Committed to Accountability
ONGOING STEPS

"Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone."
(1 Tim 4:15)

Charter & Essential Norms
June 2002, Revised June 2011 and June 2018
- Zero Tolerance
- Required Reporting to Public Authorities
- Lay Review Boards
- Victim Assistance Coordinators
- Safe Environment Training
- Background Checks
- Two John Jay studies of abuse in the Church

Motu Proprio
May 2019
- Reporting Systems
- Timely Investigations
- Survivor Support
- Whistleblower Protection
- Conflict of Interest Ban
- Lay Involvement
- Compliance with Civil Law
- Grounded in the Law and Life of the Local Church

Implementation Directives
June 2019 General Assembly
- Outlines Use of Lay Experts to Investigate and Publicize Allegations
- National 3rd Party Reporting
- Strengthens Conflict of Interest Ban
- Pastoral Care for Those Harmed
- Affirms Duties of Metropolitan

Protocol
June 2019 General Assembly
- Guidance on Bishops Who Were Removed or Who Resigned for Reasons Related to Sexual Abuse or Abuse of Power
- Guidance on Participation of Such Bishops Removed or Resigned in USCCB Meetings

Episcopal Commitments
June 2019 General Assembly
- Bishops Included in Codes of Conduct that Must Include Prohibitions Against Sexual Misconduct and Harassment
- Bishops Renew Pledge to Be Subject to the Charter
- Commitment to Ongoing Formation for Bishops
- Commitment to Include Expertise of Lay Professionals

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