

DIOCESAN POLICY AND PROCEDURES

- 1) Complaint Form on back is completed and sent to the Office of Bishop, Diocese of La Crosse.
- 2) The Diocese will follow all legal reporting requirements.
- 3) All necessary protective actions will be immediately taken by the Diocese of La Crosse.
- 4) An immediate investigation is initiated.
- 5) Diocesan Bishop appoints individuals to interview both accused and accuser, and serve as his liaisons.
- 6) The Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator makes contact with the alleged victim.
- 7) If the accusation is admitted or sufficiently confirmed through the appropriate investigation process, the Diocese of La Crosse shall follow all required protocols mandated by Canon Law, the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the Essential Norms, the Revised Policy and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct for the Diocese of La Crosse (Red Book) as appropriate, the Revised Policy and Procedures Child Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures of the Diocese of La Crosse (Green Book) as appropriate and all civil law requirements.

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LEGAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR CHILD ABUSE

Persons, mandatory or permissive, having reasonable cause to suspect that a child has or may be abused, shall or may make a report to the local authorities.

Sec. 48.981 (Wis. Stats.)

MANDATORY REPORTERS* WHO "SHALL" REPORT

- 1) Clergy: ordained - priests, deacons,
Consecrated: sisters, brothers,
members of Religious Orders
- 2) School teachers
- 3) School administrators
- 4) School counselors
- 5) Child care workers
- 6) Day care providers
- 7) Marriage or family therapists
- 8) Professional counselors . . .

** This lists some but not all mandatory reporters.*

PERMISSIVE REPORTERS WHO "MAY" REPORT

All other persons.

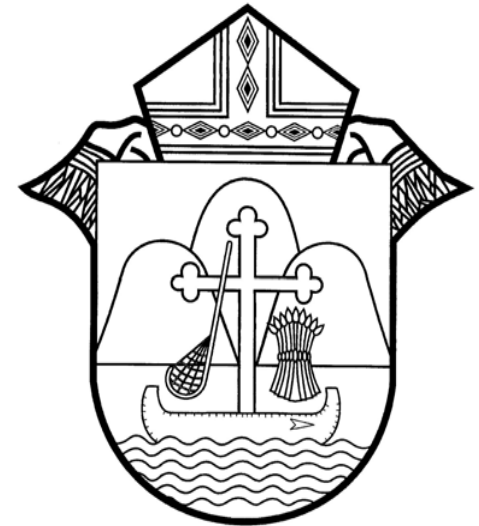
WHERE TO REPORT

Your local County Social Services Agency or local Sheriff or Police Department.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

www.dioceseoflacrosse.com

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE



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