

Office of Victim Assistance & Safe Environment

Services to Adults

1. Our primary mission is to provide pastoral care to all individuals who have been victimized by the clergy.
2. OVASE will provide therapeutic support and/or referrals to all adult victims of clergy abuse.
3. All adults who work/volunteer directly with children will receive the abuse prevention education program.
4. The adult education program will be directed at the prevention of sexual abuse of minors.
5. The adult safe environment curriculum will include:
 - a. History and scope of the problem of abuse
 - b. The 4 types of abuse
 - c. Signs and symptoms of abuse
 - d. How to report abuse
6. Adults who work/volunteer with minors must be trained in this curriculum at least once every three years.
7. Parents of children enrolled in religious education or a school will hear this information at least once a year.