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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As part of our continuous efforts to remain in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, it is important that we regularly assess and revise our safe environment policies to ensure that we are following best practices for keeping children safe in our Catholic schools, parishes, and faith-based programs. Our *Diocese of Burlington Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry*, and the accompanying Diocesan Codes of Conduct, serve as the cornerstone of our efforts to safeguard the children and young people of our diocese. These procedural guides outline the behavioral standards of the diocese, and they help us understand how to build healthy and safe relationships with the youth whom we serve in our ministerial roles.

We all play a vital role in protecting the children and young people entrusted to our care, and it is our sacred obligation to avoid complacency in this area.

Therefore, I, the Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, hereby promulgate this latest revision and edition of the *Diocese of Burlington Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry*, with the Diocesan Codes of Conduct, to become effective September 1, 2017.

May God bless and guide us in the vital task.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, D.D., S.L.D.
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