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November 4, 2020

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
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Dear Bishop Gainer:

Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Harrisburg, the Diocese has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* for the 2019/2020 audit period.

The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your Diocese are based upon inquiry, observation and the review of specifically requested documentation furnished to StoneBridge Business Partners during the course of this audit.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.

Sincerely,

StoneBridge Business Partners

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Rochester, New York

cc: Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection
Very Reverend David L. Danneker, Ph.D., Vicar General, Diocese of Harrisburg
Mark Totaro, Ph.D., Victims Assistance Coordinator, Diocese of Harrisburg

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Dear Bishop Gainer:

In accordance with our recent audit of the Diocese of Harrisburg, the following topics are being brought to your attention. These topics do not affect your compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*; they are simply suggestions for your consideration.

Article 2:

Topic: The Diocese does not currently have written by-laws for the Review Board that would define the scope of its responsibilities.

Suggestion: We suggest that the Diocese consider creating formal by-laws for the Review Board that outline the duties and responsibilities of its members. This document should define the types of allegations that would be referred to the Review Board and their responsibilities with regards to deliberating on those cases.

General Comments:

Topic: Some parish and school web pages lack prominent links to the Diocesan web page and the Diocesan safe environment page. Also, some parishes may not be periodically publishing in their weekly bulletins the Diocese's information on how to report allegations of abuse by Church personnel.

Suggestion: As a way to publicly announce the Diocesan policies and procedures as it relates to the Charter and information on how to make a report and/or seek assistance, the Diocese should consider requiring that all parishes and schools provide a prominent link to the Diocese and to the Diocesan Safe Environment page on their website's homepage. Parishes should also be encouraged to periodically publish this reporting information in their weekly bulletins. This will help to ensure that everyone is aware of the Diocese's policies and procedures and how to make a report and/or seek assistance.

By signing below, you attest that you have read and received our suggestions for the 2019/2020 *Charter* Audit process.

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
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Thank you for the efforts that you are taking to protect the children and young people in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Please return a signed copy via email to USCCBCharterAudits@stonebridgebp.com at your earliest convenience.

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Dear Bishop Gainer,

The Diocese of Harrisburg has submitted the following documents for the 2019/2020 *Charter* audit period.

Documents Submitted:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact Information Form	Date Submitted: 03/20/2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chart A/B (Due August 28, 2020)	Date Submitted: 08/05/2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chart C/D (Due August 28, 2020)	Date Submitted: 08/05/2020

We have reviewed this information and will be forwarding the documents to the Secretariat of Youth and Child Protection for use in the 2020 Audit Report.

The Diocese of Harrisburg's next on-site audit is scheduled for:

- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

Thank you for your participation in the data collection process.

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