

If you or someone you
know has been a
victim of sexual abuse
at the hands of a
Diocesan employee,
clergy, or volunteer,
the Diocese wants
to assist you.

The Diocese of Rockford

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Rockford, IL 61125

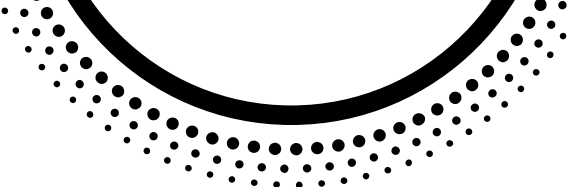
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WHAT TO DO GUIDELINES

In Cases of Sexual Abuse

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Desiring to restore wholeness to victims of sexual abuse and their families, the Diocese:

- Offers pastoral outreach to victims;
- Seeks to bring about spiritual and emotional healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation for victims and their families;
- Raises awareness about the issue by our preaching and teaching;
- Offers help and support for abusers while holding them accountable for their actions;
- Educates employees, clergy, volunteers, and parents in how to prevent, detect, and report sexual abuse; and
- Educates children in our schools and religious education programs to protect themselves from harm and report inappropriate conduct.

To report sexual abuse of a minor:

1. Report the matter to your local police department;
2. If the victim is currently under 18 years of age, contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services hotline number: 1-800-25-ABUSE; and
3. Contact the Diocese's confidential

Hotline Number: 815-293-7540

Write to: Diocese of Rockford
P.O. Box 7044
Rockford, IL 61125
or

Email: Victims Assistance Coordinator
at reportsexualabuse@rockforddiocese.org

Please provide us with your
contact information

The Diocese's response will be:

1. to remove the accused from employment or ministry pending the conclusion of the investigation;
2. to respond in a supportive way to the victim by providing services which the victim and the Diocese will see as most helpful;
3. to investigate the facts regarding the abuse; and
4. to plan with the victim and his or her family a healing process

