

To Guarantee

an Effective Response to Allegations of
Sexual Abuse of Minors



Dioceses/Eparchies will

- Report an allegation of sexual abuse of a person who is a minor to the public authorities and cooperate with their investigation.
- Cooperate with public authorities about reporting in cases when the person is no longer a minor.
- Advise victims of their right to make a report to public authorities and support this right.
- Permanently remove from ministry a priest or deacon if sexual abuse of a minor is admitted or is established, after an appropriate process in accord with canon law. Do everything possible to restore the cleric's good name when the accusation has proved to be unfounded.
- Have clear and well-publicized standards of ministerial behavior.
- Develop a communications policy that reflects a commitment to transparency and openness.