

We Want to Help

To those who have been abused, we are truly sorry for the pain you and your loved ones have suffered.

We are committed to listening to you, addressing your needs and concerns, and doing all we can to prevent any more harm.

Taking that first, courageous step to report abuse is not easy. For many people, the strength to do so comes after years of anguish, anger and a deep sense of betrayal.

We have partnered with Canvas Health, a trusted local care provider, to offer you a safe and compassionate place to come forward.

Independent professionals are available through Canvas Health 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to take your call at 612-379-6363.

You may also wish to contact the archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program at 651-291-4475.

What To Expect When You Call

When you call Canvas Health, a compassionate and professional intake representative will be there to help.

The representative will ask for some basic information, including the circumstances of the abuse, the identity of the abuser, and your contact information.

The representative is a mandated reporter and will report child abuse to law enforcement as required by law, but won't share your name with the archdiocese if you do not want your name to be shared.

You will be assisted in obtaining services such as professional counseling and pastoral care.

If you want to meet with an archdiocesan official as a part of your healing process or have another request of the Church, the archdiocese will be contacted and will take action.

Ministry-related Sexual Misconduct

Sexual abuse is sexual contact between individuals when one does not or cannot consent, or the sexual contact involves a minor or vulnerable adult.

Sexual exploitation occurs when there is sexual contact between a Church minister and a person receiving pastoral care from that minister.

Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual conduct or language in the Church work setting.

When a clergy member, religious brother or sister, or lay employee or volunteer of a parish or Catholic school engages in misconduct, they violate a sacred trust and they are to blame for the resulting pain and suffering.

You are not at fault for what you were forced to endure. The abuser is at fault.