



Bishop of Gary

April 19, 2023
Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

Dear Fathers,

The Safe Environment Office at the Pastoral Center is in the process of sending out materials for the completion of the annual Safe Environment Audit. The purpose of the audit is to verify that the Diocese of Gary is in complete compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *"Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal."*

As part of the audit process requirements, every parish and school must complete the attached audit report. You may choose to delegate this matter to your local Safe Environment Coordinator. Please ensure that you or your delegate work in collaboration with your Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister, School Principal, and others to complete the report.

Thank you for supporting the bishops' Charter and your cooperation with the Safe Environment Office at the Pastoral Center. If you or your local Safe Environment Coordinator have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Lafakis by email at klafakis@dgary.org or call the Pastoral Center at 219-769-9292, x280. The deadline to return your completed audit report to Kathy Lafakis via the uploadable form is Monday, June 5, 2023. Blank copies of the audit sheets are available on the dgary.org website.

Asking God's blessing upon you and with a promise of prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McClory
Bishop of Gary