A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

In 2006, an advisory committee on sexual abuse, formed in 1993 by Bishop Gerard Dionne, set down a code of ethics for the prevention of physical, psychological and sexual abuse by people serving the Diocese of Edmundston. We are now updating our policy for the protection of children, youth and adults at risk, publishing a guide for recruiting and screening of our employees (clergy and lay) and volunteers, and establishing new directives for the protection of the people we serve.

In the months to come we shall have a process for recruiting, screening, training and supporting all our employees (clergy and lay) and volunteers at the diocesan level as well as at the level of our different pastoral units.

Our aim is the protection and security of those we serve, as well as ensuring the security and reputation of those who serve the Church. What we are requiring is what has already been asked by different organisations and institutions that serve the same groups of people.

Our aim is to pursue the Church's mission of proclaiming the Reign of God inaugurated by Jesus, and this through the commitment of so many baptised in need of training, support and appreciation, for carrying out their baptismal mission.

I express my gratitude to all those involved in the Church who have accepted to implement these new procedures that are more developed than the preceding ones. Our aim is to ensure a more secure environment for all those we serve.

In solidarity for the mission task that is ours, I remain

Devotedly yours,

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GUIDE TO PROTECT PERSONS AT RISK

A person at risk is one who has difficulty protecting her/himself from harm temporarily or permanently and is at risk because of age, disability, handicap, or emotional distress due to extreme crisis or trauma.

