

## **Child Protection Policy Diocese of Evansville**

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### **DIOCESAN POLICY: REPORT AND INFORM**

The Diocese of Evansville has in place a policy that requires that any allegation of child abuse must be reported to civil authorities. If an allegation involves the sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, the Victim Assistance Coordinator must also be informed.

Sexual misconduct violates human dignity and the mission of the church. The spiritual well-being of all victims, their families, and others in the community is of particular concern to the church.

#### ***Report Child Abuse***

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government, (800) 800-5556. Local law enforcement agencies should also be contacted by calling 9-1-1.

#### ***Report and Inform***

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, the allegation must be reported to civil authorities (800) 800-5556 and 911; the Victim Assistance Coordinator must also be informed, so that certain diocesan procedures may be performed as specified. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (812) 490-9565 or toll-free (866) 200-3004.