

Diocesan Procedure When an Employee or Volunteer is Accused of Abuse

All necessary action will be taken to ensure the fair treatment of any Diocesan employee/volunteer accused of child abuse or neglect. As a precautionary measure, an accused employee/volunteer may be placed on administrative leave pending the investigation of the claim or the completion of any civil process. Pastoral counseling and guidance will be made available to any accused individual in an effort to support them through any investigatory period. Additional pastoral counseling will continue at the individual's request regardless of the outcome of the civil investigation. Everything will also be done to see that any child who is abused or neglected receives appropriate assistance and counseling.