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Dear Pastors, Site Administrators, Faith Formation Leaders, Youth Ministers and Catholic School Principals:

My responsibility, as the bishop, is to ensure all parishes and Catholic schools in the diocese comply with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Charter.

For the past twenty years the Diocese of Saint Cloud has worked diligently to provide safe and loving places for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults to grow in their faith and have a loving relationship with God. I appreciate the work each parish and Catholic school is doing to make sure that all adults who volunteer with children and youth have completed training and a background check. I am so pleased with the training the faith formation programs and Catholic schools are providing to the children and youth of this diocese to keep them safe and to give them tools to seek help if needed.

Once again, this year the schools and parishes will be using the curriculum from Virtus for children and youth, "Empowering God's Children". If your program needs help accessing this curriculum, contact Linda Kaiser in the safe environment office. Linda can be reached at 320-251-2340 ext. 106 or at [lkaiser@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:lkaiser@gw.stcdio.org)

The Diocese just completed the onsite audit which happens every three years and I am pleased with the results of the audit. It confirms the excellent job each parish and school is doing to be in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

My sincerest appreciation and blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Donald J. Kettle  
Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud