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By the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See
Eparchial Bishop of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

DECREE OF PROMULGATION

Policy to Address Claims of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons

Policy to Address Claims of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Subdeacons, Seminarians, Religious, Eparchial Employees and Volunteers

Code of Ethics and Integrity

Internet and Social Media Guidelines

The Pastoral care of the Maronite faithful of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, committed to me by the Holy Father, includes ensuring the safety of children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

After consultation with the Eparchial Review Board, established in accord with Norm 4 of the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons*, I hereby promulgate the following four documents: *Policy to Address Claims of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*; *Policy to Address Claims of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Subdeacons, Seminarians, Religious, Eparchial Employees or Regular Volunteers*; *Code of Ethics and Integrity*; *Internet and Social Media Guidelines*.

I also define that our commitment to the training of all adults working with children in the Eparchy is made by using the *Catholic Mutual Insurance Program*; background checks for all adults are completed through the *National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI)*; our children are trained in programs either in Catholic Schools or Public Schools, whose programs we have on record; and for children who are home schooled, the *Child Lures Program* is given to their parents to use for their training.

These revised policies are effective immediately.

The documents will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in accord with Norm 2 of the *Essential Norms*.

Given this 14th day of March in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two at the Chancery.

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