



November 17, 2002 - Statement of Donna M. Morrissey, Spokeswoman, Archdiocese of Boston

Earlier today reports in the media reflected that a decision had been made to institute formal legal action against certain insurance carriers of the Archdiocese of Boston. These reports were totally inaccurate.

The Archdiocese of Boston, in looking to bring about a fair and equitable resolution to these cases for the victims of sexual abuse by members of the clergy, is looking to insurance carriers of the Archdiocese for substantial contribution. However, there has been no decision made to institute any formal action. In fact, the Archdiocese continues to work with its carriers at this time in its efforts to bring about a just resolution to these matters. Should any decision be made to institute such a formal legal action, as was reported in the media, it will be coordinated and announced by Archdiocesan Counsel, Wilson D. Rogers Jr. A just, equitable and expeditious resolution of all cases has been and remains our goal.

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