

To Protect

the Faithful in the Future



Dioceses/Eparchies will

- Establish “safe environment” programs to provide education and training for youth and adults in ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.
- Evaluate the background of diocesan and parish personnel with regular contact with minors, and employ adequate screening and evaluative techniques to decide fitness of candidates for ordination.
- Not transfer any priest or deacon who has committed an act of sexual abuse of a minor for ministerial assignment in another diocese.
- Before transferring a priest or deacon for residence elsewhere, provide the bishop or religious superior there with information about any act of sexual abuse of a minor or other information that the cleric may be a danger to children or young people.
- Meet periodically with superiors of religious communities to coordinate on allegations made against a cleric member of a religious institute ministering in a diocese/eparchy.

In addition, the bishops offered to cooperate with other churches, ecclesial communities, and organizations to conduct research about sexual abuse of minors, given the extent of the problem in society at large.