

SAFEGUARDING ALLEGATIONS REPORTED IN 2023

24 ALLEGATIONS REPORTED TO DIOCESES IN 2023

ALLEGED PERPETRATORS*	
Clergy	17
Laity	4
Unknown	3
Total	24

* These figures may include instances where an allegation has involved more than one perpetrator

VICTIM	
Child	15
Vulnerable Adult	7
Unknown or Omitted	4
Total	24

TYPE OF ABUSE*			
Sexual	15	Emotional	2
Physical	10	Verbal	1
Neglect	1	Financial	2
Spiritual	1	Other	5

* It is unusual for a victim to experience one form of abuse alone. Therefore, these figures may include reports of an individual experiencing, for example, physical and sexual abuse.

PLACE OF ABUSE (IF KNOWN)			
Church premises	12	Presbytery	3
Retreat centre		Victim's home	4
Pilgrimage		Seminary	1
School	2	Workplace	
Public place		Other	10

TIME PERIOD OF ALLEGATION*					
Time period	No. allegations	Time period	No. allegations	Time period	No. allegations
1950s	2	1980s	3	2011s	1
1960s	3	1990s	1	2020s	10
1970s	6	2000s		Unknown	2

* These figures may include allegations where the time period spans across different decades

REPORTING OF ALLEGATIONS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES BY DIOCESE	
No. of allegations reported	13
REASON FOR NON-REPORTING OF ANY ALLEGATIONS BY DIOCESE	
Allegation was already being investigated by the statutory authorities	2
Allegation already reported by victim or other body	
No consent from complainant / survivor	2
Did not meet threshold	3
No complainant or respondent	1

ACTION* TAKEN ON ALLEGATIONS REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES	
Case still under investigation by Police	2
No further action being taken by Police	2
Alleged perpetrator charged by Police – still to be tried	1
Alleged perpetrator charged by Police – convicted	
Alleged perpetrator charged by Police – not guilty	
Case complete – no charges – alleged perpetrator deceased	6
Outcome unknown	

** These are the actions that are known to have been taken by the authorities.*

CURRENT STATUS OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR	
Deceased	1
Incarcerated	
Removed from ministry / suspended or dismissed	2
Remains on restricted ministry / volunteer post	1
Left ministry / resigned	1
Not identified	
Unknown	4
Information recorded; no further action required	6

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20 ALLEGATIONS REPORTED TO RELIGIOUS IN 2023

ALLEGED PERPETRATORS*	
Ordained Religious (Clergy)	3
Professed Religious (Sisters & Brothers)	20
Laity	4
Unknown	
Total	27

* These figures may include instances where an allegation has involved more than one perpetrator

VICTIM	
Child	19
Vulnerable Adult	
Unknown or Omitted	1
Total	20

TYPE OF ABUSE*			
Sexual	10	Emotional	10
Physical	15	Verbal	1
Neglect	2	Financial	
Spiritual		Other	6

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PLACE OF ABUSE (IF KNOWN)			
Church premises	2	Presbytery	
Convent		Monastery	
Retreat centre	1	Victim's home	
Pilgrimage		Seminary	
School	7	Workplace	
Public place		Other	12*

*12 in Nazareth House / Children's Home

TIME PERIOD OF ALLEGATION*					
Time period	No. allegations	Time period	No. allegations	Time period	No. allegations
1950s		1980s	1	2011s	
1960s	9	1990s		2020s	
1970s	15	2000s		Unknown	1

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REPORTING OF ALLEGATIONS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES	
No. of allegations reported	18

REPORTING OF ALLEGATIONS TO DIOCESE	
No. of allegations reported	20

ACTION* TAKEN ON ALLEGATIONS REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES	
Case still under investigation by Police	1
No further action being taken by Police	2
Alleged perpetrator charged by Police – still to be tried	
Alleged perpetrator charged by Police – convicted	4
Alleged perpetrator charged by Police – not convicted	
Case complete – no charges – alleged perpetrator deceased	10
Outcome unknown	4

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CURRENT STATUS OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR	
Deceased	10
Incarcerated	4
No longer in ministry	
Restricted ministry	
Formal warning	
Returned to ministry when case closed	
Resigned	
Not identified	1
Unknown	5
Information recorded; no further action required	