

8.0 OUTREACH TO VICTIMS

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will continue to reach out to victims of Abuse by Church Personnel. The Archdiocese recognizes the importance of not only offering support to those who are victims, but to family members as well.

- 8.1** The Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection will ensure that assistance for victims is coordinated.
 - 8.1.1** The Office of Child and Youth Protection will offer victims counseling and pastoral services.
 - 8.1.2** The Archdiocese of Baltimore recognizes that some victims may not come forward until years after the Abuse. The Archdiocese of Baltimore will offer appropriate pastoral and counseling support without regard to potential legal liability.
 - 8.1.3** The Office of Child and Youth Protection will reach out to families of victims as appropriate.
 - 8.1.4** The Office of Child and Youth Protection will maintain a list of support services for victims and their families.
- 8.2** The Archbishop will encourage the Church of Baltimore to be in solidarity with those who are victims. The Archbishop, Vicar Bishops, or other Church leaders will meet with and listen with compassion to victims of Abuse.