



# Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

**Every person has the right to be respected and treated with the dignity befitting a child of God.**

**Every person has the right to have appropriate boundaries respected.**

**Every person has the right to challenge any behavior or comment that is offensive or inappropriate.**

**Every person has the responsibility to protect the safety of children, families, women and men, and to promote healing where there is injury with firm justice and mercy towards all.**

**The Diocese is committed to doing all that it can to:**

- Promote safe, healthy communities of faith.
- Intervene effectively when there is sexual misconduct.
- Respond fairly and compassionately to those harmed by sexual misconduct.

*"We all must take reasonable steps together to protect all of God's children. Through our faith in Christ and His Church, and with restored trust in the Church by our commitment to safe environments, we can build a future full of hope."*

**-Our Promise to Protect...**  
*Policies on Appropriate Conduct*  
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