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.
**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
  - Within ministerial role
  - 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.

**ADRESSING 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

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**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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**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

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**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.

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