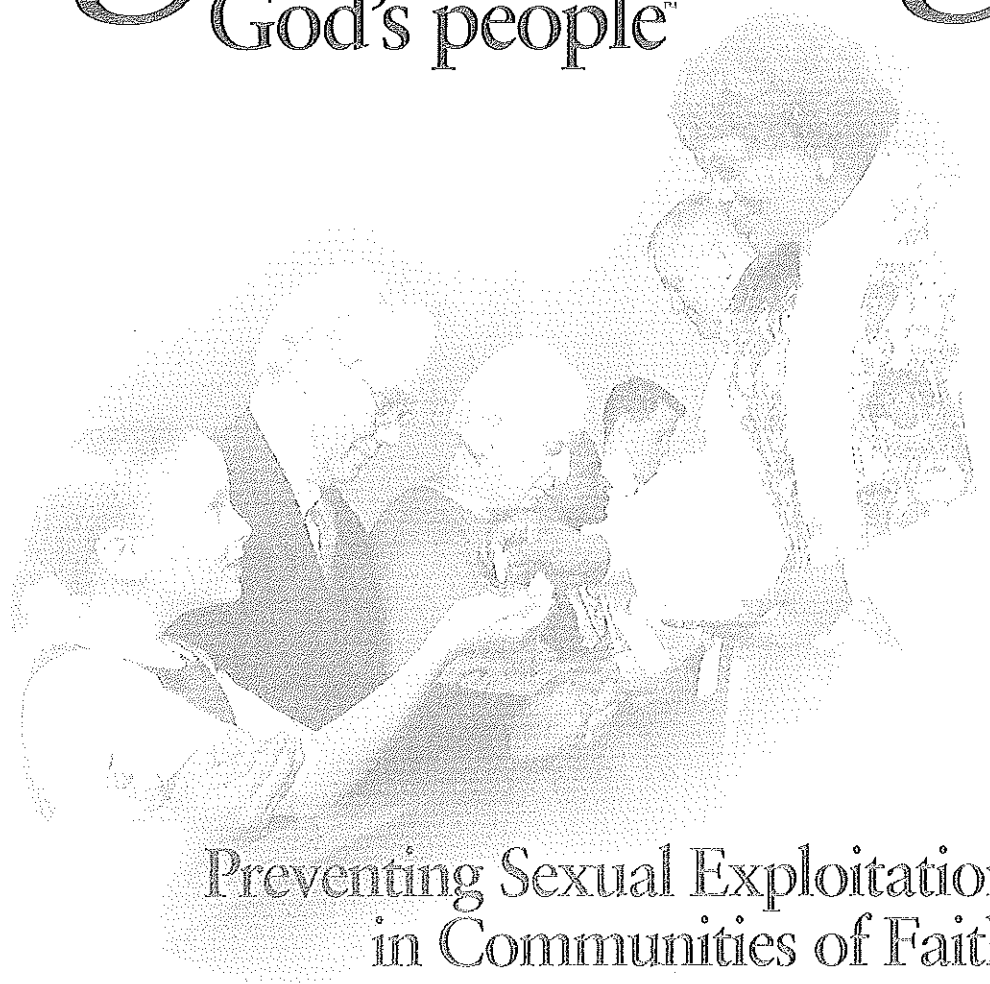


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Preventing Sexual Exploitation
in Communities of Faith

Participant workbook
For Congregations

Definitions

Sexual Exploitation is the development or attempted development of a sexual relationship between a person in any ministerial position and an individual with whom he or she has a pastoral relationship.

A **Pastoral Relationship** is a relationship between a clergy person, employee, contractor, volunteer, or authorized minister and any person to whom such clergy person, employee, contractor, volunteer, or authorized minister provides counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction or spiritual guidance, ministrations of any sacrament (other than the distribution of the Bread and Wine at Holy Communion by a lay person), or from whom such clergy person, employee, contractor, volunteer, or authorized minister has received confession or confidential or privileged information.

