



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

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Dear Brother Priests,

The Diocese of Arlington has faithfully implemented the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* since its approval in 2002. The Charter continues to guide and assist us in maintaining a safe environment for young people as they participate in our parishes, school, and diocesan programs and activities.

Currently, the Diocese of Arlington uses the Diocese of Harrisburg's *Formation in Christian Chastity* for safe environment training related to youth in grades K-8; Praesidium's *Called to Protect*; Fairfax County's *Tricked: Inside the World of Teen Sex Trafficking* (for teenagers in high school). The Archdiocese of Omaha's *Circle of Grace* (for grades K-12) was used provisionally (*ad experimentum*).

By this letter, I hereby affirm these four programs for continued use as our diocesan mandated training for grades K-12. More information may be found on our diocesan website: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/Youth-Training-Programs/>.

May Our Lord Jesus continue to watch over and guide in our efforts to bring the youth of our diocese ever closer to Him. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus grant you abundant spiritual blessings through the sacred Season of Lent and always.

Faternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington