



DIOCESE OF
FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND
SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Policy for the Protection of Minors*

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend requires all clergy, candidates for ordination and religious life, religious, employees and volunteers to adhere to the diocese's ***Code of Conduct When Interacting with a Minor***. Likewise, all are subject to and must report the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or neglect of a minor or the acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of pornography involving a minor to appropriate civil and diocesan authorities consistent with the diocese's ***Policy on Reporting Incidents of Abuse or Neglect of Minors including Vulnerable Adults***. All mentioned previously as well the diocese's parishes and schools are subject to and obligated by this policy.

*A minor is defined as anyone under the age of eighteen years; or a person regardless of age who habitually lacks the use of reason and is to be considered equivalent to a minor.