

# Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

## Safe Environments Policy

### Covenant of Care

The Eparchy of Edmonton strives to provide a safe pastoral environment for everyone, including children, youth and vulnerable adults, as well as for those who minister on behalf of the Church.

- I understand that my actions in ministering to and serving the faithful in the Eparchy of Edmonton are to be consistent with the teachings of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and exercised in a pastoral manner.
- I promise that all of my ministerial relationships, especially those with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, will be appropriate and in accordance with my ministry.
- I promise to conduct my ministry within the parameters of the Eparchy of Edmonton's Safe Environment Policy, and I promise to adhere to all of its procedures.
- I promise to adhere to the Eparchy of Edmonton's Code of Pastoral Conduct and Electronic Communications and Technology Policy.
- I promise to respect confidentiality and privacy, unless a child, youth or vulnerable person is in danger, then I will report to the proper authorities, including child protective services and/or the police.
- I understand that any type of abuse will not be tolerated. I understand that any allegation of abuse made against me will result in my immediate removal from the ministry or program and, subject to the results of an investigation in accordance with eparchial protocols, that it may end my ministerial relationship with the Church.
- I will consult with my director, pastor, or volunteer leader should I require further clarification concerning my ministry or service.

I have read this Covenant of Care and commit to it in my desire to serve in the Church and build up the Kingdom of God.

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Name of Cleric/Employee/Volunteer      Signature of Cleric/Employee/Volunteer      Date (day/month/year)

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Name of Witness      Signature of Witness      Date (day/month/year)

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Name of Parish      Ministry Position

\*Once signed, this document is kept in the cleric's/employee's/volunteer's file in the Pastoral Centre/ministry/parish office.