



DIOCESE OF
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DIOCESAN REVIEW BOARD BY-LAWS

2 MARCH 2021

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

The Diocesan Review Board is a confidential consultative body to the diocesan bishop regarding the implementation and application of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

ARTICLE II

FUNCTIONS

The Functions of the Diocesan Review Board are:

- a. To review particular allegations of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult by clergy, or other church personnel, and advise the diocesan bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse;
- b. To review diocesan policies, practices and procedures for the creation of safe environments, proactive protection of children and prevention of the abuse of children; and
- c. To advise the diocesan bishop in his determination of suitability for ministry.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Each member of the Diocesan Review Board is appointed by the diocesan bishop for a term of five years which may be renewed. For just cause, the diocesan bishop may rescind the membership of a particular individual. The preference is the Review Board members will reflect the diversity of the faithful of the Diocese.

The Diocesan Review Board will be composed of the following:

- a. The promoter of justice, the diocesan attorney and at least five other persons of outstanding integrity and good judgment in full communion with the Church.
- b. At least one person who has particular expertise in the treatment of sexual abuse.
- c. At least one priest, other than the diocesan chancellor, who is an experienced and respected pastor.
- d. A majority of lay persons who are not employed by the diocese.

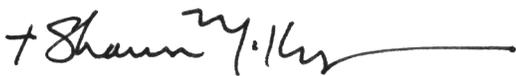
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MEETINGS

The Diocesan Review Board will have regularly scheduled meetings at least twice per year as well as special meetings as the diocesan bishop may convene. The diocesan bishop may dispense a regularly scheduled Review Board meeting, for special circumstances.

The Diocesan Review Board may designate subcommittees to address specific areas of work.

After consultation with the Diocesan Review Board, as Bishop of Jefferson City, I hereby decree this effective this day, 2 March 2021.



Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City