



ARCHDIOCESE
of BALTIMORE

Accountability in the Church

The Archdiocese of Baltimore strictly complies with Maryland laws requiring reporting suspected child abuse to civil authorities. Suspected sexual abuse of a child should be immediately reported to law enforcement, then to the Archdiocese of Baltimore through the “Report Misconduct” tab at www.archbalt.org.

The U.S. bishops have established an independent, third-party reporting mechanism, www.reportbishopabuse.org, for reporting sexual misconduct or interference in an investigation by a bishop.



Terrence Sheridan, former Baltimore County Police Chief and former Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, is the “Qualified Lay Person” designated to receive any reports regarding sexual abuse or interference that might be made about a bishop in the Archdiocese of Baltimore through the third-party reporting mechanism.

Suspected financial, professional and personal misconduct of Church personnel in the Archdiocese of Baltimore can be reported through EthicsPoint, an independent, third-party [hotline platform](#).



The Archdiocese of Baltimore is cooperating with [an investigation](#) by the state Attorney General’s office into child sexual abuse.

The [Independent Review Board](#), comprised mainly of lay individuals, continues to review all allegations of child sexual abuse by church personnel and to recommend actions to be taken.

Since 2002, the Archdiocese has maintained an [updated list](#) of priests and brothers who have served in the Archdiocese and have been accused of child sexual abuse, which includes a description of their past assignments in the Archdiocese.

All seminarians receive rigorous psychological screening and thorough training on child protection and reporting policies, including clear channels for reporting sexual harassment on the part of colleagues or those in a position of authority.

The [Board of Financial Administration](#), comprised primarily of lay professionals in the fields of accounting, investments, education, engineering, legal and insurance, serves as a “check and balance” to ensure appropriate fiscal practices by the Archbishop and the Archdiocese.



The [Archdiocesan Pastoral Council](#), comprised of 13 lay parishioners representing the 10 geographical regions of the Archdiocese and the African American, Hispanic and young adult communities, provides honest input and advice to the Archbishop on matters of importance to the lay faithful of the Archdiocese.

Go to www.archbalt.org/accountability for more information.