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The Archdiocese of Boston has received the Attorney General's report. A report of this depth and length requires a serious and thorough reading before any substantive response can be made. We intend over the next few days to carefully review the findings of the report and its recommendations before making any further public response.

The Archdiocese of Boston reiterates its commitment that the Archdiocese will treat sexual abuse of a child as a criminal matter, that it will end any culture of secrecy in the handling of such matters, that it will adopt and implement comprehensive and effective measures to prevent child abuse, that the Archdiocese will appropriately respond to any allegations of abuse, and that the Archdiocese agrees that efforts will be made at every level to ensure the safety of children. The Archdiocese believes that it has already taken substantial steps in those directions and is willing to work with interested parties, including the Attorney General's office, to improve the present Policies and Procedures that have been issued to ensure the safety of children within the Archdiocese.

As always, we ask all to continue to pray and work for reconciliation and healing within the Archdiocese of Boston.

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