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MICHAEL GERARD DUCA

Bishop of Baton Rouge

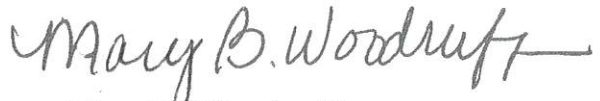
The revised *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee for Sexual Abuse of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of U.S. Catholic bishops at its June 2005 Plenary Assembly, and this third revision was approved at the June 2018 Plenary Assembly. The revised Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse of the USCCB and by the Vatican-U.S. Bishops' Mixed Commission on Sex Abuse Norms. They were approved by the full body of bishops at its June 2005 General Meeting, received the subsequent recognition of the Holy See on January 1, 2006, and were promulgated May 5, 2006. The revised Statement of Episcopal Commitment was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Bishops' Life and Ministry of the USCCB. It was approved by the full body of U.S. Catholic bishops at its November 2005 Plenary Assembly and then again in 2011 and 2018.

The *Policy Regarding the Sexual Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults by Diocesan Personnel*, the *Code of Ethics and Behavior for Adults who Minister with Minors and Vulnerable Adults in the Diocese of Baton Rouge*, the *Diocese of Baton Rouge Process for Reporting the Alleged Abuse of a Protected Individual*, and the *Office of Child and Youth Protection Policy and Procedure Manual*, were promulgated as particular law on March 1, 2020.

I hereby promulgate the revised *Office of Child and Youth Protection Policy Manual*, as *particular law of the Diocese of Baton Rouge*, effective July 1, 2022.

Given at the Chancery on this 10th day of June, 2022.


Most Reverend Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge


Mary B. Woodruff
Ecclesiastical Notary