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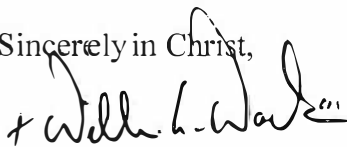
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Diocese continues to work proactively doing everything possible in making our parish communities and schools safe places to worship, learn, and grow in faith. In addition to fingerprinting, background screening and abuse prevention workshops; the Diocese has put together safety education programs in our schools, religious education programs, pre-schools and youth programs. Some of our parishes and schools have had safety programs in place for years. Today these programs are in every school, parish, and church related institution.

As a Diocese, we are always trying to improve our safety education and prevention programs. It is with this in mind that we are expanding our use of the Internet and have selected **VIRTUS** as our Safe Environment Training provider.

What **VIRTUS** offers will greatly expand the education and safety opportunities that parishioners with internet access will have in doing their part in making their homes, families, our parish and school communities safe. **VIRTUS** already assist over 80% of the Catholic Dioceses in the U.S. **VIRTUS** also works outside of Ministry Platform providing us a seamless Safe Environment program. **VIRTUS** provides new educational programs which provide a dynamic and challenging set of courses that cover a wide array of Safe Environment topics. Our Diocese wants to provide our vulnerable population with vital information that will help them to protect themselves from any form of abuse and sexual abuse. It is vital for us to protect our vulnerable population both young and old.

I ask that you to spread the word about **VIRTUS**. Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance in protecting our vulnerable population from harm.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
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