

**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.**

**+William R. Houck  
Bishop of Jackson**