

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN LOUISIANA  
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

- I will do my best to prevent abuse and neglect among children and youth involved in church, school or Diocesan ministries, activities and events.
- I will not physically, sexually or emotionally abuse or neglect a child or youth.
- I will comply with all applicable policies, standards and guidelines set forth in these *Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse*.
- If I observe any inappropriate behaviors or possible violations of policies, standards or guidelines, or concerns about clergy behavior, I will immediately report my observations pursuant to the procedures in Section V of the *Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse*.
- I acknowledge my obligation and responsibility to protect children and youth and will report suspected or known abuse or neglect to appropriate law enforcement authorities and to church leaders in accordance with Diocesan policies and the reporting procedures set forth in *Recognizing and Reporting Abuse of Children and Youth*.
- I understand that the Episcopal Church does not tolerate abuse or neglect of children or youth and agree to comply with these *Policies* in both spirit and action.

Signed the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

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Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_