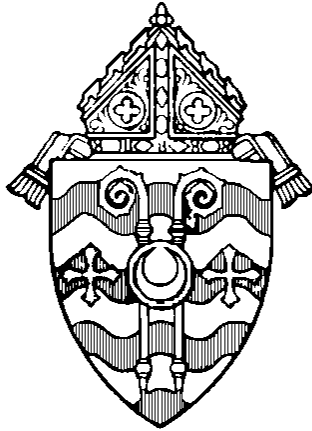


Decree of Promulgation



In the Name of God.

Whereas on 8 May 2003, in virtue of the authority entrusted to me as Bishop of the Diocese of Crookston, I decreed as particular law for the Diocese of Crookston the revised *Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Diocese of Crookston*, to become effective on that day;

Whereas, certain revisions to the text have been completed and approved;

I hereby decree as particular law for the Diocese of Crookston the policies and procedures for the protection of children and young people contained herein. These policies and procedures replace all previous policies and guidelines concerning the matters that are therein addressed;

I decree, further, that the *Code of Ethical Standards for Church Leaders* is hereby incorporated into this policy and thus also becomes particular law for this diocese.

These policies and procedures for the protection of children and young people apply to all clergy, diocesan personnel, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in the Diocese of Crookston or its institutions. This document also applies to all parish staff and parish volunteers of all Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Crookston, including the staff and volunteers of parish schools.

In accord with the law promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, a copy of this policy and any subsequent revisions will be filed with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops within three months of the date on which this policy becomes effective (cf., USCCB, *Essential Norms*, §2).

Revised, approved, and promulgated.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Crookston, this 6th day of July 2006

To take effect the 15th day of August 2006.

+Victor H. Balke
Bishop of Crookston

Rev. David J. Baumgartner
Vice Chancellor