

**SPST Policy: CCP 7**

**Statement on Reporting Crimes and Confidential Counseling**

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1. Saint Paul School of Theology does not have any employee or adjunct employee who is designated as a "Pastoral Counselor" or "Professional Counselor" within the work of the seminary. Therefore, there are no exemptions to reporting a crime that occurs on campus, on adjacent public property, or at non-campus locations.

2. In keeping with the provision of the Clery Act: The 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f), clarification was given to those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus "Pastoral Counselors" and Campus "Professional Counselors," when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

3. Definitions: *Pastoral Counselor* is an employee of an institution who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor. *Professional Counselor* is an employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution's community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

4. None of Saint Paul's employees meet the criteria specified in 3. above and any conversations will not be considered confidential counseling for the purposes of reporting crimes for annual disclosure.