

**To report an incident of abuse
or misconduct:**

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To view or download our policies:
<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/business-office/responsible-ministry>

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"Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11: 28

A Prayer for Healing

We Believe ...

... that beyond the violence,
there can be love;
That beyond the despair,
there can be hope;
That beyond the torment,
we will find rest;
That beyond our brokenness
there can be healing;
That beyond our agony,
we will find joy.
Oh, God, transform our disbelief
and gently carry us
from darkness to light.



(Carolyn Holderread
Heggen, Sexual
Abuse in Christian
Homes and Churches
Herald Press)

Prevention Through Action

Reporting and healing
incidents of abuse
and misconduct
in our diocese



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Responsibility. Accountability. Transparency.

The Diocese of Antigonish has a responsibility to provide a safe and caring environment of respect and dignity for its faith community in an open, transparent, and accountable manner.

We are doing this with the dedicated efforts of our church officials and volunteers, lessons learned and your support.

Our Policies:

Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2018) strengthens protocols to protect victims and improves the process of responding to victims.

When we learn of alleged abuse involving a minor, the police are notified; the Bishop launches his own investigation with a committee involving laypersons and professionals, so the investigation is transparent and accountable

The Protocol for Responsible Ministry provides guidelines and direction for the screening and supervision of volunteers and staff.

The Policy Dealing with Offensive Behaviour (Discrimination and Harrassment) promotes and supports a work environment that is free from Harassment and Discrimination for all Employees of the Diocese or any of its parishes.

The Policy for Responding to Complaints of Misconduct has been established to deal with complaints made against clergy or anyone employed by the Diocese

These policies are on our website:
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What You Can Do:

REPORT

If you have endured abuse, misconduct or offensive behaviour from someone employed by or connected to our diocese, please tell us. If you know of someone who has experienced abuse, misconduct or offensive behaviour from someone in our diocese, encourage them to contact us.

To report an incident, contact Rev. Charles Cameron (see back page.)

SUPPORT

Reporting an incident is an important step, but the healing process is ongoing. There are agencies and individuals waiting to assist in a safe, confidential manner. Contact us for a referral, or suggest this to someone in need. Also, being patient and kind to yourself, and to those in need, is an important part of the healing process... and a gift to you and those you care about.

PRAY

Abuse, misconduct and offensive behaviour require immediate action and ongoing reflection, forgiveness and healing. As a faith organization, we know the power of prayer. Holding in prayer those dealing with these incidents and those working to help them is a great gift indeed. A suggested prayer is in this brochure, but a prayer of choice is welcomed as well.