

The Sexual Abuse Forum at Our Mother of Consolation Catholic Church Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mission

The mission of the OMC Forum on Sexual Abuse is to increase awareness and understanding of sexual abuse issues in the Church, to discern the best role for members of our parish who wish to promote reconciliation and healing for all victims of abuse, and to welcome back those who have been alienated from the Church because of this scandal.

Resources

We have found the following resources to be helpful in our search for answers and solutions to the problem of clergy sexual abuse.

For Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse:

www.letgoletpeacecomein.org Provides resources for counseling and other support for adult survivors.

To Report Incidents of Sexual Abuse

1. CHILDLINE 1-800-932-0313. CHILDLINE is the toll-free Pennsylvania statewide hot line and registry for reporting suspicions of child abuse and neglect.
2. For Philadelphia victims, call the Philadelphia District Attorney's office at 215-686-8783 or email da.victimservices@phila.gov
3. For victims in Montgomery County, contact the Montgomery County Office of Children & Youth (610) 278-5800.

For Child Victims of Sexual Abuse

1. The Hero Project www.heroproject.org Information on finding healing and justice for child sexual abuse victims.
2. Darkness to Light www.d2L.org Information on how to prevent child sexual abuse before it occurs.
3. Stop It Now www.stopitnow.org Preventing child sexual abuse.

Other Resources

1. http://www.phila.gov/districtattorney/grandJury_clergyAbuse2.html The 2011 Philadelphia Grand Jury Report on Clergy Sexual Abuse, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.
2. http://www.bishop-accountability.org/pa_philadelphia/Philly_GJ_report.htm The 2005 Philadelphia Grand Jury Report on Clergy Sexual Abuse, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

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