

Who should contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator?

- A parent or guardian who has reason to believe his or her child has been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Reno.
- Any person, who as a child, experienced sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Reno.
- An individual who has reported allegations of sexual abuse as a minor and is having difficulty coping with feelings of anger and depression or experiencing other signs of emotional distress as a result of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Reno.

What to expect when contacting the Victim's Assistance Coordinator?

- You can expect a respectful, confidential consultation and interview with our Victim's Assistance Coordinator.
- The Diocese will notify civil authorities of the allegations in accordance with the requirements of the mandated reporter laws.

What will the Victim's Assistance Coordinator do?

- Assist you when deemed appropriate by the Diocese, and help you to obtain outpatient counseling from diocesan-recommended, licensed and qualified providers.
- Explore with you, as a pastoral outreach, financial resources for counseling costs.
- Arrange pastoral visits or meetings to aid in the healing process, which may include spiritual direction.
- Maintain contact with you to ensure that the counseling you receive is helpful.
- Provide other assistance as may be deemed appropriate by the Diocese.

To learn more about the USCCB and its commitment to survivors of abuse and the Victim's Assistance Coordinator role, go to <https://www.usccb.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/victim-assistance>