DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB)

Child & Youth Protection

RESOURCES

Victim Assistance Program:
A Compassionate Response to Sexual Abuse
Brochure

Programa de Asistencia a las Victimas:
Una Respuesta Compasiva al Abuso Sexual
Folleto

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you suspect that a child has been abused or neglected, please contact these 24-hour hotline numbers:

Department of Children and Family Services
(800) 252-2873

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
(309) 677-7082

Diocesan Contacts
Msgr. James Kruse, Vicar General
Priests Removed from Ministry Due to Abuse of Minor

John Anderson
Walter Bruening
Edward Bush
Terry Cassidy
Louis Condon
Robert Creager
Francis Engels
Norman Goodman
William Harbert
George Hiland
Duane Leclercq
Thomas Miller
John Onderko
Gordon Pillon
Jerry Pilon
Gregory Plunkett
Richard Slavish
Michael Van Acker
William Virtue
* Samuel Pusateri, a priest ordained for St. Bede Benedictine Abbey of Peru, Illinois, pled guilty in 1991 to criminal sexual assault of a minor and was sentenced to six years in prison. Fr. Pusateri is not a priest of the Diocese of Peoria and since 1991 has not been granted faculties by the Diocese of Peoria.

**PRESS RELEASES AND NEWS ARTICLES**

- **New Diocesan Safe Environment Program Announced**
  The Catholic POST - August 3, 2008
- **New Safe Environment Effort**
  The Catholic POST - August 24, 2008

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- Communications Policy - Rev. 2008
- Bullying Prevention Policy - Rev. 9/2007
- Harassment Policy - Rev. 3/2008
- Sexual Abuse Allegation Policy - Rev. 9/2018
- Pastoral Code of Conduct - Rev. 7/2013
- Volunteer Code of Conduct Form - Rev. 7/2013

[Download or Print Policies & Procedures]

**TRAINING**

Safe environment training for adult employees and volunteers who have contact with minors is a key element of the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Diocese of Peoria has recently unveiled a new training program for adults. The new program, available at [https://peoria.cmgconnect.org](https://peoria.cmgconnect.org), is designed to help adults know what to look for in children that might indicate that they are victims of abuse and what behavior to look for in adults that might indicate abusive behavior with children. The program also covers diocesan safe environment policies, standards of conduct, and how to report suspected abuse or neglect. Completion of the training program is required for all personnel (employees and volunteers) of the parishes, schools, and agencies of the Diocese of Peoria who have contact with minors.

For more information, contact your local parish/school/institution.