

Archdiocesan Review Board

The Archdiocese of San Antonio has an Archdiocesan Review Board which functions as a confidential consultative body to the Archbishop in discharging his responsibilities. The functions of this board includes:

- a) advising the Archbishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse by clergy and in his determination of suitability for ministry;
- b) reviewing archdiocesan policies for dealing with sexual abuse by clergy; and
- c) offering advice on all aspects of these cases, whether retrospectively or prospectively.

The Archdiocesan Review Board is composed of at least ten persons of outstanding integrity and good judgment in full communion with the Church. The majority of the review board members are lay persons who are not employed by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. One member is a priest who is an experienced and respected pastor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and at least one member has expertise in the treatment of the sexual abuse. The Promoter of Justice and the Archbishop's designee also participate in the meetings. The members are appointed for a term of five years, which can be renewed.