



## **HOW TO REPORT COMPLAINTS OR ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON**

The Diocese of Stockton treats all complaints of sexual abuse seriously and deals with such allegations in a confidential, prompt, and thorough manner with compassion and consideration for all those involved. To make a complaint of sexual abuse against anyone acting in the name of the Catholic Church, you may do so in writing or by telephone. Whether the abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (209) 466-0636 or (855) 566-7262 or in writing to 212 N. San Joaquin St. Stockton, CA. 95202–2409, marked “Confidential” and directed to the attention of the Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Diocese of Stockton Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cynthia Dragun

### **To Whom Must You Report?**

In accordance with the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law, child abuse should be reported immediately (or as soon as practically possible) by telephone...”to any police department or sheriff’s department (not including a school district police or security department), county probation department, if designated by the county to receive mandated reports, or county welfare department .” (P.C.11165.9).

A written report should be sent within 36 hours on a Department of Justice form (SS 8572), which may be requested from your local police or sheriff’s department, county probation department, or county welfare department. Forms are also available from your local Child Protective Services Agency.

