

Statement of Bishop Howard J Hubbard in light of the most recent court filing under the Child Victims Act.

The most recent court filing names me as a known sexual abuser dating back to the beginning of my episcopate in 1977.

The first allegation of such misconduct was in 2004. This complaint was thoroughly investigated by Mary Jo White, the former attorney of the Southern District of New York who prosecuted John Gotti and the terrorists at the World Trade Center. She investigated my entire life going back to grammar school years till 2004. She interviewed over 300 people, offered a toll free hot line to receive any complaints of misbehavior on my part, reviewed my medical and financial records and had me take a polygraph test administered by a former FBI specialist in this regard. Ms. White included that there was no evidence I ever abused anyone sexually and stated that any further allegations should be reviewed with the greatest skepticism.

This now is the fourth allegation brought forth under the Child Victims Act. All are alleged to have occurred prior to Ms. White's 2004 investigation. I adamantly deny each of the allegations including the most recent one. It is worth noting that all of the other priests named in these court filings are now deceased. It leads one to wonder why these allegations didn't surface during the White investigation in 2004 or with the Independent Mediation Assistance Program conducted by Judge Howard Levine and his associates between 2004 and 2008, or its continuance to the present day.

I don't know if any of the plaintiffs in these court documents were abused. If so, I hope they find healing and justice. I can only declare with absolute certitude that I was never their abuser or the abuser of anyone else.