



Catholic Church of Eastern Montana

DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 2, 2014

To: Priests, Deacons, Candidates for Ordination, Educators, Diocesan/Parish/School Employees

From: Most Rev. Michael W. Warfel, Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Re: Safe Environment Programs and Background Evaluations

In keeping with the regulations outlined in the Charter and Norms for the Protection of Children and Young People, Article 12, the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings has implemented the following programs:

For Children and Youth: Programming Resources, presented annually to all students through high school, enrolled in diocesan schools and religious education classes, are made available through the Chancery. The approved listing is available on the diocesan web site (www.diocesegfb.org).

For all others, as addressed in this memorandum: The approved program is “Protecting God’s Children”[®] provided by VIRTUS[®] National Catholic Services.

For background evaluations, our diocese utilizes the services of “Screening One[®]” of Tampa, FL, to conduct a Social Security Trace, a Court Records Search (Statewide MT or Previous Residence State including Felony and Misdemeanor 7 Years), and a National Crime Offender Search.

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