiction screening
- Rigorous multi-year formation

Children need protecting:

- Independent compliance audits
- Parish/school compliance audits
- Prevention education for children

6,038

clergy, religious, and employees
working with children were cleared
after submitting to a criminal
history screening.



32,431

volunteers working with children
were cleared after submitting to a
criminal history screening.

VIRTUS Online safe environment
training was provided to

38,469

individuals including clergy,
employees, and any volunteer with
substantial contact with children.



36,581

children and youth received
safe environment/child abuse
prevention education



\$296,000*

paid by the Archdiocese in mediated
settlements for allegations involving child
abuse that occurred more than 35 years ago.



\$235,664

paid by the Archdiocese to provide therapy
and other necessary medical costs for
survivors of abuse.

*The Archdiocese also settled a claim in connection with an incident of child sexual abuse
by a parish volunteer that occurred in 2016.

All figures for Reporting Year 2019.

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