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Coping International spoke with His Excellency Archbishop Charles J Scicluna about international mandatory reporting within the Catholic Church for mandated reporters.

His Excellency notes,

“In canon law there is a moral duty to report abuse to the competent Ordinary or to the local safeguarding service.” [He further adds]; “the normal point of reference is the competent ordinary either of the accused cleric or of the place where the delict took place. A layperson who has knowledge of a delict should approach one of these two competent ordinaries. In cases of sexual abuse of minors, one can write directly to the CDF who refers the information to the competent Ordinary. This is also implied in MP SST and in the CDF Vademecum.” - ++Chares J. Scicluna.

Cardinal Stella

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Dear Mr. Doyle,

In response to your email of 16 February, which included a copy of Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna's comments on International mandatory reporting within the Catholic Church for mandated reporters, the Dicastery concurs with his statement. In your words of introduction to his comments, you make specific reference to "mandated reporters". It merits underscoring that anyone who is cognisant of abuse has a moral duty to report it and not simply so-called "mandated reporters".

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Ripa
