



Making a Report of Abuse

Pastoral care and compassion for victims, as well as the protection of children and vulnerable adults, is a top priority of the Diocese of Erie. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced any abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church, to contact law enforcement.

To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the Diocese of Erie, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. In addition, victims or concerned individuals can report abuse to ChildLine, an outreach of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, by calling 800-932-0313. The line is open 24/7, and callers may choose to remain anonymous.

Victims are also welcome to contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-451-1543.

Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelson, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. Dr. Nelson is also available to provide victims with valuable information and resources for promoting healing, stability and security.

If there is suspicion or knowledge that a child is being abused, the one so informed should immediately notify **Child Line** (800-932-0313), the State of Pennsylvania Hotline number for reporting suspected abuse.