

## REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters 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. For Information on Responding to an Allegation of Suspected Child Abuse:  
[www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/vam](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/vam)

If you are being abused, have been abused, or know someone who is being abused, you can call Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 for assistance to make a report, or seek help directly by contacting one of the Child Protective Services or one of the Law Enforcement Agencies listed below. **In an emergency call 911.**

Los Angeles County:

LA County Child Abuse 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

District Attorney's Office:

Sexual Crimes Division (213) 974-9790

Family Violence Division (213) 974-3785

For callers residing outside the State of California who wish to contact Child Protective Services in Los Angeles: (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 Child Abuse Hotline: (805) 654-3200

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