

# VICTIM/SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUPS

*These groups meet via Zoom and are about providing a safe, confidential environment for those who want to heal from the trauma of sexual abuse by clergy or others.*

To register, email Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, [kaempfferp@archspm.org](mailto:kaempfferp@archspm.org).

## Victim/Survivor Support Group for Those Who were Adults When They Were Sexually Harmed by Clergy

First Monday of the month  
6:30 – 8 p.m. CST

Join others who share a similar experience and who want to provide support, affirmation, hope, and empowerment. We can help in our own healing and benefit from the experience of others in accomplishing this.

## Support Group for Family, Relatives or Friends of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse

Second Monday of the month  
6:30 – 8 p.m. CST

Family members/relatives or friends often do not have anyone to talk with about their loved one's abuse. They wonder what to say or not say. What is helpful? What makes the situation worse? What do the victim/survivors need or want from loved ones? What is the best way to support victim/survivors? These questions and many others will be discussed during our meetings.

## Victim/Survivor Support Group for Anyone Who has Experienced Sexual Abuse by Clergy or Others in Their Lives

Third Monday of the month  
6:30 – 8 p.m. CST

This group is open to anyone who has experienced sexual violence in their lives, from clergy or others.

## Survivor Peace Circle

Third Tuesday of the month  
6:30 – 8 p.m. CST

*This group is not affiliated with any particular diocese or church group.*

This a volunteer-initiated and coordinated effort to connect survivors to one another; provide a safe and welcome space for discussion and sharing, and offer encouragement and support.

**Questions?** Contact Jim Richter at 773.412.0909 or [jrichter316@gmail.com](mailto:jrichter316@gmail.com).

## Men's Healing/Discussion Circle

First Monday of each month, beginning January 2022  
6:30 – 8 p.m. CST

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The topics for the first three meetings are: Who I am (January), Advice from my mom (or parent or friend or trusted person) (February), Talking through the shame (March).

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## SNAP SUPPORT GROUPS

**(Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests)**

Second Saturday of each month  
9-11 a.m. CST

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Open to all survivors of abuse and their support individuals. Facilitated by Frank Meurs, [frankginnym4220@gmail.com](mailto:frankginnym4220@gmail.com).

