



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 Maume
From: Reverend Monte J. Hoyles, JCL
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Re: Safe Environment Compliance Audit Results

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As you are already 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 Youth 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 2015-2016 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 each year. These notices (in various formats) will periodically be placed in *Nuntius* for your use. 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 2015-2016, 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 by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and to contact Mr. Frank DiLallo, diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to Mr. DiLallo at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Diócesis del Programa de Ambiente Seguro Toledo es de 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 la *Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes* de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. El Obispo Daniel Thomas se complace en anunciar que, al año fiscal 2015-2016, la Diócesis ha cumplido satisfactoriamente con los requerimientos de la *Carta*.

La Diócesis de Toledo renueva su compromiso de asegurar la protección a 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 por cualquier empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia Católica, le instamos a reportar dicho abuso al departamento local de policía, Servicios de Protección al Menor, así como contactar al Sr. Frank DiLallo, Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis, al teléfono (419) 214-4880. Si lo desea, puede usted también enviar su correspondencia al Sr. DiLallo a: 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.