

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 provide a "Safe Environment Program" for the purpose of educating all members of the clergy, 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, local safe environment coordinators, and school principals will be offered administrative training on issues pertaining to providing a safe environment for minors in the parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of New Ulm. A minimum of one person from each Area Faith Community will be required to attend the annual administrative training. Newly ordained priests, priests with first pastorate assignments, first year principals, and first year local safe environment coordinators are also required to attend.

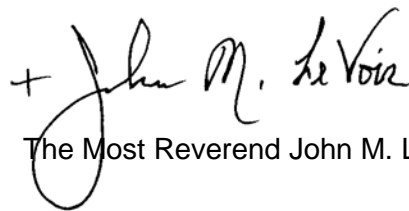
During each fiscal year, ongoing online safe environment training will be required of all pastoral leaders, diocesan/parish/school employees and volunteers who are unsupervised with minors.

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

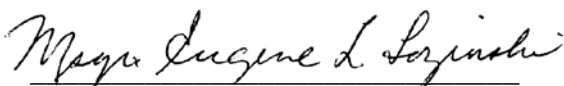
Each parish/school is to have a local safe environment coordinator. The coordinator may be the pastoral leader or his/her delegate. The coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all new and returning employees and volunteers are in compliance with diocesan Safe Environment policies and procedures, 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 in Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct, the diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator and the Diocesan Offices of, Family Life, Communications, Schools, Religious Education, and Youth Ministry.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John M. LeVoi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

The Most Reverend John M. LeVoi

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eugene L. Lozinski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski
Chancellor

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