



Office of the Bishop Diocese of Toledo

To: Priests; Deacons; Pastoral Leaders; Business Managers; Parishes; Schools; Safe Environment Compliance Officers
Cc: Mr. Frank DiLallo; Mrs. Jacqueline R. Maume
From: Reverend Monte J. Hoyles, JCL
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Re: Safe Environment Compliance Audit Results

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As you are aware, the Diocese of Toledo participates in an annual audit to determine if our safe environment program, policies, and practices are in compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

On behalf of Bishop Thomas, I am happy to report that the Diocese of Toledo has been found to be in compliance with the articles of the *Charter*, based on the 2016-2017 fiscal year audit.

In order to ensure that everyone is aware of how to report an allegation of sexual abuse by church personnel, each parish and school is to publish some form of notice on this process approximately 4-6 times a year and announce it publicly at least once a year, *Charter, Article 2*. These notices (in various formats) will periodically be placed in *Nuntius* for your use and are readily available on the diocesan website under Protecting Youth/Victim Assistance, Compliance Audit. **I kindly ask that the attached notice be published as soon as possible in your parish bulletin and on your parish website (if applicable).**

See next page for the notice.

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms. Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2016-2017, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the *Charter*.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Programa de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis de Toledo está en plena conformidad con las normas de la USCCB. Cada año, la Diócesis de Toledo está obligada a seguir un proceso de auditoría con el fin de asegurar el cumplimiento de los artículos de las *Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes* de la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. El Obispo Daniel Thomas se complace en anunciar que en el año fiscal 2016-2017, nuestra Diócesis ha cumplido satisfactoriamente con los requerimientos de esta *Carta*.

La Diócesis de Toledo renueva su compromiso de asegurar la protección de los niños y de proveer un ambiente seguro para todos los jóvenes. Si usted tiene conocimiento de algún abuso que haya sido cometido por algún miembro del clero, o empleado/voluntario de la Iglesia Católica, por favor reportar dicho abuso al departamento local de policía, la agencia de Servicios de Protección al Menor, y el Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis Frank DiLallo. Usted se puede comunicar con el Sr. DiLallo por teléfono al número (419) 214-4880, o a la siguiente dirección 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, 43604.

NOTE: After publishing this announcement in your parish bulletin, please retain a hardcopy of the bulletin and include it with your annual Dean's Visitation Report. This will allow the independent auditors of our safe environment program to verify that we are informing our parishioners and school families about this important topic.