

## Fingerprinting Department

**Clergy/Paid Staff:** All Clergy and paid staff **must be** fingerprinted according to Archdiocesan Policy.

**Parish/School Volunteers:** All adult volunteers who have regular contact with students/minors, including coaches, parents/guardians, people assisting in the classroom, and others **must be fingerprinted** before beginning their assignment.

For specific information on Fingerprinting Policies and Guidelines: <http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-3>

The Fingerprinting Department Newsletter with further details can be found at: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/hr/Pages/fingerprinting.aspx>

## Office of Victims Assistance Ministry Helps Abused Victims Find Healing

The Victims Assistance Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was created in April 2002 to respond to allegations of past or current sexual abuse by anyone working or volunteering for the Archdiocese -- clergy, religious or lay persons. The Office is charged with creating a safe and compassionate environment in which victim-survivors can come forward, and, receive counseling and other assistance in the healing process. The Office is also charged with ensuring that allegations of sexual abuse are reported to the appropriate civil authorities.

## Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse

Clergy, school personnel, and many parish staff members have been designated as mandated reporters of child abuse under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency.

See *Responding to an Allegation of Suspected Child Abuse* at: [www.archla.org/vam](http://www.archla.org/vam)

## When to call Victims Assistance Ministry

If you are being or have been abused, or know someone who is being, or has been abused, by a priest, deacon, religious, parish or school staff or volunteer, please call Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 to report. You can also seek help directly by contacting one of the Child Protective Services or Law Enforcement Agencies listed below.

You may also call Victims Assistance Ministry in the Archdiocese to report abuse suffered in another diocese and receive assistance in connecting with the appropriate persons in that diocese.

For help making a report and assistance accessing the resources listed call The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or visit the website at: [www.archla.org/vam](http://www.archla.org/vam)

### Los Angeles County:

LA County Department of Children & Family Services & Child Protective Hotline: (800) 540-4000

Investigative Control Unit for All Child Abuse Reports: (213) 486-0530

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department:

Special Victims Bureau (24 hours) (562) 946-8531  
To speak to a detective (562) 946-7960

LA County Department Children & Family Services  
Emergency Response Command Post: (213) 639-4500

### Santa Barbara County:

Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 367-0166

District Attorney Victim-Witness Assistance: (805) 568-2400

### Ventura County:

Ventura County Adult & Child Abuse Hotline: (805) 654-3200

District Attorney Victim's Services: (805) 654-3622

**In an emergency, dial 911.**

# WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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