

Reporting Ministry-Related Child Sexual Abuse

In a commitment to support and facilitate healing, individuals who have been sexually abused by a cleric, religious, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Richmond are encouraged to contact the **Civil Authorities and the confidential Victim's Assistance Reporting 24 Hour Number 1-877-887-9603** or in writing to the Office of the Bishop.

To make a report in writing, forward a letter describing the situation to the Office of the Bishop. Correspondence should be signed and provide contact information. Letters should be sent to:

Office of the Bishop
Catholic Diocese of Richmond
7800 Carousel Lane
Richmond, VA 23294

To Report Child Abuse and Neglect in Virginia to Child Protective Services

**Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services 24 Hour State Hotline:
Out of State: (800) 552-7096 In Virginia: (804) 786-8536 Hearing-impaired: (800) 828-1120**

Anyone can report suspected child abuse or neglect to a local department of social services or to the CPS Hotline. Callers will be asked to provide as much information as possible about the child, the alleged abuser and the incident. The caller is not required to give their name when the report is made, but if the caller does identify themselves, the local department of social services will be able to make contact in the event further information is needed. Additionally, CPS will be able to inform the caller of actions that were taken. NOTE: Each report is evaluated by the local department of social services to determine if the report information meets the legal definition of child abuse or neglect and whether CPS has the authority and responsibility to conduct a family assessment or an investigation to determine the child's immediate safety needs and to determine if the family needs services.

Reports can also be made to the local Police Department

To Report Information Regarding Child Sexual Exploitation

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cyber Tipline
1-800-843-5678**

Contact the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cyber Tipline** to provide information regarding child pornography and child sexual exploitation.