

**DIOCESE OF NEW ULM**

**POLICY BULLETIN**

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**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DIOCESE OF NEW ULM**

To the Priests, Religious, and People of the Diocese of New Ulm:

The Diocese of New Ulm will develop and implement a “Safe Environment Program” for the purpose of educating all members of the clergy, pastoral administrators, employees, teachers, catechists, volunteers, parents, and children regarding the sexual abuse of minors and its prevention.

During each fiscal year, every member of the clergy, all pastoral administrators, local safe environment coordinators, and school principals will be required to attend administrative training on issues pertaining to providing a safe environment for minors in the parishes and schools of the Diocese of New Ulm.

During each fiscal year, ongoing safe environment training will be required of all pastoral leaders, diocesan/parish/school employees and volunteers who are unsupervised with minors.

The “Safe Environment Program” and ongoing training will be offered in both English and Spanish.

Each parish/school is to have a local safe environment coordinator. The coordinator may be the pastoral leader or his/her delegate. The coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all new and returning employees and volunteers are in compliance with diocesan Safe Environment policies and procedures, and is the contact person for the diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator.

The “Safe Environment Program” will be maintained and updated through collaborative efforts of the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct, the diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator and the Diocesan Offices of, Social Concerns, Communications, Schools, Religious Education, and Youth Ministry.

Cordially yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt  
Apostolic Administrator of New Ulm

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Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski  
Chancellor

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