



Diocese of Davenport

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Pastors, Principal, DREs and Youth Ministers,

With this letter I hereby endorse and mandate the *Empowering God's Children - Teaching Safety* safe environment program and curriculum for all grades, PreK-12, in parishes of the Diocese of Davenport. I also endorse and mandate the separate safe environment program for all grades in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Davenport. These curriculums have been vetted by the Diocesan Board of Review.

Both programs contribute to the protection of our young children as well as our high school students. The programs affirm that parents and students are loved by God and that all people are to be respected.

I am grateful to all of our teachers and catechists who work so diligently for the safety of our children and youth. The ongoing support of the schools and parishes is a blessing to our Diocese. I recognize and am grateful for the time the administrators, educators, DREs and youth ministers dedicate to maintaining a safe environment for all of our children. May all who minister to our youth be blessed.

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Dennis G. Walsh
Bishop of Davenport