



Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Monsignor/Father,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

Statement From the Archdiocese

Earlier this week, reporters from various news organizations posed questions regarding the Child Victims Act, which was recently enacted in the state of Maryland. In response to those questions the archdiocese issued the following statement:

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is asserting its legal defenses in the cases filed against it. We remain committed, however, to our longstanding efforts to bring healing to survivors through pastoral care and other forms of assistance that are available apart from the legal process. We are also committed to maintaining our robust safe environment policies that have been in place for decades to ensure the protection of all those who are entrusted to our care.

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We share this now as you may receive questions from those in your communities.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website, adw.org and adw.org/es, is updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office, please know that you can email me at FarrellT@adw.org or call my office line at 301-853-4507 or my cell at 202-531-4550.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am
Sincerely in Christ,

Terence J. Farrell

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