



Making a Report of Abuse

Any adult reporting sexual abuse as a minor or any minor abused by a member of the clergy, non-school personnel, or school personnel should immediately contact local, county and/or state law enforcement authorities.

Those reporting who wish to speak to a member of the Bishop's staff may direct their call to one of the following - the Vicar General, Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Director of Clergy Personnel or Coordinator of the Office for the Protection of Children. They can be reached by dialing (800) 374 - 3723. To reach them by e-mail, use the person's first initial and last name followed by @erieRCD.org. For names and other contact information, visit the diocesan web site: www.erieRCD.org.

Our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Nelsen works comprehensively and confidentially to assist victims in obtaining outpatient counseling, facilitate spiritual and mental health support services and maintain contact in order to insure that the counseling provided is helpful. He is also available to provide victims with valuable information and resources for promoting healing, stability and security. Dr. Nelsen's phone number is 814-451-1521.

Each and every allegation is taken seriously by the Diocese. The Diocese reports all allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the public authorities and complies with all applicable civil law. If the allegation is against a diocesan priest or deacon, any diocesan investigation will be conducted with respect for that being conducted by civil authorities and in accord with Canon Law.

If there is suspicion or knowledge that a child is being abused, the one so informed should immediately notify **Child Line** (800-932-0313), the State of Pennsylvania Hotline number for the protection of children.