

# OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION EST. 2011 DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

## OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

**98 Parishes • 36 Schools • 1 Cause**

**1,823 Criminal Background Screenings Completed**

**37,458 Adults Trained Since 2002**

**98+ Safe Environment Coordinators (SEC)**

- Appointed at Every Parish and School
- Ensure Compliance with Adult Screening Requirements and Oversee Child Safety Training

**11,247 Children and Youth**

- 9,869 – Children trained in *Circle of Grace*
- 1,378 – Youth trained in *Called to Protect for Youth*

**79 VIRTUS® Facilitators**

- Provided 123 *Protecting God's Children for Adults* Workshops
- 2,151 Adults Trained

**The Principles of High Reliability Organizations (HROs)**

- The OCYP coordinated HRO training for Chancery leaders in December 2017. Our Diocese was designated as an alpha site for this new national training curriculum on leadership practices by working closely with the USCCB. Work on this project is ongoing.

**110 Priests, 40 Deacons, 11 Diaconate Candidates**

- Received specialized training to assist sexual abuse survivors in April 2018

**Mandated Reporter Training**

- The OCYP implemented a new customized online training module for mandated reporters in May 2018

## OUR PLEDGE TO HEAL

**The Numbers  
Tell a Piece of the Story**

**28** The number of individuals, this past audit year, that have allowed me to

**SIT BESIDE  
LISTEN TO  
CRY WITH  
PRAY FOR  
LEARN FROM**

**More than just a number.  
Our history, Our truth, Our journey,  
Our family.**

**3** Three victim or survivor meetings with Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.

Eight survivors received financial assistance for mental health supports

**8**

At a cost of \$20,856, providing 195 sessions

**ABANDONED  
IN SUFFERING - ONE IN  
RENEWAL**

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# ADULT SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Workshop
2. Commit to Diocesan Code of Ethics – Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)
3. Successful Background Screening Every 5 Years

## OMBUDSMAN'S ROLE

Receive and investigate allegations of sexual abuse of a minor. All child sexual abuse suspicions or allegations are reported to the authorities. Reports of adult clergy misconduct or abuse are outside the scope of the Ombudsman's Office. During this reporting period, there were twelve reports naming clergy referred to the Diocese.

## SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTS 12/12 PERSONS ACCUSED

The credibly accused is immediately placed on a precautionary suspension from all duties within the Church.

- 3 Substantiated/Credible**  
All Removed from Public Ministry, Employment or Volunteer Service; One Deceased
  - 2** Within ministerial role
  - 1** Outside ministerial role
- 3** Unable to be Proven
- 2** Unsubstantiated
- 3** Referred to Religious Community or Another Diocese
- 1** Investigation Pending: Individual has been placed on precautionary administrative leave restricting any form of ministry or service pending investigation.

## ADDRESSING BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS

### A PROACTIVE APPROACH

These reports stem from an adult who violates established boundaries with a child. Some behavior appears to originate from a lack of understanding while other indicates predator behavior.

- 12** Educated and Returned with Supervision to Public Ministry, Employment or Volunteer Service
- 6** Removed from Public Ministry, Employment or Volunteer Service
- 1** Inconclusive (unidentified subject)

## SAFETY PLANS – 9 PLANS

Safety plans are developed when the Church becomes aware that a member may pose a risk.

- 7** Oversight by the OCYP
- 1** Oversight by the Catholic Schools Office
- 1** Oversight by the Vicar General's Office

## 65 Referrals Made To

- 27** Civil Authorities
- 15** About Peer Abuse
- 8** About Family Abuse
- 23** Service Areas/Diocese\*
- 15** Parish Administration

\* 12 of these referrals were made to the Vicar General's Office regarding adult sexual misconduct, maladministration or other complaints about clergy.

## General Statistics

- 105** Total Reports
  - 12** Abuse
  - 19** Boundary Violation
  - 65** Referral
  - 9** Safety Plan

## 30 Persons Named Reports of Abuse and Boundary Violations (31 Reports)

- 9** Clergy
- 10** Employee
- 9** Volunteer
- 1** Religious Order
- 1** Unidentified Subject

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