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# BISHOP ACCOUNTABILITY & LAITY

## A T A G L A N C E

This week, the bishops of the United States of America approved *Protocol Regarding Available Non-Penal Restrictions on Bishops, Affirming Our Episcopal Commitments*, and *Directives for the Implementation of the Provisions of Vos estis lux mundi Concerning Bishops and their Equivalents*

### 1 Commit

To the involvement of lay professionals

To appoint a qualified lay person to receive reports of bishop misconduct and to publicize the means by which people can make such complaints

To appoint an investigator chosen from the list of lay experts previously prepared in consultation with bishops of his province

### Inform

# 2

The person asserting an allegation of their rights under the *Motu Proprio* and *Directives*

### 3 Establish

A notification process for conflicts of interest

### Ensure

# 4

Conflicts of interest claims won't result in prejudice, retaliation, or discrimination

