

Protecting Our Children

Following the recent release of grand jury proceedings detailing sexual abuse by Catholic priests in Pennsylvania, King's College has reaffirmed its commitment to fulfilling Bishop Bambera's edict that "child sexual abuse cannot be tolerated and must be eradicated."

Among its the findings, the grand jury implicated some bishops of the Diocese of Scranton for placing children at risk by failing to appropriately handle abuse cases and concealing reports of sexual abuse committed by priests.

The College's initial response to these reports was to rescind past honors bestowed on Bishops J. Carroll McCormick and James C. Timlin, including honorary degrees, as well as the removal of Bishop McCormick's name from the Campus Ministry Center. The College has had in place policies and guidelines designed to ensure the health and safety of everyone, and especially children, within the King's College community. Those policies include the following:

- [Clearance, Education, Mandatory Disclosure, and Training Requirements](#)
- [Employee Guidelines for Interaction with Children](#)
- [Protection of Children Policy](#)

King's College is committed to protecting the physical, mental and moral wellbeing of all members of its community. **To report suspected child abuse or general child well-being concerns, contact ChildLine at (800) 932-0313 (or visit the Child Welfare Portal, <http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>) and James Gilgallon, Executive Director, Campus Safety & Security at (570) 208-8103.**

If you have questions about King's College policies, please contact Kristin Fino, Associate Vice President, Human Resources, at kristinfino@kings.edu or call (570) 208-5968.