

## Addendum to 2018 Voice of the Faithful Online Diocesan Financial Transparency Report

The starting date for the Voice of the Faithful financial transparency review period is designed to give ample time for dioceses to post their latest audited financial statements before the review begins. The audited financial statement is the posted item that we know will change from fiscal year to fiscal year. The review was not designed to allow for updates to diocesan scores during the review period after a given diocesan website had received its review. Voice of the Faithful reviewers proceed diocese by diocese, randomly selecting archdioceses and then randomly selecting dioceses.

Shortly after the review period carried out during the summer of 2018 began, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia made significant changes to their website that greatly increased the level of financial transparency, as measured by its transparency score. The Archdiocese brought this to our attention immediately following the release of our report. The archdiocese's score went from 40 to 60, based on receiving a full score for Question 8 (5 points), Question 9 (5 points), and Question 10 (10 points). Details of those questions and their scores are shown in the table below.

<b>8. Is the finance council identified? Score: 0-5</b> <b>Note:</b> Deduct 3 points if there are not 3 lay members. Deduct 1 point if credentials are not posted.
<b>9. Are parish financial guidelines posted? Score: 0 or 5</b>
<b>10. Are Detailed collection and counting procedures posted? Score: 0-10</b> <b>Note:</b> Deduct 4 points for each "No" answer below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are serially numbered containers <b>required</b>?</li><li>• Are 3 or more counters <b>required</b>?</li></ul>

Voice of the Faithful cannot revise the 2018 report to reflect changes made after the review of an individual diocese has been completed, but we are pleased to recognize the significant strides in financial transparency that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has made.