



Advocacy

Victim Assistance

If you or someone you know as been sexually exploited, abused or harassed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay church personnel, and you need some help or you want to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt, we are here for you.



Ministry-related sexual misconduct refers to three related forms of misconduct:

- Sexual exploitation, which is sexual contact between a church leader and a person who is receiving pastoral care from the church leader.
- Sexual abuse, which is sexual conduct between a church leader and a minor or vulnerable adult.
- Sexual harassment, which is unwanted sexual conduct or language between co-workers in the church work setting.

We are here to receive your complaint

We are morally obligated as human beings and especially as representatives of Christ's Church to respond to the harm you have experienced from a person in a position of spiritual, sacred trust. We are here to listen and receive your complaint. We understand that bringing a complaint of clergy misconduct or abuse to the Archdiocese can be an uncomfortable even frightening experience. We will try to make this process as non-threatening as possible. We will proceed in the manner you who have been harmed feel comfortable with, taking into consideration and respecting your needs throughout the process.

We are truly sorry for the pain you have suffered.



We offer support and financial assistance for counseling, individual or group therapy and spiritual advising or direction.



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For more information

For more information on contacting Archdiocesan officials or bringing a complaint, call:

Greta Sawyer, advisor/advocate coordinator at (651) 291-4497.

You can also write or email:

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We will also help you bring your complaint or concerns to church officials outside of this Archdiocese when the exploitation, abuse or harassment occurred in another Diocese and you now reside in the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis.

