

How to Notify the Church About Your Concerns

If you have questions, concerns or are unsure about making a complaint, please contact an Intake Coordinator. The Intake Coordinator will help you find answers to your questions:

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Prayer for Healing for Victims of Abuse

Praise to you,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
source of all consolation and hope.
By your Son's dying and rising
He remains our light in every darkness,
our strength in every weakness.

Be the refuge and guardian
of all who suffer from abuse and violence.
Comfort them and send healing
For their wounds of body, soul and spirit.

Rescue them from bitterness and shame
and refresh them with your love.
Heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse,
and revive the spirits
of all who lament this sin.

Help us to follow Jesus
in drawing good from evil, life from death.
Make us one with you in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect
for the dignity of human life.

Giver of peace,
make us one in celebrating your praise,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Are you or someone
you know a victim
of sexual misconduct in
the Church?



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A Note from the Bishop

This brochure is an invitation to you, and anyone you know, to seek health and wholeness as we address the issue of sexual misconduct in today's world. Help is only a phone call away. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone acting on behalf of the Church, please contact us. We want to help.



Bishop Michael P. Driscoll
Bishop of Idaho

The Catholic Church in Idaho welcomes the opportunity to listen and effectively respond to your concerns.

Justice and compassion call us to respond to the harm you or someone you know has experienced from someone who represents the Church. The Church wants to listen and appropriately address the hurt that may have occurred when pastoral care was exercised improperly.

Bringing a serious complaint of sexual misconduct to the Church can be frightening. Be assured that the Church wants to help you and is committed to providing you with a safe and confidential process so that additional harm does not occur and justice is served.

The Church deeply regrets the pain you or someone you know has experienced, and will do everything possible to bring about healing.

What is sexual misconduct?

Sexual misconduct includes all forms of exploitation and molestation as well as behavior by which a person who representing the Church uses another person as an object of sexual gratification. Those who represent the Church are Clergy, Pastoral Associates, Directors of Religious Education, Catholic School Principals and Teachers, and anyone who is involved with Church-related activities.

The term "sexual abuse" refers to any exploitation, molestation or sexually inappropriate behavior directed toward minors or adults.

Sexual abuse is a crime and must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

For additional information regarding the Diocese of Boise's policy on misconduct, please ask for a copy of the Sexual Misconduct Policies. Additional information may be found on the Diocesan webpage:

www.catholicidaho.org

What if the misconduct happened many years ago?

Although time can help heal past wounds, the effects of sexual misconduct are not always cured with time. Many times it takes years for people to realize that they may have been inappropriately treated by someone of trust.

Don't let the fact that years have passed stop you from seeking help. Act now, and ask for help.

What if the misconduct happened outside the Diocese of Boise?

The Catholic Church of Idaho stands ready to help you deal with issues of misconduct, wherever they may have occurred. Please call us for more information.

How does the Church handle complaints of sexual misconduct?

Working closely with other Church officials, initial information regarding complaints of misconduct is gathered by an Intake Coordinator, the Vicar General, or the Bishop.

This initial information is then given to an investigator who gather additional facts and presents them to the Vicar General and Bishop for appropriate action. The Diocesan Review Board also reviews the information gathered and makes recommendations to the Bishop for further action. The Review Board is comprised of a majority of qualified lay people and advises the Bishop on appropriate responses to complaints of Child Sexual Abuse.