

■ POLICY

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**MINORS AND ADULTS**

**ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS BY PRIESTS OR DEACONS**

The Diocese of Columbus has a written policy on the allegations of sexual abuse of minors by priests and deacons, as well as by other church personnel. This policy complies with and specifies in more detail, the steps taken in implementing the requirements of canon law, particularly CIC, Canons 1717-1719. A copy of this policy is filed with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Copies of this policy are available from the Chancery Office.

Each parish must have a copy of the diocesan policy and procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons and have it readily available for parishioners and staff.

Please refer to pages 4-21 of the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment Manual for additional detail and forms for reporting

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