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To: The Christian Faithful of the Diocese of Knoxville

As I do each year, I express my firm commitment to complying with policy #20.1 (*Policy and Procedures Relating to Sexual Misconduct for the Diocese of Knoxville*) and implementing the required procedures. I further acknowledge that the Diocese of Knoxville provides safe environment training to the following individuals: priests, deacons, candidates for ordination, educators, diocesan employees, volunteers and children/youth. I approve of all of these training programs as being in accord with Catholic moral principles.

Additionally, I acknowledge that the Diocese of Knoxville requires all priests, deacons, candidates for ordination, educators, diocesan employees, and volunteers who work with (or are in proximity to) children or vulnerable adults, to undergo a criminal background check and read and sign Policy # 20.1.

+ *Richard F. Stika*

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika  
Bishop of Knoxville

Date: 4/28/2019



*D. Sean K. Smith*  
Deacon Sean K. Smith  
Chancellor

Date: 4-28-2019