

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO**

Policy and Procedures for addressing Allegations of Sexual Misconduct

Annual Declaration regarding Pastoral Care for 2015  
and compliance with diocesan policies for Safeguarding God’s People

**PRINT CLEARLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ TITLE *Clergy, Lay Employee or Volunteer Counselor*

\_\_\_\_\_ CITY

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I have read the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego Policy Manual on Sexual abuse and Misconduct: Prevention and Response” (“Policy Manual”), that I understand their contents, and that I agree to abide by the policies set forth in those materials. I have taken the required training for Safeguarding God’s People which is to be renewed every five years.

I declare that **during the past year:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not provided counseling to an individual for more than six sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have provided such care to an individual for more than six sessions, but after six sessions I have sought and obtained professional supervision for such care or have referred the individual to professional counseling.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not and will not charge a fee or accept a donation for such pastoral care performed within the scope and performance of my church employment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have performed pastoral counseling outside of the scope and performance of my church employment and I possess valid and appropriate professional credentials under the laws of the State of California and I have attached hereto proof of professional liability insurance (other than through the Church Insurance Company), including coverage for Sexual Misconduct, in force at all times.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

**\*Instructions:** This form is to be completed annually and sent to the Office of the Bishop by January 15, 2016 by all clergy canonically resident in the diocese, all clergy licensed to perform sacerdotal functions in the diocese, and all lay persons who give pastoral care under the sponsorship of a parish, mission, day school or other institution of the diocese.