

Safe Environment Protocol Glossary of Terms

Safe Environment Protocol: Blanket term for all abuse prevention efforts, including training of adults and youth; mandated by *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* (USCCB, 2006; revised 2011: bit.ly/Charter4ProtectionChildren)

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: A person, appointed by a pastor or administrator, who serves as a contact for all Safe Environment Protocol issues

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator: Coordinates efforts of Parish Safe Environment Coordinators; the position is typically held by Director of Human Resources, reporting to the Safe Environment Director

Diocesan Safe Environment Director: Manages all matters related to Safe Environment Protocol in the diocese; the position is typically held by the Vicar General

Victim Assistance Officer (VAC): Answers calls made to the Victim Assistance Hotline (800-533-7018); also provides pastoral outreach to victims and survivors of abuse

Victim Assistance Hotline: 800-533-7018; phone line for individuals who want to report concerns regarding abuse, sexual or otherwise, by Church personnel; posters with the Victim Assistance Hotline number are available for parishes and schools

Conduct in Ministry Officer: Investigates accusations involving clergy incardinated in the diocese

Diocesan Review Board: Reviews formal accusations of abuse filed in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana involving priests; comprised of 7-9 members who are appointed by the Safe Environment Director

StoneBridge Business Partners: Organization that audits diocesan compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People; delivers an annual report of findings and recommendations to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Safe Conduct Protocol Training: Generic term for adult safe conduct training

Safe and Sacred: Online portal for diocesan safe conduct training for adults and LIFE+ materials; located at www.safeandsacred-dol-in.org

“Protecting Children in the 21st Century”: Safe and Sacred adult training course on safe conduct and child abuse prevention; required of all clergy, candidates for ordination, employees and volunteers working with children in the of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

“Internet Safety”: Safe and Sacred adult training course required for parish and school staff, DREs, youth ministers, all clergy, candidates for ordination and employees of the

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Volunteers working with minors when deemed appropriate

“Protecting Vulnerable Adults”: Recommended Safe and Sacred course for all clergy, candidates for ordination, employees and volunteers ministering to the homebound and those residing in nursing homes and hospitals

Protecting God’s Children/Protocols: Old term for abuse prevention training for youth

Chastity Curriculum/Catechesis: Formation for youth in healthy human sexuality, mandated by *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living: Guidelines for Curriculum Design and Publication* (USCCB, 2008: bit.ly/ChasteLivingGuidelines)

LIFE+ program: Combined youth abuse prevention and chastity formation program, accessed through Safe and Sacred web site; required to be offered by all parishes and Catholic schools in the diocese

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