

**ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON VIRTUS PROGRAM
POLICY FOR REPORTING
SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR**

“A person having cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect by any person shall immediately make a report...” (Texas Family Code § 261.101)

**TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)
BY AN UNKNOWN PERPETRATOR**

- ✉ Contact **Child Protective Services (CPS)** of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services **800.252.5400** or **Local Police Department**
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**TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)
BY A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**

- ✉ Contact **Child Protective Services (CPS)** of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services **800.252.5400** or **Local Police Department**

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- ✉ **Sr. Maureen O’Connell**, Victims’ Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Post Office Box 907, Houston, Texas 77001, **713-654-5799** (**confidential voice mail**)
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**TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)
BY AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**

- ✉ Contact **Child Protective Services (CPS)** of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services **1.800.252.5400** or **Local Police Department**

AND

- ✉ **John Sieger**, General Counsel, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Post Office Box 907, Houston, Texas 77001, 713-659-5461