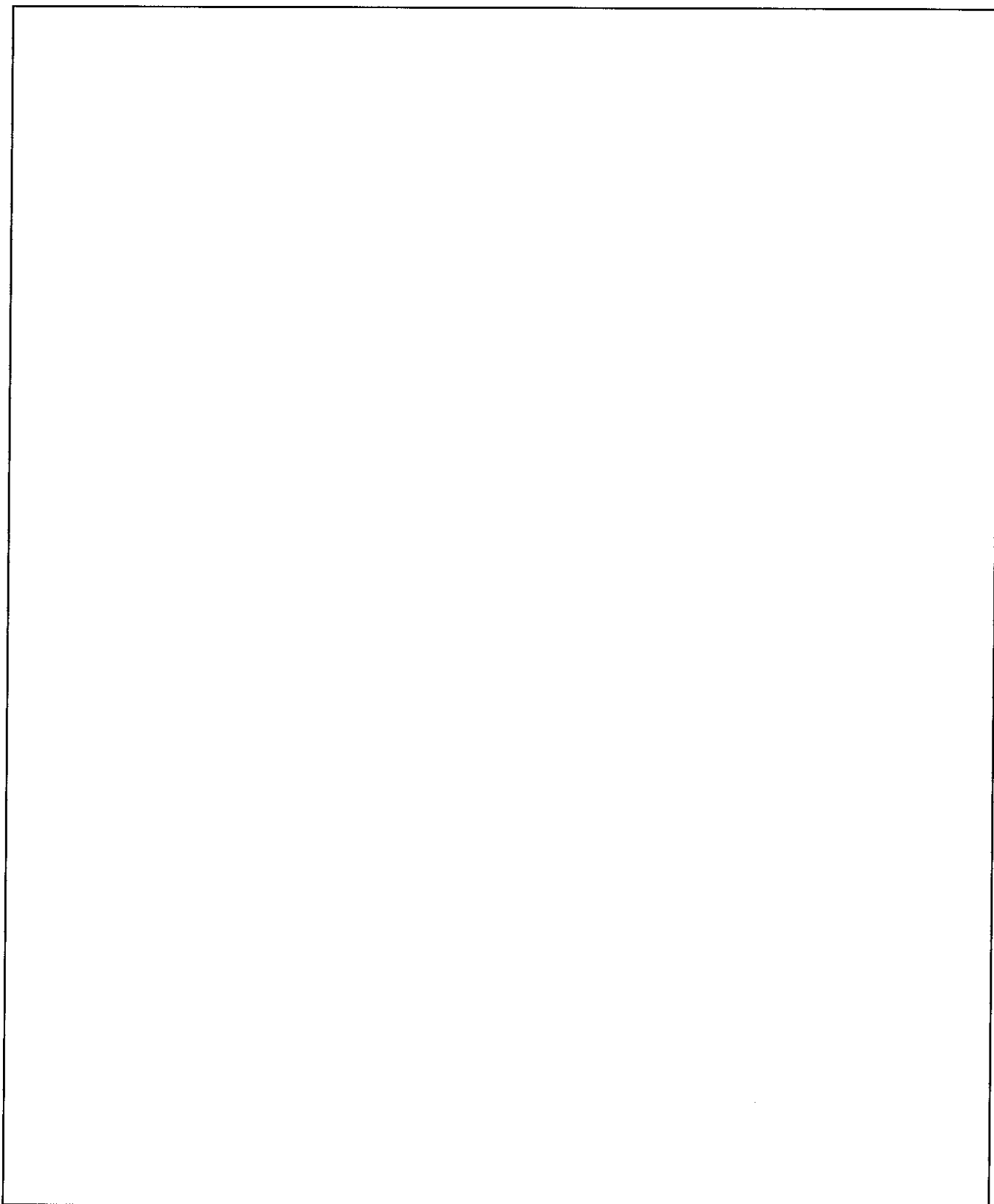
1. Why is it important that we know and understand the issue of sexual exploitation and its effects?

