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Introducing Safeguarding

Children are precious in the sight of God and to the Diocese of Spokane. Collectively, the diocese and its congregations, and related organizations, programs and activities serve thousands of children and youth each year. We take matters of the safety of children seriously, especially keeping our children and youth safe from sexual abuse while they are at church or participating in church activities.

We have elected to participate in *Safeguarding* because it represents our strong ideals and teachings regarding the safety and protection of children, and it will help us to implement the highest standards in abuse prevention within our diocese.

Thank you for participating in this training on the prevention, detection and reporting of child sexual abuse. The *Safeguarding* training program was developed jointly by the Church Pension Group and Praesidium Inc. It is designed to communicate to you the important information that will help you and your church or faith communities keep children and youth safe from those who would molest them.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. James E. Waggoner, Jr.
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