



**CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS**  
PROVINCE OF ST. MARY

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## **How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Province of St. Mary**

**The Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. Mary are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse.**

As brothers of Francis of Assisi, the friars of the Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order respect all creatures, especially children and vulnerable adults who hold a special place in God's affection.

We know of the profound suffering and harm that incidents of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults by some priests and members of religious orders have caused innocent people and the Church community at large. As brothers to all and as ministers within the Church, we must work to ensure the safety of all the people we serve, especially the protection of minors and vulnerable adults.

The Province is opposed to, will strive to prevent, and will promptly address all forms of misconduct, especially sexual misconduct involving minors and vulnerable adults. The Province is also committed to participating in healing processes for victims and survivors of misconduct by its friars, employees, or other partners in ministry. [Province of St. Mary Safe Environment Policy]

**If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult has been sexually abused, in any manner, by a member of the Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order, you are urged to report this information behavior immediately to the Provincial Minister, the Survivor Assistance Coordinator and/or the Vicar for the Protection of Children. Your case will be handled with the strictest sensitivity and confidentiality. This is the contact information for the Province:**

**Very Rev. Fr. Robert Abbatiello, O.F.M. Cap.**  
**Office of the Provincial Minister**  
30 Gedney Park Drive  
914-761-3008 x 212-office

**Melissa Farrar Ronan, LMSW, JD**  
**Office of the Survivor Assistance Coordinator**  
30 Gedney Park Drive  
914-761-3008 x 211-office

**Brother John D. Shento, O.F.M. Cap.**  
**Office of the Vicar for the Protection of Children**  
Friary of the Sacred Heart  
110 Shonnard Place  
Yonkers, New York 10703  
914-375-8235-office  
914-220-2677-cell

**If you suspect that a minor is being abused, report it directly to the civil authorities. You can find state-related reporting information at [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov).**