



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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Decree of Promulgation

On November 1, 2021, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown received notice of being found in compliance with the requirements of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* for the period of July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2021.

At the same time, the independent auditors from Stonebridge Business Partners recommended the formal approval and promulgation of both the adult curriculum and the safe environment children's curriculum. In furtherance of that mission of youth protection, the observations and recommendations contained in the Audit report are accepted.

In view of the above-referenced recommendations, the adult curriculum and the safe environment children's curriculum for use in all parishes, schools, and youth activities and programs throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are accepted and adopted as indicated in the Audit report.

The above cited curriculum, protocols and procedures remain in effect until the next audit period, at which time they will be reviewed. They may be revised or amended at any time before the next audit as needed by circumstances of time and place within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

All persons, organizations, and institutions responsible for the care of young persons are to observe the safe environment protocols and procedures adopted by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and apply them in a fair and consistent manner for the safety and well-being of minors under the age of 18 and those equivalent to a minor in accord with the norm of law.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, December 6, 2021.

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

Teresa M. Stayer
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