

# To Promote

## Healing and Reconciliation with Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse of Minors



Dioceses/Eparchies will

- Develop an outreach to all victims of sexual abuse of minors by anyone acting in the name of the Church.
- Through this outreach, listen with patience and compassion to their experiences.
- Respond promptly to any allegation where there is reason to believe that sexual abuse of a minor has occurred.
- Have a competent person to coordinate assistance for the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other church personnel.
- Have a review board that functions as a confidential consultative body to the bishop/eparch—a majority of whose members will be lay persons not in the employ of the diocese/eparchy—to advise the bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors and in his determination of suitability for ministry.
- Not enter into confidentiality agreements except for grave reasons brought forward by the victim/survivor.