

Diocese of Jackson

Statement on the Resignation of Bernard Cardinal Law

December 13, 2002

As Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, my prayers are with the people of the Archdiocese of Boston and with Cardinal Law. I hope and pray that this action will help lead the archdiocese to healing and reconciliation.

For all those who are suffering -- victims of sexual abuse, parishioners, priests and bishops -- in light of this terrible scandal in our church, I offer my heartfelt and fervent prayers.

I ask God to bless all of us during this Holy Season and I ask that the healing power of Jesus Christ may bring a sense of peace and hope to us all.

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