

## SUSPECTED ABUSE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

When abuse (harassment, exploitation, misconduct, or assault) of an individual connected to a parish of the Diocese of Niagara is discovered or an allegation is disclosed, it is imperative that the suspected abuse be promptly reported, normally by the cleric-in-charge of the parish, to the Executive Officer at the diocesan office:

The Venerable Bill Mous Weekdays: 905-527-1316 Ext 330

Weekends and evenings: 905-541-9750

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If the suspected abuse involves a child under the age of 18:

IMMEDIATELY report to your local Children's Aid Society or Family and Children's Services agency.

This reporting is incompliance with the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017. Abuse of a child by any person of the Diocese of Niagara (volunteer or staff, lay or ordained) will not be tolerated, and must bylaw be reported immediately.

