



DIOCESE OF SIOUX CITY

Chancery

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To: Employees and Volunteers – Diocese of Sioux City

From: Royce Ranniger

Re: Cell phone usage - vehicles

Obviously many of us are engaged in multiple uses of our cells phones, given the available technology of e-mail, texting, internet etc. As we have moved in this direction, the use of cell phones while operating vehicles has become a concern.

In light of this concern, the Diocese has implemented the following policy as it relates to the use of cell phones effective today:

Anyone (employees or volunteers) driving a Diocesan-owned (school, parish, etc.) or personal vehicle on Diocesan business is prohibited from typing a text and/or reading a text while driving. Pulling over to the side of the road in order to read or make a text is required. We also strongly encourage you to pull over to receive or make phone calls. NOTE: If you are driving your personal vehicle on church or school business the same policy is in effect.

We realize that this policy will be difficult to enforce, but all of us have an obligation to enforce it. “Enforcement” can also mean if you are a passenger in a car, you can be the one to tell the driver, ‘NO’ and take the call for them.

Bishop Nickless supports this policy and expects that all of us will do our part.