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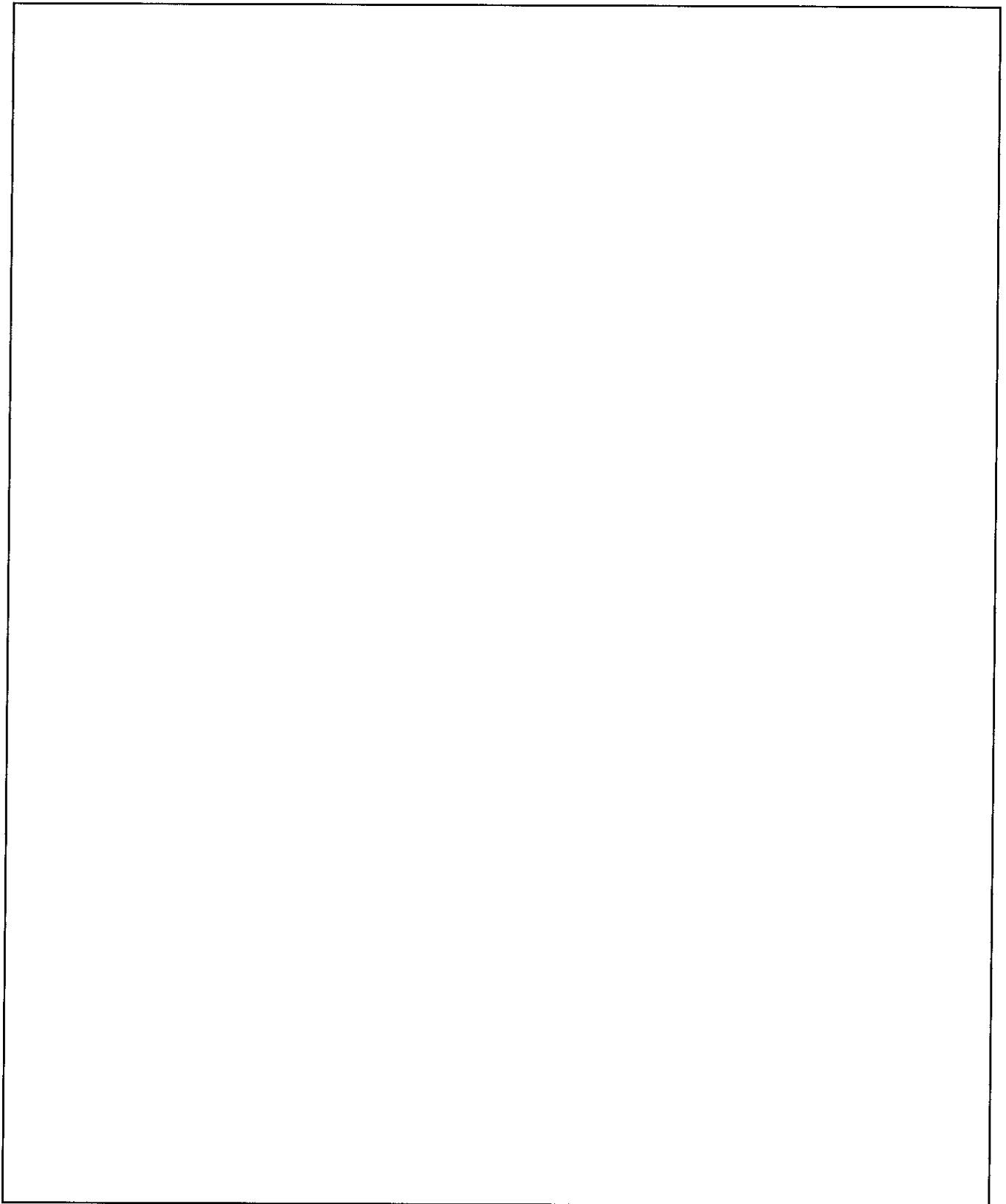
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2. The DVD says sexual exploitation is between a person in a “ministerial position” and someone else. What are some of the ministerial positions in the Church?

