

The Diocese of Fort Worth has received an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against Father John Mitchell. Law enforcement authorities have been notified of the report. Father Mitchell was ordained for the Diocese of Dallas in 1948. Father Mitchell was incardinated into the Diocese of Fort Worth in 1976, where he served until his retirement in 1990. He died in 1996. His service included an assignment at this parish.

We invite anyone who has been abused by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Church to contact us so that the Church can reach out to the victim to offer assistance. As always, the Diocese urges anyone who has been a victim of a crime to notify law enforcement authorities first, then contact the Diocese. Please contact the diocesan Victims' Assistant Office on the hotline at 817-945-9345, or the office's direct line at 817-602-5119. You may also contact the Director of Safe Environment at 817-945-9334 or the Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia, Msgr. E. James Hart, at 817-945-4313.

The Diocese recognizes the serious impact of sexual abuse of minors and therefore is committed to protecting children and the most vulnerable among us and fully complying with the requirements of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the Bishops of the United States in 2002. The Diocese is committed to raising awareness of the sexual abuse of minors, being transparent regarding allegations, and ensuring everyone is vigilant in identifying and reporting any signs of abuse. To ensure the safety of every child and the highest moral and ethical standard of individuals in service to the Church, the Diocese requires every member of clergy, all staff and all volunteers at the diocesan, parish, and school levels to be vetted and to undergo "Safe Environment" training, and to take a refresher course every two years. It is not easy to speak about allegations of abuse to a parish community. It is important, however, for you to know that the Diocese is ready to reach out to those who have been hurt and need help, so that we might assist in any way we can. Thank you and God Bless.