BUILDING ON OUR COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY

"Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone."

(1 Tim 4:15)



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- · Zero Tolerance
- · Victim Outreach
- Required Reporting to Public Authorities
- · Lay Review Boards
- · Victim Assistance Coordinators
- · Safe Environment Training
- · Background Checks
- No Confidentiality Agreements Unless Requested by Survivor
- Ongoing Formation for Clergy

- · Reporting Systems
- · Timely Investigations
- · Survivor Support
- · Whistleblower Protection
- · Conflict of Interest Ban
- · Lay Involvement
- · Compliance with Civil Law
- · Grounded in the Law and Life of the Local Church
- Outlines Use of Lay Experts to Investigate and Publicize Allegations
- · National 3rd Party Reporting
- Strengthens Conflict of Interest Ban
- · Pastoral Care for Those Harmed
- · Affirms Duties of Metropolitan

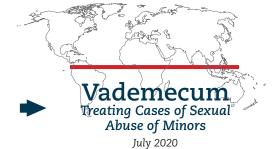


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Episcopal Commitments

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- Guidance on Bishops Who Were Removed or Who Resigned for Reasons Related to Sexual Abuse or Abuse of Power
- Guidance on Participation of Such Bishops Removed or Resigned in USCCB Meetings
- Bishops Included in Codes of Conduct that Must Include Prohibitions Against Sexual Misconduct and Harassment
- · Bishops Renew Pledge to Be Subject to the Charter
- Commitment to Ongoing Formation for Bishops
- · Commitment to Include Expertise of Lay Professionals

- · Affirms the Rights of Victims
- Underscores Ways to Report Clerical Sexual Abuse
- · Reinforces Bishops' Obligations to Preserve Evidence
- · Emphasizes Cooperation with Civil Authorities
- · Clarifies Obligations of Silence
- Ensures Consistency in the Investigation of Allegations
- Describes the Church's Penal Process

