

Diocese of Toledo in Compliance Following Safe Environment Audit

As you are aware, the Diocese of Toledo participates in an annual audit to determine if our safe environment program, policies, and practices are in compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

On behalf of Bishop Thomas, I am happy to report that the Diocese of Toledo has been found to be in compliance with the articles of the *Charter*, based on the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at [1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604](mailto:1933_Spielbusch_Avenue_Toledo_Ohio_43604).

In order to ensure that everyone is aware of how to report an allegation of sexual abuse by church personnel, each parish and school is to publish some form of notice on this process approximately 4-6 times a year, and announce it publicly at least once a year, *Charter, Article 2*. These notices (in various formats) will periodically be placed in *Nuntius* for your use and are readily available on the diocesan website under Protecting Youth/Victim Assistance, Compliance Audit. **I ask that the attached notice be published as soon as possible in your parish bulletin and on your parish website.**