



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE  
OF CHARLESTON**

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 1, 2023

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write concerning my support of the educational programs we have chosen for both our adults as well as the children and youth in the Diocese of Charleston.

The USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* requires that dioceses provide training for appropriate persons “about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people” (Charter, Article 12). To implement this directive, the Diocese of Charleston currently uses two educational programs; Safe Haven, from Catholic Mutual, to train all our employees and volunteers with access to minors, and Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children Program from Virtus, to educate our minors. As Bishop of Charleston, I find these educational programs to be both sound in educational value as well as valuable in promoting Catholic beliefs and teachings.

I approve and endorse these programs as a vehicle to meet both our responsibility of protecting our children as well as meeting our Charter and Policy mandates.

In the Lord's Peace,

+ Jacques Fabre-Jeune

Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS  
Bishop of Charleston