



## 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](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com). In addition, concerned individuals can report abuse of a minor 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 welcomed 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. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. Dr. Tobin 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.