



THE ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

January 1, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am very pleased to promulgate the document: Protocol for Responsible Parish Ministry.

The Protocol states, in its introduction: "The development and implementation of this policy has as its goals, the prevention of sexual abuse, the protection of vulnerable persons, the pastoral care of those wounded by sexual or other abuse..."

This document replaces the *"Policy for Responding to Cases of Sexual Abuse and Procedures for Protection of Children and Vulnerable Persons"* put into effect in 2009.

The Church has been called by Christ to the mission of being witnesses to Gospel, the good news of our salvation and God's love for us. We recognize that it is of utmost importance that the Church in Regina does everything it can to assure a safe environment for all who come to us or who invite us to come to them so that they may receive the benefits of the ministry of the Church. This is of particular importance when it applies to the young and as well to the vulnerable of all ages.

It is our intent that this protocol will help safeguard and protect all those who come to take part in the various ministries and activities of the Church, those who seek benefit from the Church's ministry as well as give sound guidance to those who welcome them, give them training and minister to them.

We implore the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, that we may give the same love and protection to Jesus Christ present in all those who live their faith as Mary gave to the same Son of God entrusted to her care and guidance.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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