

**Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas  
Communications Policy  
on Reports of Sexual Misconduct**

**The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is committed to respond promptly to all allegations of abuse where there is reasonable belief that the abuse has occurred.**

**The Archdiocese has great concern for the victims and their families and will communicate our sincere commitment to their spiritual and emotional well-being and offer assistance as appropriate to their needs. If needed, assistance will also be given in the reporting process.**

**Further, if such an allegation is supported by sufficient evidence, the Archdiocese will relieve the alleged offender and refer him for appropriate medical evaluation and intervention.**

**We will comply with the obligations of the civil law as regards to reporting of the incident and cooperating with the investigation.**

**When a public announcement is necessary the announcement will be released through a prepared statement from the Office of Communications and Planning. Announcements will communicate clearly and openly within the confines of respect for the privacy and reputation of the individuals involved. Inquiries for information will be referred to the Office of Communications and Planning.**

**We will further deal as openly as possible with the members of the community, within the confines of respect for privacy of the individuals involved.**

**While the Archbishop is the primary communicator in his Archdiocese in matters of faith and morals and will schedule interviews and press meetings when warranted, he has designated the Director of Human Resources as the official media spokesperson for the Archdiocese in matters of Sexual Abuse. Additionally the Archdiocese has a Sexual Abuse report line 913-647-3051 and the Chancellor, Safe Environment Coordinator and the Communications Director are available to public media when the Vicar General for Priest Personnel is not available.**