

WHEN AN ALLEGATION IS MADE

ALLEGED PERPETRATOR TEMPORARILY REMOVED

Priests accused of abuse are removed from ministry and have their ability to serve as a priest temporarily suspended pending the outcome of an investigation. A public announcement is typically made in parishes, online and in local media concerning the allegation and the priest involved.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

After insuring it will not interfere with a law enforcement investigation, the Office of Child and Youth Protection begins its investigation of the accusation.

REMOVAL MADE PERMANENT AND PUBLICLY REPORTED

When there is a credible allegation of Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel, the offender is permanently relieved of all ministry, employment, and volunteer service. Priests who served in the Archdiocese and are credibly accused of child abuse are included on a list maintained on the Archdiocese's website (<https://bit.ly/aob-ocyp-list>).



REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Every allegation is immediately reported to law enforcement and the Archdiocese fully cooperates with its investigation.

OUTREACH

The Office of Child and Youth Protection reaches out to the alleged victim and offers support including an apology, payments for counseling, and a meeting with Archbishop Lori.

DETERMINATION OF CREDIBILITY

With the results of a full investigation, the Archdiocese and the Independent Review Board (IRB) assess credibility. The IRB is composed of eight persons who reflect the diversity of the Archdiocese, seven of whom are not clergy or in the employ of the Archdiocese.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO HEALING

All survivors are offered ongoing pastoral support.



VICTIMS ASSISTANCE LINE: 886-417-7469

Or

THE OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION: 410-547-5348