



Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

Sexual Offender Policy for Diocesan Early Child Care Centers, Elementary and High schools

Approved by Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, effective January 1, 2014

Registered Sex Offenders and Other Persons Prohibited on or Near Diocesan Early Child Care Center, Elementary and High School Property

In order to minimize potential risk to staff and students, persons required to be listed on the Missouri Highway Patrol's sex offender registry, or who have pled guilty, have pled *nolo contendere* or have been convicted of crimes for which Missouri law currently requires offenders to be listed, regardless of when those crimes were committed, are not allowed to be on early child care center, elementary or high school property, to be present at school activities regardless of whether those activities are held on or off school property, or to provide transportation for school activities such as field trips, unless access is required by law or unless written permission is granted for a specific event or events by the Superintendent of Schools or designee named by the Superintendent.

In accordance with Missouri law, the Diocese also prohibits any person who has pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or has been convicted of or found guilty of violating, the following provisions from being on or within 500 feet of any school building, school property, school activity or any vehicle used to transport students:

1. Any of the provisions in Chapter 566 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.
2. Incest, § 568.020, RSMo.
3. Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree, § 568.045, RSMo.
4. Use of a child in a sexual performance, § 568.080, RSMo.
5. Promoting a sexual performance by a child, § 568.090, RSMo.
6. Sexual exploitation of a minor, § 573.023, RSMo.
7. Promoting child pornography in the first degree, § 573.025, RSMo.
8. Furnishing pornographic material to minors, § 573.040, RSMo.
9. Any offense committed in another state, a foreign country, or under tribal, federal or military jurisdiction that, if committed in Missouri, would be a violation listed above.

A parent, guardian or custodian of a student described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Policy has the responsibility to make himself/herself known to the School Principal, Early Childhood Center Director or the Pastor. Despite the prohibitions described in this section, the Superintendent or his/her designee may grant permission for a parent, guardian or custodian of a student to be on early childhood center, elementary or high school property for the limited purpose of attending meetings with school staff or in other situations where the student may

benefit. The Superintendent or his/her designee will have sole discretion to grant such permission, and will do so only in situations where the parent, guardian or custodian is not expected to be alone with any minor. The Superintendent or his/her designee will inform the Principal, Director and/or other relevant school or center staff of the scope of any such permission granted.

Enforcement

If a person violates this Policy or the Pastor's Safety Plan, the school, center or parish staff will contact law enforcement and/or escort the person from school, center or parish grounds and inform the person of the violation.

In such a situation, the Superintendent, Principal, Director, Pastor or their designee may file a report or sign a complaint with law enforcement on behalf of the Diocese. The Superintendent or designee may consult with diocesan legal counsel for guidance and seek a court order banning the person from school or center property.