



MAKING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

1. REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Report to civil authorities such as the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department at either their nonemergency number 3-1-1 or the emergency number of 9-1-1 where appropriate. You may also report to the Child Protective Services for your area. Below are important numbers for CPS in our corresponding areas:

- Clark County 702-399-0081
- Ely 775-289-1640
- Pahrump 775-727-8497
- Tonopah 775-482-6626
- Outside of Clark County 1-800-992-5757

2. ADDITIONAL REPORT TO THE DIOCESE WHEN:

The suspected sexual misconduct of a child of our institutions or ministries by a priest, deacon or other Diocesan employee or volunteer. Report any suspected sexual misconduct to the Safe Environment Coordinator/Victim's Advocate, Ron Vallance at: (702) 235-7723. You may also e-mail the Safe Environment Coordinator/Victim's Advocate at: assistmin@dioceseoflasvegas.org.

The Safe Environment Coordinator and Victim's Advocate positions, as well as the above phone line and e-mail account were established as part of our efforts to protect children in our schools, parishes and ministries. The above number and e-mail for reports to the Diocese is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct of a child within our institutions or ministries by a priest, deacon or other Diocesan employee or volunteer.

When making a report, you will be asked to provide as much information as possible, including: (1) the identity of the child/children; (2) the name of the person suspected of the misconduct; (3) the name(s) of any other people involved or witnesses; as well as, (4) your name, address and telephone number. You will also be asked to complete a written statement that provides details about the situation. This may be provided via e-mail to the address above.

3. PROMPT INVESTIGATION:

After receiving a complaint, the Diocese of Las Vegas and/or its representative will promptly investigate all credible complaints and will impose discipline to those accused, where it believes it is appropriate. The Diocese of Las Vegas treats all such reports seriously and needs those making a report to be candid and truthful in the investigatory process. Though we do our best, it is difficult to investigate anonymous complaints and as part of our investigation into the truth of an allegation we may need to speak again with you directly.

OUTREACH

Where an allegation is made, the Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas or his representative will meet with the alleged victim and/or family members. This outreach is meant to be a meaningful pastoral outreach and is not an expression of guilt or liability on the part of anyone. Depending on the situation, therapy and/or other social services may be offered. Diocesan support may be provided after an allegation is received. Diocesan support is determined in conjunction with each situation.

Please be aware that leaving a report with us in no way means you should not make a report to civil law enforcement authorities (e.g., the police) and/or the appropriate child protection agency.

If you need to make a report of “child abuse” which does not involve suspected misconduct by one of our Diocesan priests, deacons, other employee or volunteer, please make your report to the appropriate child protection agency or civil law enforcement authority at the numbers above.

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