



How the Church Responds When...

Abuse of a Minor is Alleged:

- Report to civil authorities
- Cooperation and investigation by Independent Ombudsman
- Review by Independent Review Board
- Credibility = permanent removal

A Survivor Comes Forward:

- The Church apologizes & offers accompaniment on healing journey
- Counseling is offered
- A meeting with the Bishop is offered

Someone Wants to Work/Volunteer:

- Screening of criminal history & sex offender registry
- Code of conduct commitment
- Sexual abuse awareness training

Someone Wants to be a Priest:

- Application (includes autobiography)
- Background check & References
- Physical & psychological evaluations
- Sexual abuse awareness training
- Sexual addiction screening
- Rigorous multi-year formation

Children Need Protecting:

- Independent compliance audits
- Parish/school compliance audits
- Prevention education for children