

## **DIOCESE OF ALBANY**

### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPLAINANT**

#### **RIGHTS OF THE COMPLAINANT**

The rights of a complainant during an investigation include:

1. The right to be heard.
2. The right to be treated with respect and consideration.
3. The right to report allegations to the appropriate public authorities.
4. The right to seek and retain legal counsel.
5. The right to discretion in the conduct of the investigation and to have her or his good name protected in the investigation.
6. The right to reply to any response from the accused.
7. The right to provide evidence in support of the complaint.
8. The right to know the results of the investigation.
9. The right to be free of intimidation by the Church, the accused or the faith community.

#### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPLAINANT**

The obligations of the complainant include:

1. The obligation to provide complete and accurate information regarding the allegations.
2. The obligation to provide names of additional witnesses to investigators.
3. The obligation not to interfere with the investigative process.

By affixing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this statement of rights and obligations.

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Signature & Date

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Printed Name

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Signature of Diocesan Staff & Date

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Printed Name & Title