

Youth participants should be informed that any unwanted physical contact should be reported to the youth leader, grand knight, faithful navigator, local pastor, or their parents. The person so informed should immediately advise the state deputy of such allegations, who in turn should notify the Office of the Supreme Advocate, and, where appropriate, the district master.

- 2) Councils and assemblies should make available to parents or guardians of the youth participants video and printed materials on these topics.

#### E. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Suspected cases of alleged child sexual abuse against a youth participant by youth leaders, other youth participants, adult personnel, or any other person associated with a Knights of Columbus Youth Program, should be immediately reported to:

A - civil authorities; and,

B - the district deputy (who should report the matter to the state deputy) or master in charge of that person's council or assembly.

- 2) If the charge is against a youth leader, or other member of the council or assembly, the district deputy of that individual's council or master in charge of the assembly should summarily suspend that member from the Order. Charges, where appropriate after investigation, should be brought against the member. Every allegation should be forwarded promptly by the district deputy or master to the state deputy and the supreme advocate's office. The Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order relating to the bringing of charges, trial, appeal and reinstatement shall apply.
- 3) The council or assembly should refer the alleged victim and his family to resources that will aid in the care of the victim and his family.