

DECREE OF THE BISHOP



Paul-André Durocher
Archbishop of Gatineau
Decree

Implementation of the policy for the protection of children and vulnerable persons in the Archdiocese of Gatineau (2022 edition).

Fraternal greetings to all.

In accordance with the provisions of the universal Church to protect human persons in their dignity and integrity:

- Having regard to the publication of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the protection of minors and vulnerable persons and its call for the establishment of diocesan protocols to avoid any kind of abuse of persons;
- Considering the importance of the required protection and prevention of abuse of persons involved in the Church on the territory of the Archdiocese through its parishes, missions and works;
- Considering that the application of this policy is the responsibility of parish leaders (pastors, presidencies of factory assemblies) and concerns pastoral and administrative staff, volunteers and employees, diocesans and parishes;
- Considering that other ecclesial bodies working in the territory of the diocese must share the concern to avoid any kind of abuse in the context of their activities;

I decree:

The obligation for officials at the level of the archdiocese, parishes and missions in the archdiocese:

- To read, study and apply the policy for the protection of children and vulnerable persons in the Archdiocese of Gatineau (2022 edition) and to ensure that it is respected;
- To inform all paid and volunteer staff under their responsibility of the implementation of this policy;
- To make available to paid staff and volunteers a description of their task with preventive measures for each of its tasks;
- To carry out, under the supervision of the diocesan authorities, a check of the references and/or police file of all paid and volunteer staff, when deemed necessary by the policy.

In addition, I invite all the heads of other ecclesial bodies active in the territory of the archdiocese to familiarize themselves with this policy and to draw inspiration from it to ensure the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable persons with whom they are in contact.

This decree will be made public by its publication in the archdiocese's newsletter and will enter into force on the day of its publication. I ask that it be read out at the pulpit, and at the meetings of the steering committees of the various organizations. I also ask that it be published in parish bulletins, on parish websites and in the media of the various bodies.

Given in Gatineau on the first of March two thousand twenty-two.

+Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop
Chancellor

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