

Diocese of Lafayette

"A Safe Environment for the Protection of Children and Young People"

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Sister Kathleen Farrelly, O. Carm., LCSW, SSWS is the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Lafayette. Sister Farrelly's telephone number is 337-298-2987.

- The Victim Assistance Coordinator shall minister to the victim, victim's family or other persons affected. The Victim Assistance Coordinator shall identify professional and other resources and make them available to aid in the care of a victim or other person(s) affected.
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator shall make certain that persons recommended to victims/survivors and their families for counseling and /or spiritual direction are highly qualified for such assistance.

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The first obligation of the Church with regard to victims is for healing and reconciliation.

If you have suffered abuse, it is not your fault. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, there are several things you can do:

- Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which can help determine options for making a criminal complaint.
- Contact a local child protection agency, a private attorney, a support group, an abuse hotline, or a mental health professional.
- If your abuse occurred by anyone acting in church service, contact Sister Kathleen Farrelly (337-298-2987) diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, who is available to help victims/survivors obtain support for the needs of the individual, individual's family, or other person affected.