



Statement of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston June 20, 2002

As shocking and terrible as is the news of these indictments against Father Paul Shanley, all of us owe a debt of profound gratitude to abused persons who bring such acts into the light. I have asked Barbara Thorp, Director of the Office of Healing and Assistance, to be in contact with Our Lady Help of Christian Parish in Newton to extend the care and support of the Archdiocese of Boston.

These latest revelations will undoubtedly open up the deep and painful wounds of those who have been abused in the past. My prayers are with all of those who have lived in the shadows of such sinful and criminal acts. May this be a significant moment in the process of healing.

My sorrow is compounded whenever such acts involve the betrayal of trust by a priest. For this I apologize from the bottom of my heart.

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