

## **Diocese of Lansing**

### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ACCUSED**

#### **RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED**

The rights of the accused during the investigation include:

1. The right to know the nature of the allegations.
2. The right to defend against the allegations.
3. The right to due process.
4. The right not to incriminate her/himself.
5. The right to civil and canonical counsel.
6. The right to discretion in the conduct of the investigation and to have her/his good name protected during the investigation.
7. The right to know the results of the investigation.

#### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE ACCUSED**

The obligations of the accused during the investigation include:

1. The obligation not to interfere with the investigative process.
2. The obligation not to have contact with the complainant during the investigative process.
3. The obligation to observe any special provisions or restrictions imposed by the Bishop or his designee.

By affixing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this statement of rights and obligations.

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Signature & Date

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Printed Name

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Signature of Diocesan Staff & Date

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Printed Name and Title