

“The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it”

Rights of the Victims

Having suffered, and survived, sexual misconduct at the hands of a priest is one of the most harmful and long-lasting betrayals one can experience. It's possible that you have tried to tell your story in the past, and it was not heard or believed. Even now, you may believe you are being judged and condemned. You may not trust, or be comforted by, expressions of confidentiality and concern. That is why we are making our commitment clear.

The Diocese of Amarillo wants you to know that we do hear you and we want to safeguard your rights.

- You have the right to be heard.
- You have the right to be treated with respect and consideration.
- You have the right to report allegations to the appropriate civil authority
- You have the right to seek and retain counsel.
- You have the right to discretion during the investigation and the right to have your good name protected.
- You have the right to reply to any response from the accused.
- You have the right to provide evidence in support of the complaint.
- You will be told the results of the investigation.
- You have the right to be free of intimidation by the Catholic Church, the accused, and the faith community.

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