

SECTION 10 – FALSE ACCUSATIONS and RETALIATORY ACTIONS

- 10.1 There is always the possibility of false accusations or unsubstantiated claims. Both civil and canon law provide penalties for the crime of falsehood in which individuals become victims of false denunciation and calumny. Care will always be taken to protect the rights of all parties involved. When an accusation has proved to be unfounded, every means possible will be taken to restore the good name of the person falsely accused (Norm 13).
- 10.2 Retaliation and/or discrimination against any person who complains of or who reports sexual misconduct is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.