

Interview Questions

1. Is the existence of the diocesan policies and procedures relating to the Charter for the *Protection of Children and Young People* publicized to parishioners? **If Yes, describe the types and frequency of publications.** (Examples might include publication in parish bulletins, Information provided at Masses, brochures and/or posters in the vestibules of Church buildings.) **If No, provide explanation.**
2. Does the pastor/other know when and how to report an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor? **If No, provide explanation.**
3. Does the pastor/other know how to obtain outreach for victims? **If No, provide explanation.**
4. a) Are copies of the Code of Conduct made available to clergy and any other paid personnel and volunteers of the Church in positions of trust who have regular contact with children and young people?

b) Are standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to children and young people made available and clear to all members of the community?

If Yes, auditor will ask to review documentation verifying that these standards have been provided to those who have regular contact with children and young people. If No, provide explanation.
5. Is safe environment training provided for children and young adults, parents, clergy, employees and volunteers? **If Yes, Auditor will ask to review documentation that the training has been provided, as well as review curricula and material used for these programs. If No, provide explanation.**
6. a) Is there a policy for those parents who choose not have their child participate in the diocesan safe environment training?

b) Does the parish have documentation of the signed parental declination?

c) Does the parish have documentation that the safe environment training materials have been offered to parents?

d) If parents refuse to sign any form, has a record been maintained by the parish?
If Yes, auditor will ask to review the documentation regarding non-participation in safe environment training. If No, provide explanation.

- 7. a) Does the pastor ensure that background evaluations are conducted on all parish personnel, to include priests and deacons, as well as other paid personnel and volunteers who are in positions of trust with children and young people?
- b) Does the principal ensure that background evaluations are conducted on all school personnel, to include priests and deacons as well as other paid personnel and volunteers who are in positions of trust with children and young people?

If Yes, auditor will ask to review documentation verifying that these background evaluations have been submitted and/or completed. If No, provide explanation.

- 8. Does the pastor ensure that visiting or non permanent clergy (e.g., weekend assistants, priests who witness marriages, Perform baptisms, conduct funerals or otherwise engage in supply ministry) are clergy in good standing? **If No, provide explanation.**
- 9. For those parishes directly affected by allegations of sexual abuse of children which have been brought forward during this current audit period:
 - a) Has the diocese kept the parish informed?
 - b) Has the diocese provided outreach to affected persons or groups?

If Yes, describe. If No, provide explanation.

Parish _____
Date _____
Pastor _____
Site Administrator _____
Auditor _____

