

# Accountability

## RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS



### Reporting

All allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by Church personnel are reported to the NH Attorney General's Office; if the allegation involves a current minor, reports are made to the NH Division for Children, Youth & Families and the local police.



### Investigation

Allegations are investigated by professionals in a timely fashion.



### Review

The Diocesan Review Board reviews investigative results and offers advice to the Bishop.



### Compassionate Assistance

The Office for Healing and Pastoral Care offers pastoral support to victims and their families, including counseling referrals and spiritual care.



### Financial Compensation

The Diocese has developed a non-confrontational process for victims to seek financial compensation, regardless of when the abuse occurred.



### Confidentiality

While the diocese maintains strict confidentiality, those who receive financial settlements for sexual abuse as a minor are not required to sign confidentiality agreements.

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