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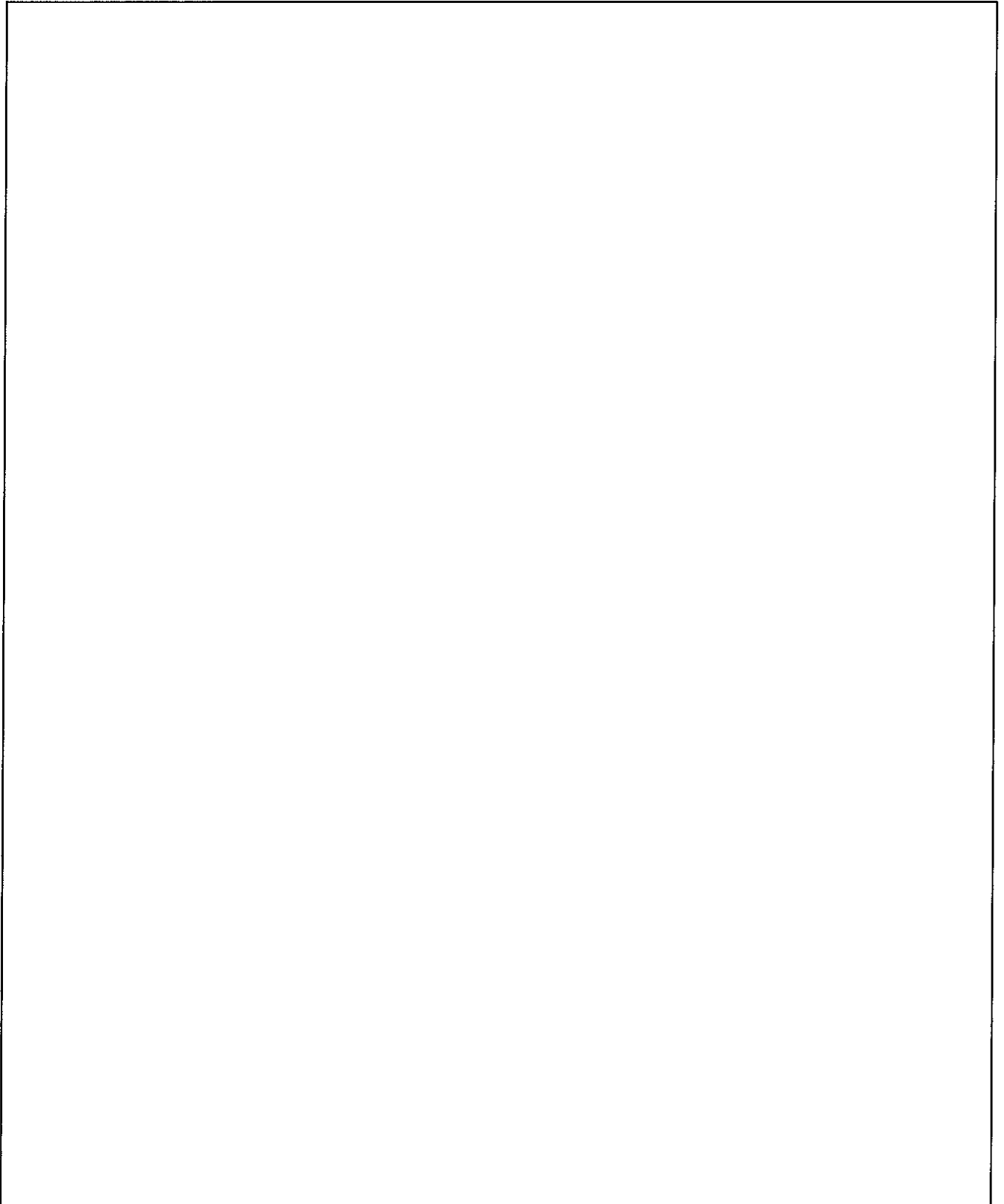
3. What are the attributes or characteristics of a pastoral relationship?

