



OFFICE FOR CHILD AND  
YOUTH PROTECTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF  
PHILADELPHIA

PROMISE TO PROTECT.  
**PLEDGE TO HEAL**

## Did You Know?

- All people working with children in the AOP, including volunteers, undergo background checks and child abuse clearances.
- All AOP employees and volunteers complete Safe Environment training programs, as well as Mandated Reporter training programs.
- All young people in grades K-12 receive age-appropriate abuse prevention education.
- All AOP employees and volunteers who have contact with children are required to report suspicions of child abuse.

## Zero Tolerance – 100% Committed

The AOP has a *zero tolerance* policy for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who engage in misconduct or abuse of children and takes *immediate* action when an accusation is made. We are committed to educating all those who work with children, as well as the children in our schools and education programs, on how to recognize improper conduct and abuse and be comfortable enough to report a problem.

- There are over 280 designated Safe Environment Coordinators working in AOP parishes, schools and youth serving ministries to ensure compliance with laws and policies.
- Approximately 110,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond and report child abuse since 2003.
- Over 47,000 adults have received mandatory reporter training.
- Over 100,000 children receive age-appropriate abuse prevention education yearly.
- The AOP has invested over \$3.2 million in education and training since 2006.

## Supporting Survivors

The AOP is committed to helping survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their families heal, no matter who committed the crime against them or when the crime occurred. Every year, the AOP Victim Assistance Program offers compassionate and supportive assistance to individuals and families. During the 2016-17 fiscal year alone, the AOP dedicated over \$2.8 million to make available mental health services independent of the AOP, provide medication, assist with travel and childcare, and other forms of support to men, women, children and families.

*For more information about the services, resources and training offered by the AOP please visit:*  
<http://childyouthprotection.org>

## **The Archdiocesan Investment in Abuse Prevention and Victim Assistance**

The tables below demonstrate the financial investment of over \$24.1 million made by the AOP over the past several years to assist survivors on their paths to healing and to foster education and prevention initiatives that aim to ensure that the safety of the young people entrusted to the Church's care.

### **Victim Assistance Program**

FY 2002	No Data Available
FY 2003	216,866
FY 2004	210,753
FY 2005	117,228
FY 2006	345,709
FY 2007	699,576
FY 2008	1,072,613
FY 2009	1,227,853
FY 2010	1,131,421
FY 2011	1,593,409
FY 2012	1,755,891
FY 2013	1,405,138
FY 2014	1,515,934
FY 2015	1,695,082
FY 2016	2,361,159
FY 2107	2,859,837

**Total**            **18,235,454**

### **Safe Environment Initiatives**

(Includes costs paid throughout the Archdiocese for background checks and training programs)

FY 2002	No Data Available
FY 2003	No Data Available
FY 2004	370,000
FY 2005	400,000
FY 2006	223,029
FY 2007	254,849
FY 2008	413,489
FY 2009	324,974
FY 2010	305,748
FY 2011	369,557
FY 2012	304,735
FY 2013	430,026
FY 2014	492,870
FY 2015	851,285
FY 2016	475,840
FY 2017	692,285

**Total**            **5,908,687**