

PREVENTING • PROTECTING • REPORTING

The Office of Child and Youth Protection at the Archdiocese of San Francisco

is responsible for creating a safe and compassionate environment for abuse victim-survivors to come forward. Every allegation is treated seriously and discreetly, and immediate steps are taken to protect the confidentiality and the rights of both victim-survivors and alleged abusers.

As a result of the diligent work and dedication of the staff and clergy who participate in the program, new cases of sexual abuse are rare today in the Archdiocese. Yet, we remain steadfast in our commitment to protect children, report allegations and remove perpetrators from ministry.

All those whose ministry or job involves interacting with minors must be fingerprinted and participate in a training course every three years on recognizing, preventing and reporting suspected abuse prior to beginning their employment or volunteer work. The Victim Assistance Coordinator supports and advocates for victim-survivors of sexual abuse through counseling and programs.



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Deacon Fred Totah

Director of Pastoral Ministry
(415) 614-5505

Twyla Powers

Safe Environment Coordinator (Adults)
(415) 614-5576

Karen Guglielmoni

Safe Environment Coordinator (Youth)
(415) 614-5578

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Victim Assistance Coordinator
(415) 614-5506



20,340

children are taught safe environment lessons to assist them in personal safety, abuse recognition and prevention. The Office of Child and Youth Protection serves our parishes and schools by assisting with training and implementing our Safe Environment Program.



18,783

employees, educators and volunteers are fingerprinted and submit to background checks in compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.



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priests, deacons and candidates for ordination are fingerprinted and submit to background checks in compliance with the USCCB charter.

Note: Statistics above were reported in the audit period ending June 30, 2022.

If child abuse is suspected, first call local authorities, then the Archdiocese Victim Assistance Coordinator at (415) 614-5506.

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Child & Family Services

24-hour Abuse & Neglect Reporting Hotline: (415) 473-7153

Sheriff's Department: (415) 473-7250

SAN FRANCISCO

Family & Children's Services

24-hour Reporting Hotline: (800) 856-5553

Police Department Non-Emergency Number:
(415) 553-0123

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Child Protective Services Child Abuse & Neglect
Hotline: (650) 802-7922 or (800) 632-4615

Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency Number:
(650) 363-4911