

I want to say thank you to all reading this. Thank you for the things you do in your parish and school that keep our minors healthy and safe. Thank you to those who hold every person accountable when it comes to working with our children. If you can say to yourself, “our parish/school is the absolute safest place a parent or grandparent can leave their children”, then we are doing our duty. If you hesitate, even slightly, please speak up.

We have no place in our parishes or schools for someone who is not fully committed to upholding the promise to protect our minors!

+ Saint Peter, pray for the Church, that it may be re-built, healed, and made holy.

+ St. Charles Lwanga and St. Monica, pray for the abused, the survivors, and for justice.

+ St. Catherine of Siena, pray for reform and restoration of the clergy.

+ St. John Vianney, pray for the holiness of priests and bishops.

+ St. Benedict, pray that this evil be cast out of the Church.

+ St. Anthony, pray for us to find the way forward.

+ St. Paul, pray for the bishops that they may be fearless in confronting other bishops.

+ St. Augustine, pray for true repentance and transparency.

+ St. Dymphna, pray for consolation for the heartache, depression and anxiety this evil has caused.

+ Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us .

Child and Youth Protection Audit

Again just want to say thank you for providing data in the DOLDATA for the CYP audit. I know it may seem like we started this a long

time ago and we did, but there are so many moving parts to preparing all we are asked to. The data that you completed for your location and sent through DOLDATA is very valuable for what we are presenting to the auditor. Thank you for answering my questions when I emailed or called.

Please pray for our auditor Paul, those who will be interviewed, and that we have two very successful days and be open to whatever improvements we are asked to make. Improvements are necessary to make us better.



Updates

The Child and Youth Protection Charter was revised in June of 2018. An electronic copy can be found here.

Protecting God’s Children for Adults is in the process being updated to a 4.0 version and we are told that these will be available both online and for live sessions by spring 2019. Once we have confirmation that these are ready I will let you know.

Please remember that our Diocese-wide **Keeping the Promise Alive** refresher training for ALL employees and current volunteers is to be taken no later than December 1, 2018. See my comments below for additional training materials.

The new **K-8 Safe Environment** program is coming along nicely. We are on schedule to roll the new program out to parishes and schools by January 1. Coming soon will be training dates and times for the person who is responsible for the program at your location.

Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal bulletin insert

Please make sure this announcement appears in your parish bulletins at least once a month. We must continue our transparency in helping abuse victims to find help and begin the healing process.



If you, or anyone you know has been harmed by anyone representing the Church, contact appropriate law enforcement. You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, LMSW, by phone at 888-308-6252, or via e-mail to: cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org

Do you see these two posters hanging in high traffic areas? If not, please call or email me and I will send them to you.

