

Statement of Accountability

The Archdiocese of Newark must respond to the faithful's need for increased transparency, careful stewardship, and accountability for their contributions of the mission of the Church. This Statement of Accountability represents an important step in our ongoing efforts to heal the Body of Christ.

This Archdiocese hereby restates its commitment to the faithful of this local Church:

- 1) To work tirelessly, with the support of God's people and in cooperation with civil authorities, to protect all those entrusted to our care, most especially the young and vulnerable, from all forms of abuse, by continuing our efforts to create safe and respectful environments for all.
- 2) To use funds from the *Annual Appeal* or *We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign* solely for the purposes originally intended to proclaim the Good News, pass on the faith to the next generation, and care for the poor and marginalized and not for any other purpose. Information regarding these campaigns may be obtained on our website, www.rcan.org.
- 3) To inform and communicate regularly with the faithful on how these funds are used to serve the needs of God's people throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

I invoke the maternal protection and intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. May Christ, our Redeemer, lead us to greater unity in faith, hope, and charity.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

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