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Dear friend,

For 20 years, the Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Office has worked diligently toward healing while creating safe environments throughout the Diocese of Austin. We are proud that our efforts have helped to ensure the safety of those who need our protection most — minors, the elderly and adults with disabilities — while promoting ethical behavior in our ministries. Thank you for accompanying us as we answer this universal call to protect those among us who are vulnerable.

As we look to the future, we are contemplating how we can build on this well-established foundation. First and foremost, the mission of the EIM Office is to uphold the requirements of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Although our primary focus will always be the protection of minors, the elderly and adults with disabilities from abuse through healing, reporting and utilizing the strong prevention strategies of screening and education, we are considering how we might present this important ministry in a new way. Neither “Ethics and Integrity in Ministry” nor “EIM” clearly illustrate the specific mission of the program, the breadth of what this ministry now accomplishes or are aligned with the names of similar departments in other dioceses. Adopting a new identity would allow us to present EIM in a clearer, more relatable way.

To ensure we make an informed decision about rebranding EIM, and to better understand the experiences of those who have been involved with this vital ministry, we have created a short survey. We hope you will spare a few minutes of your time to share your thoughts with us. To access the survey, please scan the QR code or go to <https://doal.ink/EIMRUUY>.



Thank you in advance for your participation. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on this process.

Sincerely in Christ,

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P.S. Please pass this letter along to others in your circle who have participated in EIM before the survey link closes on Friday, Sept. 10.