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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO TO RELEASE RESULTS OF COMPLIANCE AUDIT ON CLERICAL SEXUAL ABUSE NEWS CONFERENCE TO COINCIDE WITH WASHINGTON, D.C. NEWS CONFERENCE REPORTING ON NATIONAL RESULTS**

CHICAGO (January 5, 2003) – Officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago will release the results of its Compliance Audit Report during a news conference tomorrow morning. The Chicago results are part of a nationwide audit compiled by the national Office of Child and Youth Protection for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The national audit specifies how dioceses across the U.S. are complying with the terms of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth.

Chancellor Jimmy Lago will announce the results of the audit of the Archdiocese of Chicago at 10 a.m. at the Pastoral Center, 155 E. Superior, Chicago. Lago and other officials charged with the responsibility of carrying out the terms of the Charter will be available to media following the announcement.

Members of the media who wish to view streaming video of the D.C. news conference may arrive at 9 a.m. The Archdiocese plans to project streaming video of the Washington news conference in which officials of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, the USCCB and the National Review Board will present and comment on results of the nationwide audit conducted between June and November of last year.

The following is the timetable for the national and local events on January 6, 2003:

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| 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. (CST) | News Conference, National Press Club, Washington, D.C. Representatives of the USCCB and its Office of Child and Youth Protection and the National Review Board present national audit results. Video Streaming provided by USCCB will be made available to media by the Archdiocese of Chicago prior to its news conference at the Pastoral Center, 155 E. Superior St., Chicago. |
| 10 a.m. (CST)          | Archdiocese of Chicago News Conference presenting results of its Compliance Audit Report  |
| 11 p.m. – 2 p.m. (CST) | Satellite Media Tour: Dr. Kathleen McChesney, Director Office of Child and Youth Protection, and Mr. William Gavin of the Gavin Group, Boston, MA will alternate doing a satellite media tour to explain the process of the compliance audit.   |

Satellite/B-Roll Coordinates: Available upon scheduling an interview.

To Schedule an Interview: Contact, Meghan Dotter, 212-994-7552, or Kate Rothen, 212-994-7537.

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