Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People
Response to the National Review Board Statement on the McCarrick Report

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The Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People (CPCYP) acknowledges and is grateful for the National Review Board (NRB) and their review of the findings of the Holy See’s “Report on the Institutional Knowledge and Decision-Making Related to Former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick (1930-2017)”. The CPCYP agrees with the NRB on the importance of building a Culture of Accountability and Transparency, a Culture of Safety and Healing. The Committee also agrees with the NRB on the need to identify, address, and correct systemic failures which hinder the best response to allegations.

The CPCYP would like to highlight that the commitment “To Protect and To Heal” is an ongoing effort. The NRB statement encourages the bishops to build on the progress the Church has made. Safeguarding is an evolutionary process which emerges from a commitment to integrity, fidelity to upholding moral norms of behavior, and ongoing critical assessment of policies and outcomes.

With the membership of the NRB, the CPCYP prays for the healing and restoration of all those wounded by clergy sexual abuse.

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