

Two ways to report an incident

1. Call

Victim Assistance
at (701) 356-7965.

2. Write

Victim Assistance
Diocese of Fargo
5201 Bishops Blvd, Ste. B
Fargo, ND 58104-7605

Mark your letter
“**Personal & Confidential**”

We will also help you bring your concerns to church officials outside the Diocese of Fargo if the abuse, exploitation or harassment occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Fargo.

If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at the address or phone number above, or send an email to VictimAssistance@fargodiocese.org

Our pledge to you

From the U.S. Bishops:

It is with reliance on prayer and penance that we renew the pledges which we made in the original Charter:

We pledge most solemnly to one another and to you, God’s people, that we will work to our utmost for the protection of children and youth.

We pledge that we will devote to this goal the resources and personnel necessary to accomplish it.

We pledge that we will do our best to ordain to the priesthood and put into positions of trust only those who share this commitment to protecting children and youth.

We pledge that we will work toward healing and reconciliation for those sexually abused by clerics.

- Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Revised June 2005

Victim Assistance Program

Catholic Diocese of Fargo



If you
or someone
you know
has been
sexually exploited
by a member
of the clergy,
a church worker
or volunteer . . .

... and you need
to talk
confidentially
with someone
about your
feeling
of betrayal
or hurt
due to sexual

- abuse
- exploitation
- harassment

We are sorry
for what you have
experienced and
want to help
bring about healing.

We will help you obtain support by
providing information regarding

- Diocesan Assistance
- Counseling/Therapy
- Spiritual Direction

Ministry related sexual misconduct
refers to three forms of behavior:

Abuse:

sexual conduct between a church
worker and a minor or vulnerable
adult

Exploitation:

sexual conduct between a church
worker and an adult who is
receiving pastoral care from the
church worker

Sexual harassment:

unwelcome sexual conduct between
a church worker and employees,
volunteers or parishoners

We are respectfully
open to your complaint

Both justice and compassion call
us to respond to any harm you
or someone you may know has
experienced from a person in a
position of trust. We want to listen
and address any hurt that may
have occurred.

We recognize that bringing a
misconduct complaint to the
Diocese can be a frightening
prospect. We are here to assist
you with the process. We will
proceed at the pace that you set,
respecting your need to determine
when, how and where you wish
to speak.

We have found that the process
works best when the person
bringing the complaint has the
support of a friend or other
knowledgeable person, such as
an advisor. You may request
someone to accompany you at
any stage of the process.