



June 26, 2003 - Archdiocese of Boston announces new membership of Review Board

Bishop Richard Lennon, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Boston, today announced the new membership of the nine-member Review Board for the handling of allegations of clergy sexual abuse. The Review Board is a confidential consultative body that advises the Archbishop in the assessment of complaints of child abuse by a cleric and in his determination of the suitability of an accused cleric for ministry. The Board may offer advice on all aspects of these cases, whether retrospectively or prospectively, and is responsible for the review every two years of the *Policies and Procedures for the Protection of Children*. The Archbishop appoints each member of the Review Board for a term of five (5) years, which can be renewed.

The majority of the review board members are lay persons who are not in the employ of the Archdiocese and at least one member is someone who was sexually abused as a child or who is a family member of someone who was abused as a child. In addition, one member is a priest who is an experienced and respected pastor of the Archdiocese.

In keeping with the new *Policies and Procedures*, the names of the members of the Review Board are here being made public.

Members of the Review Board, term beginning July 1, 2003

See list of other implementors of the new Policies and Procedures for the Protection of Children.

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