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# PRESS RELEASE

The Diocese of Rockford has learned through a press release that Attorney General Lisa Madigan plans to conduct an inquiry of the Catholic dioceses in Illinois. We look forward to discussing with the Attorney General's office the Diocese's sexual abuse policies and procedures.

Since 1987, the Diocese of Rockford has had in place policies for the proper handling of reports of sexual abuse. Those policies comply with the requirements of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, including notifying law enforcement and screening and training of our clergy, employees and volunteers, and the training of minors in the dignity of their bodies and how to resist and report inappropriate conduct. We have worked cooperatively with our law enforcement officials and the State's Attorneys' offices.

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy, religious or laity affiliated with the Diocese of Rockford, we encourage you to contact local police authorities and call the Diocese's Victims Abuse HotLine: 815-293-7540.