

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

"The Diocese of La Crosse's *Protect and Heal* initiative is about moving forward in the protection of the vulnerable. Details can be found on our website including contacts, reporting procedures, safe environment training, support for those who have been harmed, and more. Some of these procedures have been in place and effective for decades.

As your Bishop, I am committed to listening and transparency in this process. I encourage all victims to come forward as we offer our willingness to assist in the healing process.

We are resolved to continue our efforts to protect against future abuse by maintaining vigilance in assuring a safe environment for the most vulnerable. All allegations will be received and addressed in a manner consonant with high professional standards and Christian principles."



Most Reverend
Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse
diolc.org/safe-environment

The diocesan website can be found at:

<https://diolc.org/>

For additional information, please contact:

Teresa Brown

Director of Safe Environment

Diocese of La Crosse

tbrown@diolc.org (608) 791-2679

Essential Community Services

1-877-947-2211

Suicide Prevention Line

1-800-273-8255

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

608-257-1516

National Youth Crisis Hotline

1-800-442-4673

If you believe you or someone you know has been abused or is currently being abused, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

To report an instance of sexual abuse by church personnel or clergy of the Church, you can contact:

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Deacon Tom Skemp 608-792-9684

Below are contact numbers for more information on available resources or family and children's support programs within communities of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Arcadia

Crisis Services..... 888-552-6642

Human Services..... 715-538-2311 ext 266

Chippewa Falls

Crisis Services888-552-6642

Human Services.....715-726-7788

Durand

Crisis Services715-672-8941

Pepin County Crisis Line.....888-552-6642

Eau Claire

Catholic Charities.....715-832-6644

Eau Claire County Access.....715-839-7118

La Crosse

Catholic Charities..... 608-782-0710

New Horizons..... 608-791-2610

Vernon County Crisis Line.....608-637-7007

Marshfield

Crisis Services - Marathon County.....715-845-4326

Human Services – Wood County.....715-384-5555

Children of Wisconsin – Marshfield.....715-387-2729

Prairie du Chien

Catholic Charities.....608-326-1616

Crisis Services.....888-552-6642

Community Support Program..... 608-326-0248

Richland Center

Richland Human Services.....608-647-8821

Community Support Program..... 608-647-6384

Sauk County Crisis Services..... 608-355-4200

Stevens Point

Portage County Crisis Center.....800-472-3377

Human Services715-345-5350

Comprehensive Community Services 866-920- 2525

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Crisis Services800-863-3560

Clark County Social Services715-743-5233

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Crisis Services - Monroe County.....608-269-8600

Families First of Monroe County.....608-374-4141

Wausau

Catholic Charities.....715-849-3311

New Horizons- Schofield, WI..... 715-203-1388

Wisconsin Rapids

Crisis Services.....715-421-2345

Human Services715-421-8840



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