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Questionnaire for Conference On Safeguarding of Minors - Vatican, Feb 21–24, 2019

Via email

To whom it may concern,

You may be aware that Pope Francis has convened a meeting of bishops from around the world to discuss the Catholic Church's response to the sexual abuse of children. As President of the Irish Bishops Conference, I have been asked to represent the bishops of Ireland at this meeting which will be held in Rome in late February.

In order to help me prepare for the meeting I am interested in gathering the thoughts of as many people as possible, particularly those who are themselves victims and survivors of abuse, their families, and those who provide helpful therapeutic services for them.

In recent years I myself have met with many courageous survivors who have shared their stories with me. I learned how they suffered grievously, had their trust betrayed and their dignity violated because of the actions and inactions of some members of the Church.

If you feel that you are able to offer a particular perspective as a service provider, I would be very grateful if you could reflect on the questions below and offer me whatever feedback you can.

Your written answers can be sent to me (anonymously if you prefer) at the postal or email addresses below. Please mark your response **CONFIDENTIAL FEEDBACK**. It would be helpful to receive any responses before 7th February so that I have time to read them before the meeting. However I will keep the email address open for all of the year 2019 should you decide to respond at some time in the future.

Please either post your feedback to Archbishop Eamon Martin, **CONFIDENTIAL FEEDBACK**, Ara Coeli, Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QY or email it to confidentialfeedback@aracoeli.com

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

+ Eamon Martin

Eamon Martin
Archbishop of Armagh

**Survey to Support the Conference
on Safeguarding of Minors in the Vatican, Feb. 21-24, 2019**

Dear Service Provider,

Pope Francis has arranged for a conference to take place in the Vatican in February 2019 on the global safeguarding of minors. The head of each Bishops' Conference has been invited to attend. Archbishop Eamon Martin will be representing Ireland and has asked that this survey might be circulated to allow feedback to him in preparation for the meeting in Rome. If your agency would like to participate you can fill in the survey. You are welcome to also include additional information if you feel this would be helpful.

Please describe the type of service and user population that engages with your service:

- 1) How would you describe the present risk to minors in Ireland by clerics and religious?

- 2) How would you describe the present level of awareness of this topic among the public?

- 3) In your opinion, what is currently the greatest risk factor for the sexual abuse of minors in Ireland?

- 4) Do you feel there is currently an adequate response by the Church in Ireland in dealing with child sexual abuse?

- 5) What currently are the most effective measures in Ireland to protect minors from harm in the church?

6) What more do you feel could be done by the Catholic Church in Ireland in response to child sexual abuse?

7) Do you feel there are any limiting factors to the church's response to child sexual abuse? If so, what are the limiting factors?

If there was one thing you wanted to share with Pope Francis what would it be (include additional pages if needed):

Please return survey before February 7th so that it can be fully considered before the Conference at the Vatican in February, 2019. However survey replies will be welcome at any time throughout the year of 2019.

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