

## VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM (IVCP)

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey, has established an independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as minors, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Archdiocese. The IVCP is open to claims as of June 15, 2019. The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims and will operate independently of the Archdiocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators will have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established protocol. All victims, no matter when the abuse occurred, are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. The IVCP is a continuation of the goals set out by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, in his *Forward in Faith: Our Road Ahead* plan for the people of the Archdiocese of Newark. He says, "This program is a sign of our commitment to the continued healing of victims who were sexually abused as a minor by a member of our Archdiocesan clergy." "It is a genuine expression of our remorse and our desire to make amends for past transgressions, and I sincerely hope it will meaningfully assist victims and bring them a measure of peace."

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the claims process by going to [www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com](http://www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com).