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Dear Fathers, Deacons, and Ministry Leaders,

I'm pleased to share an update regarding the Virtus safe environment program: **the monthly Virtus bulletins will no longer be required** for those of you who have been participating in them.

While the monthly bulletins are being discontinued, our responsibility to remain vigilant, continue learning, and help foster a culture of safety for children, vulnerable persons, and our communities remains important.

Going forward, there will be an annual online update module, expected to take approximately 30–45 minutes, that will be required for continued compliance.

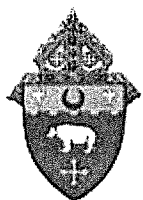
Please note that completing the annual update within the designated timeframe will be important. Failure to do so may result in a non-suitability status for priests and deacons, which could affect their ability to exercise public ministry outside the Diocese and potentially within the Diocese as well. For lay employees whose positions require Virtus compliance, failure to complete the update may also have employment implications.

More information about the annual update will be provided in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued commitment to creating safe environments throughout our Diocese.

Blessings and prayers in Christ's service,
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