

REPORT • SUPPORT • PROTECT

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and our community of faith stand resolute in our commitment to report allegations to law enforcement, support victim-survivors of sexual misconduct, and protect children and the vulnerable.

Please help **stop sexual misconduct** in our communities by reporting to **local law enforcement** and to the **Office of Victims Assistance Ministry** of the Archdiocese at (800) 355-2545.

TOGETHER WE WORK TO PROTECT AND REPORT

through our **Safeguard the Children Programs** on prevention and reporting, fingerprinting and background checks, which are led by lay staff and volunteers.

IN THE PAST 20+ YEARS

OVER 440,000

Adults trained in abuse prevention and reporting

165,000 ANNUALLY

Each year, Catholic school and religious education students taught boundary awareness and tools for reporting

OVER 257,000

Adults fingerprinted and background checked

WE TAKE ACTION

Strict protocols for handling all allegations

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Allegations of sexual misconduct reported to **law enforcement**; fully cooperate in investigations

REMOVAL & INVESTIGATION

Credibly accused **removed** pending investigation; clergy allegations reviewed by **independent Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board**

TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

Announcements made in parishes or schools where the accused individual served

WE SUPPORT VICTIM-SURVIVORS

The **Office of Victims Assistance Ministry** advocates for victim-survivors in the Archdiocese. This ministry provides support for victim-survivors and their families, and ensures reporting of sexual misconduct to law enforcement.

WE VET CLERGY

Clergy and Seminarians comply with Safe Environment requirements and all visiting priests and deacons must present a **Statement of Suitability**.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Clergy or lay persons, if found to have abused a minor, are **permanently removed**.