



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Children and young people hold a special place in all of our hearts, and as Church, we need to do all we can to protect them. To that end, the Diocese of Manchester requires all adults who work with children and youth in our schools, parishes, and diocesan programs to complete special training about child abuse awareness, prevention, and reporting. The Diocese also requires all parishes and schools to provide personal safety lessons to all enrolled students.

The programs in use by the Diocese of Manchester to train all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who have regular contact with minors are *Safe Haven: It's Up To You*, an online program, and *Protecting God's Children* training, a live program. I have completed both of these training programs. I find them to be in accord with Catholic moral principles and I approve them.

The programs in use by the Diocese of Manchester to educate children and youth are *Circles of Care*, *Netsmartz*, and *Catholic Mutual Group*. I have reviewed the training materials for these programs, find them to be in accord with Catholic moral principles, and approve them.

May God continue to guide us in our efforts to prevent abuse of children and youth in our Church and in our society. With assurance of my prayers for you and asking yours for me, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester