

Dear Safe Environment Coordinator,

We are once again preparing for the annual Safe Environment Audit that will be conducted this November. This year, Stonebridge Partners will conduct our compliance audit in-person.

The purpose of the audit is to verify that the Diocese of Gary is in compliance with the USCCB Charter, "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal." Many of you continue to focus your time with auditing your parish/school data in VIRTUS Online. Last year, this effort proved valuable when you completed your audit forms as many of you were able to rely on VIRTUS Online compliance reports for collecting and verifying your data.

Please collaborate with your parish Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister, School Principal and others in completing the report. It is important that these reports be returned to Kathy Lafakis at klafakis@dcgary.org on or before Friday, **June3, 2022**.

Thank you for your prompt response and cooperation. Kelly Venegas and I will be working directly with the assigned auditors. If you have any questions, please contact me at (219)-769-9292 x280.

Blessings,
Kathy Lafakis
Safe Environment Coordinator

Attachments: Audit Workbook and Instructions

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