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POLICY CONCERNING SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATIONS

*Policy concerning communications
regarding allegations of sexual abuse by clergy
or other church personnel*

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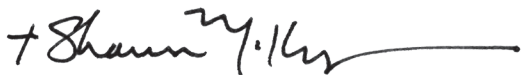
The Diocese of Jefferson City is committed to providing accurate and timely information regarding allegations of sexual abuse by clergy or other church personnel.

In keeping with the diocesan media relations policy, the point of contact for all media inquiries shall be the Communications Director of the Diocese. If a parish or other diocesan office receives a request for information from the media, the parish or diocesan office shall forward any such request to the Office of Communication for guidance and response. It is the goal of the Diocese to respond to every media inquiry.

While the Diocese operates with transparency, there are some limitations to the information the Diocese may be able to share with the public about specific allegations of sexual abuse. These limitations may include open investigations by law enforcement, threatened or active litigation or specific privacy rights of the accused as well as for persons reporting abuse.

The policies of the Diocese for reporting allegations of sexual abuse are available in print or electronic form, available in different languages and are distributed to all parish and school locations. Any updates to the policies are widely communicated to the faithful. Such policies are located on the diocesan website. Additionally, annual financial data of the Diocese is located on the diocesan website. Finally, the Diocese maintains a list of clergy and religious brothers who have served in the Diocese and who have been found to have been credibly accused of a violation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (“Charter”) or which would have constituted a violation of the Charter if the Charter had been in effect. This list is regularly modified, as appropriate, and also available on the diocesan website.

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