

**REPORTING AN  
ALLEGATION**

To report suspected sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon, currently or in the past, contact:

*Theresa Rodrigues, ACSW*  
Assistance Coordinator  
**Call: 518-453-6646**

**OR**

write to:

Victims /Survivors Assistance  
Coordinator  
40 North Main Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

**OR**

E-mail:

[assistance.coordinator@rcda.org](mailto:assistance.coordinator@rcda.org)

The Assistance Coordinator  
can assist individuals in  
presenting their allegations to an  
investigator.

**Assistance for  
Victims/Survivors  
of Clergy Sexual  
Abuse**

*Care, support and  
resources for those who  
may have been hurt by the  
sexually abusive behavior  
of clergy who work for the  
Roman*



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**Office of  
Assistance Coordinator**



**Roman Catholic  
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# Victims/Survivors Assistance for the Diocese of Albany, NY

The position of Assistance Coordinator has been established by the Diocese of Albany, New York specifically to provide timely assistance, pastoral care, support and resources to those who have been affected by the sexual misconduct of a priest or deacon of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

Professional resources available through the Diocese include mental health practitioners, counselors and psychologists as well as spiritual counselors skilled in helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse.



Assistance is available to:

- Individuals who have experienced sexual abuse as minors by ordained personnel of the Diocese of Albany;
- Secondary victims of sexual abuse, including families of those sexually abused by ordained personnel of the Diocese of Albany.

## ASSISTANCE, SUPPORT AND TIMELY RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS/SURVIVORS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

- Individual spiritual direction under the guidance of approved, trained spiritual counselors;
- Individual counseling, on a time-limited basis that provides therapeutic support to complement other efforts towards healing and wholeness.
- Professional resource identification – assistance in one's search for alternative professional resources that one's individual circumstances require in his/her journey to healing and wholeness.

## Other Assistance

The Diocese may provide additional services and support depending on circumstances and the particular needs or requests of those served.

Whatever form the outreach may take, the singular objective is to promote healing.

## COMPASSIONATE CARE AND SUPPORT

In summary, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, through the Office of Assistance Ministry, provides pastoral outreach within a setting of compassion, acceptance, privacy and respect. The focus of Assistance Ministry is primarily on the emotional and spiritual well-being and healing of those affected by the sexual misconduct of Diocesan clergy.

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