

SAFE ENVIRONMENT NEWS



THANK YOU

Thank you to the following SECs who served as testers during the development of our new Safe Environment Database!

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SPRING IS ON THE WAY!

Hello Everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy! I heard the other day that daylight is increasing at the fastest pace we experience all year long. That means that before we know it, Spring will be here and with the hope it brings, we can only pray that an end to the pandemic is not too far away now.

It's been a tough year and I thank you all for continuing to do quality work as we all work together to protect children. If you have any questions or if you need help and support during this time, please contact Eve or me any time.



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Victim Assistance Update

Joe Naff, who served as the Director of the Office of Healing and Pastoral Care since 2003, retired in December. Joe provided compassionate outreach and a listening ear to those who were sexually abused. He was a wonderful presence in our diocese and will be greatly missed!

The Victim Assistance Coordinator contact info has changed! Please remove Joe's name from any standing announcements, and update to the following email address: **HEALING@RCBM.ORG**

An updated bulletin announcement can be found at:
<https://www.catholicnh.org/about/stay-informed/bulletin/>



IMPORTANT DATES



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Each April, we recognize the month with special materials and events. More info will be provided via email in March.

April 9- Diocesan Wear Blue Day

Encourage members of your community to wear blue. Send pictures to

April 20@ 6 PM- Mass for the Healing of Those Affected by Abuse

Celebrant: Bishop Peter Libasci

In Person: St. Joseph Cathedral

Livestream: www.stjosephcathedralnh.org

Please log in to the SED every month and make any necessary updates. SECs for smaller parishes can make updates quarterly. The next due date is **April 15.**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Drops-ins are held every Tuesday from 12:30- 1:00

We have had some productive conversations during our Tuesday drop-ins. Please don't hesitate to join any time! Here are a few frequently asked questions:

Do I need to display posters at my parish/school? Yes, parishes and schools should display safe environment posters and reporting cards. These are available from the safe environment office. Email: emongeau@rcbm.org

Where can I find safe environment bulletin announcements? Bulletin announcements are found on the SEC resources page at www.catholicnh.org/coordinators AND on the bulletin editor's page of catholicnh.org

What does the SH Training field in the S.E. Database mean? This is a new data field for recording sexual harassment training, a one-time requirement for employees. All new employees are assigned sexual harassment training when they register on the Safe Haven training site. We are in the process of entering pre-2021 dates into this field.

How can I make sure that new employees complete all required trainings? We have special handouts for new employees. To access these, go to your Safe Environment Coordinator Manual, available at www.catholicnh.org/coordinators

What is the Acknowledgement Form? The Acknowledgement Form ("AF") is a signature page for our diocesan Code of Conduct & Policy for the Protection of Children. The form used to be signed on paper, but is now signed electronically within the Safe Haven training.

Am I able to print the page that contains employee/volunteer compliance dates? The old SED had a 'Print This Page' button that did not carry over to the new site. We have asked the developer to restore this feature and will let everyone know when it is available.

When new employees register on the Safe Haven site, they are assigned trainings specific to their role.

Did You Know?

The Diocesan Safe Environment Council is made up of representatives from each deanery and meets regularly to advise the Safe Environment Office on programs, policies, and procedures. There are several Safe Environment Coordinators on the Council. This group helped us select the *Safe Haven* training and assists in planning for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Guess the number

How many SECs do we have in the Diocese of Manchester? Email your guess to medintino@rcbm.org

The winner will receive a prize!



Children's Training

All parishes and schools must teach a safe environment lesson to students each year. The curricula that have been approved by the bishop for use in our diocese are *Circles of Care*, *Netzmartz*, and a bullying lesson from CMG. As a SEC, you may be copied on some reminders about this training, but typically the DREs in parishes and school principals coordinate these lessons. If you would like to learn more about the children's training, visit: www.catholicnh.org/circles