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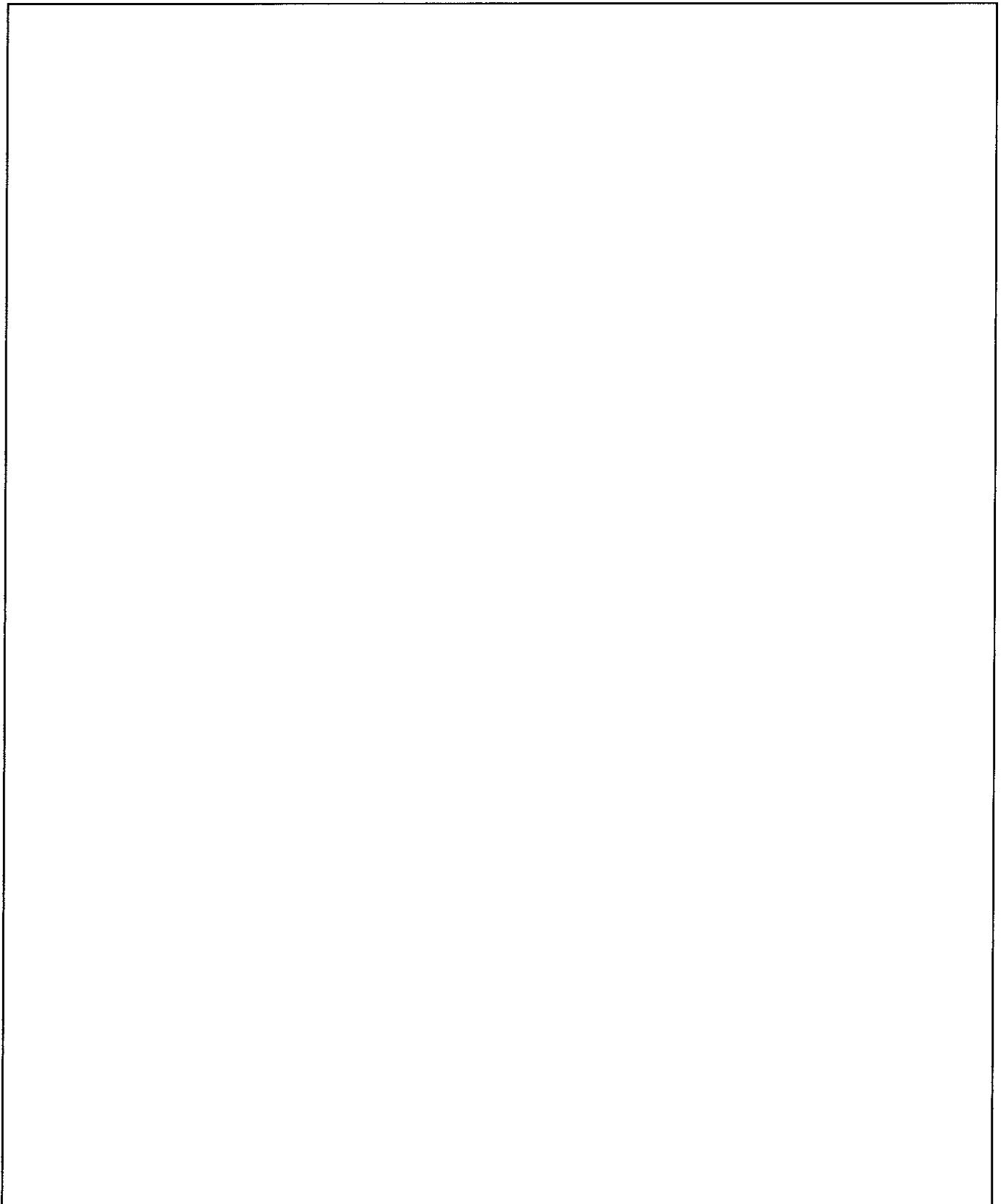
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4. What are some of the impacts of sexual exploitation on individuals, clergy, church leaders, parishioners, the congregation, and the wider church?

