



## Diocese of Monterey

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Dear Clergy, Staff, and Lay Ministers,

We, as Church, are called in love to protect the most vulnerable among us. That clearly includes the children, youths, and vulnerable adults who are entrusted to us for education, catechism, and pastoral ministry. These people are a gift to us, given in sacred trust to care for and keep safe. We must continue to take that charge seriously.

In 2002, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops published our *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal". The Diocese of Monterey established its own Policy against Sexual Misconduct that same year and developed its Safe Environment Program soon afterward.

This newly revised Diocese of Monterey Safe Environment Policy reflects the most recent updates to the *Charter* and best practices for protecting our children and vulnerable adults.

The Diocese of Monterey has done tremendous work to ensure that our children and vulnerable adults are kept safe while in our care. We must all remain vigilant and ensure that we continue to follow the rules of the Safe Environment Program.

Please continue to closely manage the Safe Environment program in your parishes. All of us, whether clergy, religious or laypersons, employees or volunteers, are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

Our Safe Environment Coordinator, Deacon Warren Hoy, is available to answer any questions you may have, or to provide an assistance visit for your parish. You can contact him at [whoy@dioceseofmonterey.org](mailto:whoy@dioceseofmonterey.org) or (831) 645-2845.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia  
Bishop of Monterey

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