



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

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Dear Diocesan Family,

Peace be with you! Following the adoption of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002, the Diocese of Syracuse has worked diligently in protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our community. I am grateful to the thousands of clergy, members of religious orders, employees, and volunteers who have cooperated with the Safe Environment program mandates.

In keeping with the guidelines outlined in the *Charter and Essential Norms for the Protection of Children and Young People*, Article 12, I am happy to renew the Diocese's continued commitment for the following Safe Environment programs. The approved trainings are in accord with Catholic moral teaching, and they meet the diocesan standards in training objectives.

I hereby approve and promulgate the following safe environment programs for use in this Diocese:

Circles of Care is the parish-based Safe Environment program for Faith Formation students in Pre-K through 12th grade.

Child Lure is the Catholic Schools elementary Safe Environment program for students in Pre-K through Grade 6.

Local experts from the community present on Safe Environment topics to diocesan Catholic School high school students in Grade 7 – 12.

"Protecting God's Children" for Adults (® provided by VIRTUS ® National Catholic Services) is the initial Safe Environment training for adults.

"Entrusted to Protect, Dedicated to Restore" is the Safe Environment re-certification training, a diocesan-produced product.

May we all continue to remain steadfast in our commitment to remain vigilant in our efforts keeping our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe from harm. I ask for your ongoing prayers as we continue together to protect all of God's children.

In the Name of Jesus,

+*Douglas J. Lucia*

Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse

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