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CHANCERY OFFICE

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Dear Father:

SCREENING PROTOCOL FOR ALL CLERGY

In line with Our Archdiocesan Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults from Sexual Abuse and following the recent CCCB directives as contained in the recent document; *Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation*, all clergy of the Archdiocese of Regina are now required to submit to the Chancery effective immediately, a police records check.

We are morally, legally and spiritually obliged to do all we can to make sure that our churches are safe environments and to ensure that all reasonable suspicions of sexual offence against children and vulnerable adults are reported to the police.

In addition, this office will ensure that every five years all clergy serving in the Archdiocese of Regina are asked to provide the Archbishop with an updated Police Record Check. No *Celebret* or faculties for ministry will be issued to any priest or cleric without a background check.

A pre-ordination and a post-ordination record check have been initiated for all our seminarians and for the newly ordained. Ongoing training and protocol education for all of us will be initiated periodically.

Please visit the nearest local police office to you to obtain your police record clearance and submit same to the Chancellor.

Thanks for your understanding on this matter.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Very Rev. James Owolagba

Chancellor