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## **Archbishop's statement on the death of Cardinal Law**

As we pray for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Bernard Law, who died on Dec. 20 at the age of 86, we ask God's blessings for his family and friends who grieve his loss. We also recall the pain and trauma suffered by victims of clergy sexual abuse and take this occasion to recommit ourselves to the protection of all children and vulnerable people in our care and extend our concern and compassion to victims, their families and loved ones. On behalf of the local church in the Archdiocese of Seattle, I again express my deep regret, apology, and sadness for the sexual abuse of children by those entrusted with their pastoral care and for those times when the Church failed them. May God in his infinite love and mercy heal all hurts and bless us all with his peace.

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[Statement](#) by Archbishop of Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley