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## AWAKE MILWAUKEE RELEASES REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

*Catholic organization suggests next steps for preventing and responding to sexual abuse*

**MILWAUKEE, September 13, 2022** – After three years of learning from victim-survivors and researching best practices in addressing sexual abuse, Awake Milwaukee has published recommendations for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to increase transparency, safety, and accountability our church. These recommendations address updates to the list of restricted priests, sexual abuse of adults, preventing abuse proactively, and the transparency and accountability of lay-led advisory boards.

As committed Catholics, we urge the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to build on progress that has already been made in addressing sexual abuse by adopting these important changes.

The complete set of recommendations can be found at [www.awakemilwaukee.org/next-steps](http://www.awakemilwaukee.org/next-steps).

### **About Awake Milwaukee**

Awake is a growing grassroots nonprofit organization of Catholics addressing the issue of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church and supporting survivors of that abuse. Our mission is to awaken our community to the full reality of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church and work for transformation and healing in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and beyond. More information can be found at <http://www.awakemilwaukee.org>.

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