



## Decree of Promulgation

The *Protocol and Procedures for Managing Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Children (Minors) and Vulnerable Adults by Clergy, Religious and Lay Persons with an Archdiocesan Appointment* became effective immediately upon this Promulgation. We are convinced that the majority of those who serve in various capacities in the Archdiocese of Port of Spain are competent, ethical, balanced, and mature. At the same time, we are aware that there have been allegations of sexual abuse of minors and others by the clergy.

The pastoral concern is highlighted in tone with this canonical document, it reflects the compassion the Church has for victims of sexual abuse and provides abusers with hope for mercy. It is based on the conviction that behaviors that are contrary to the provisions of the Policy are objectively potential crimes, and usually associated with serious psychological illness.

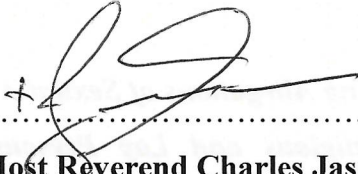
This Policy applies to all priests and deacons incardinated in the Archdiocese of Port of Spain, all seminarians affiliated with the Archdiocese of Port of Spain; to women and men religious, lay men and women, employed by or utilized as volunteers by the Archdiocese of Port of Spain, its parishes, schools, institutions, offices, or programs; and to all priests and deacons incardinated in a diocese other than the Archdiocese of Port of Spain serving in any capacity here, and to women and men religious serving in any capacity within the Archdiocese of Port of Spain.


Should a complaint be received prior to June 15, 2021, the procedures outlined in the Policy will be followed.

In virtue of my authority as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Port of Spain, this *Protocol and Procedures for Managing Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Children (Minors) and Vulnerable Adults by Clergy, Religious and Lay Persons with an Archdiocesan Appointment* is hereby

promulgated by sending a copy to each priest, deacon, seminarian, woman and man religious currently serving in the Archdiocese of Port of Spain; by sending a copy to each parish and institution of the Diocese; and by publication of the Policy on the Archdiocese of Port of Spain web site, www.CatholicTT.org.

Given at 27 Maraval Road, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2022; to take effect on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2022.

**Signed by:** .....  
  
**Most Reverend Charles Jason Gordon**  
**Archbishop of Port of Spain**

**Witnessed by:** .....  
  
**Joanne Miller**  
**Chancellor**