



## Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

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### DECREE OF PROMULGATION

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee for Sexual Abuse of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its June 2005 Plenary Assembly. It was later revised and the third revision was approved at the June 2018 Plenary Assembly.

The *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons* was revised by that same committee and also by the Vatican-U.S. Bishop' Mixed Commission on Sex Abuse Norms. They were approved by the full body of the USCCB at its General Meeting in June 2005. They received the *recognitio* of the Holy See on 1 January 2006 and they were promulgated on 5 May 2006. They obtained force of law on 15 May 2006 and so bind as particular law all Dioceses and Eparchies of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The *Statement of Episcopal Commitment* was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Bishop's Life and Ministry of the USCCB. It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2005 Plenary Assembly and has more recently been re-approved in 2011 and 2018.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, I therefore decree for my diocese, the promulgation of the revised *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* with its accompanying documents the revised *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons* and the *Statement of Episcopal Commitment*.

Most Reverend Timothy L. Doherty  
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