

## **IX. CONCLUSION**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe environment for all children who are served by the Diocese of Erie itself, or by any Catholic school, parish, or related agency within the diocese. By articulating a code of behavior through training and education, guidelines for prevention, recognition of child abuse and through a clear procedural response the Diocese of Erie fortifies that safe environment.

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

Promulgated following the approval of the Diocesan Review Board on  
June 16, 2003  
+ Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of Erie

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+ Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of Erie

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+ Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of Erie

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+ Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of Erie

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+ Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of Erie

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+ Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of Erie

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+ Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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+ Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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+ Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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+ Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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+Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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+ Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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+ Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie