



# DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

## Victim Assistance Coordinator

Article 2 of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and Norm 3 of the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons* obligates each diocese to designate a competent person to coordinate assistance for the immediate pastoral care of person who claim to have been sexually abused when they were minors by clergy or other church personnel. Specific duties and responsibilities of the Victim Assistance Coordinator include the following:

1. Assists with diocesan efforts to reach out to victims/survivors and their families and to demonstrate sincere commitment to their spiritual and emotion well-being.
2. Involved with provision of counseling, spiritual assistance, support groups, and other social services agreed upon by the victim and the diocese.