of Allegation

Diocese of Madison

Flowchart of Process and Communications Regarding Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor

If alleged victim is a minor, the If deemed necessary (by civil authorities, diocese (the diocesan Victim and diocesan authorities), a simple Assistant Coordinator (VAC), Allegation(s) of Sexual Abuse of a statement will be released by diocesan Investigator, and/or Bishop's Director of Communications, stating Minor is made (against a member Victim Assistance Representative - Chancellor) "The diocese has received an accusation of clergy, staff person or volunteer Coordinator **Initial Intake** will report the matter promptly of abuse of a minor and will follow its of the diocese or of its parishes, determines if the to the Civil Authorities policies and procedures, while fully schools, offices, institutions, or alleged victim is cooperating with civil authorities". programs) and is brought to an (presently) a minor agent of the Diocese of Madison If alleged victim is not a minor, the established preliminary process / investigation continues

Regardless of age of alleged victim, an open line of communication is maintained between the Victim and the diocese (VAC / Investigator).

Victim Assistance Coordinator explains initial process / offers counseling immediately to Victim.

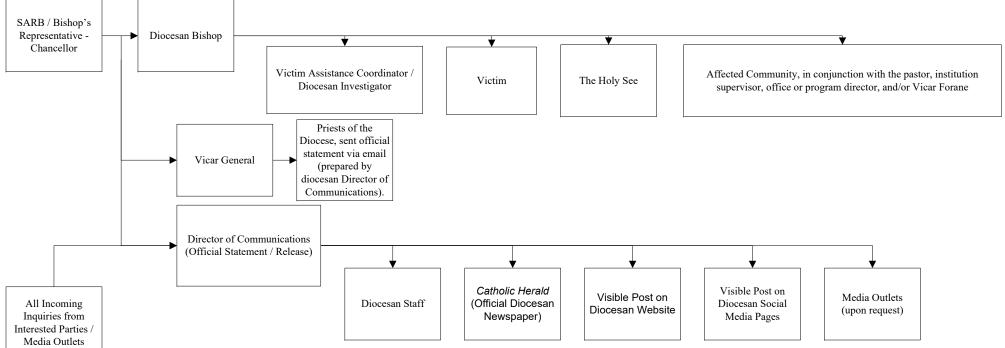
VAC notifies Victim that Investigator will contact them.

Investigator contacts Victim, initiating preliminary investigation.

VAC always available to Victim

The following communications presume the conclusion of the preliminary investigatory process and the judgment (by the diocesan Sexual Abuse Review Board) that the allegation is credible and the established process will continue.

Communication that allegation has been deemed credible*



This outline will remain the same for all applicable communications, including all SARB judgments, as well as all penal processes / civil and canonical judgments

^{*}Communication regarding subsequent judgements will vary, if the credibly accused is already publicly listed, and known to the affected community