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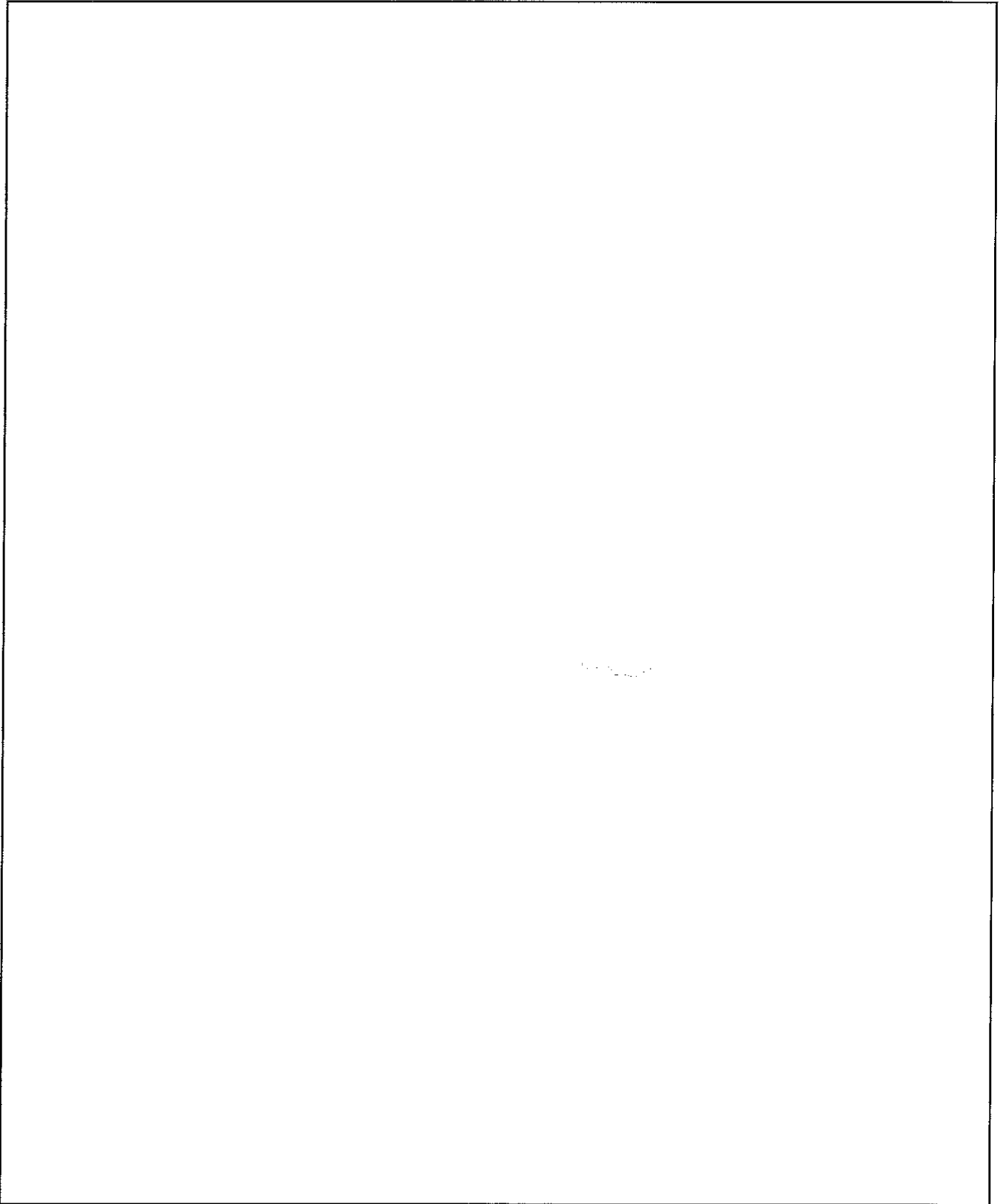
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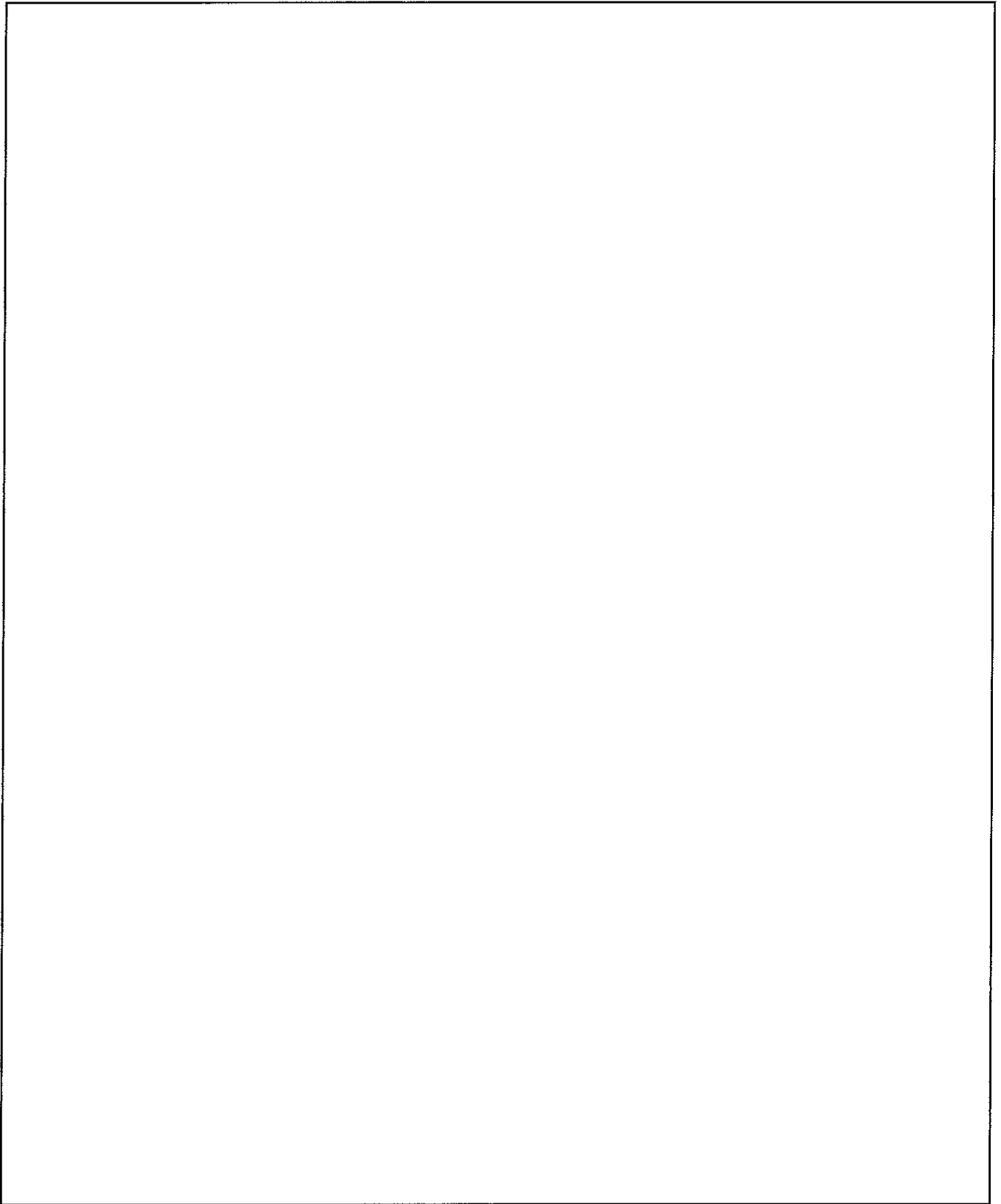
5. Sexual abuse of children and vulnerable persons is much easier for us to understand and identify. Sexual exploitation of adults is more difficult. Why do you think this is so?



6. How can one adult have power over another?



7. How can one adult sexually exploit another?

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8. Why isn't it okay for two people in a pastoral relationship to have a sexual relationship if they want to?

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9. What signs can you watch for that may indicate an inappropriate relationship between a clergy person or church leader and a parishioner?

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10. What should you do if you observe any of these warning signs?

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11. What should you do if you feel that a clergy person or church leader is trying to develop an inappropriate relationship with you or someone else, or if you or someone else is already in an inappropriate relationship?

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