

I. Reporting Sexual Abuse

- A All allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a priest, deacon, religious, employees or volunteers must be reported immediately to the Victims' Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese (Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., M.A., M.H.T., 413 Ryan Road, Churubusco, NY 12923; e-mail: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-483-3261) or the Vicar for Clergy (at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340), or, in his absence, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (at 315-393-3930). In addition, all state-mandated reporters should call the New York State Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-342-3720.
- B The Diocese of Ogdensburg will report all allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the public authorities and cooperate in their investigation. The Diocese will contact and cooperate with public authorities about reporting in cases when the person is no longer a minor. In every case, the Diocese will advise victims of their right to make a report to public authorities and support this right.
- C Any insurance service for the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be put on notice of a possible claim and requested to provide whatever service or coverage is available.

As part of the efforts of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries, it is important that your report identify:

- *The child or children in danger,*
- *The name of the suspected abuser,*
- *As well as your name, address and phone number as part of your report.*

Making a report to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, in no way, means that you should not make a report to police or child protective agencies.