



DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

Diocesan Safe Environment Committee

The Diocesan Safe Environment Committee (hereafter, DSEC) is a committee constituted by the Bishop of the Nashville Diocese whose mission is to be a service resource to the Diocese, the Diocesan Review Board, and the designated Safe Environment Coordinators regarding the various aspects related to the promotion of safe environments for children and young people within the diocese and whose members shall include the following:

1. The Diocesan Director of Office of Faith Formation
2. The Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
3. The Superintendent of Catholic Schools
4. The Diocesan Director of Communications
5. The Diocesan Director of Human Resources
6. The Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Tennessee or his/her representative
7. The Diocesan Attorney
8. The Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry
9. A Parish Safe Environment Coordinator
10. A Current Pastor
11. Member of the Review Board
12. The Vicar General

Specific duties and responsibilities of the DSEC include the following.

1. Routine review and update of the diocesan safe environment instructions and forms.
2. Identify, research, and review training/educational programs including available media, course materials, etc., for use by entities within the diocese
3. Recommend to the Bishop and the Diocesan Review Board changes in diocesan training, policies, or procedures related to maintaining a safe environment
4. Quarterly obtaining updated lists of all new employees and volunteers within the Diocese obligated by the provisions of the *Code of Conduct for Church Personnel* for the purpose of confirming that required background checks through the Diocesan approved vendor have been successfully completed