

Canon for Safe Churches

ADOSC Diocesan Council – May 28, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since our last meeting, the office of Safe Churches has continued to work with many of our churches to ensure all necessary staff and volunteers are trained using our Praesidium videos. It is encouraging our dedicated people working proactively on this.

In the coming weeks, I will be on-site at 2 churches, training groups of teachers, VBS leaders, vestry members and others as we continue to get every church trained and in compliance with our Safety Standards.

Our Child and Youth Protection Policy Manual has been reissued in its entirety, and now includes a section of Policies and Practices for Protection of Adults. Everyone who currently has a manual should remove and discard all pages of the original manual, and then print the new manual and cover from the ADOSC web site and insert that in your binder. If there are any difficulties with printing copies of the new manual, please contact me and I will help to get this done.

As many of you know, I am the primary reports receiver for the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic as well as ADOSC. In late February, I spent 3 days up there, reviewing activity there from 2025 and training their team of clergy and lay investigators to pick up some of the work in their area. It has been an interesting cooperative effort, and it has worked well so far.

Currently, I am working on 2 investigations in DOMA and 1 investigation in ADOSC. Additionally, I regularly receive calls and emails from ADOSC clergy and parishioners requesting guidance for issues that occur at our churches. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as this office continues to evolve in 2026. I look forward to working with all of you!

Blessings,

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