

September 6, 2010

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley Diocese of Grand Rapids 360 Division Avenue S. Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4539

Bishop Hurley,

Based on the analysis of the results of the 2010 Full Audit of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, you have been found to be in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

It was noted during this audit that 31% of the children and youth (C/Y) did not receive Safe Environment training either due to absenteeism or the fact that they had been opted out. This is not a compliance issue however, all of the C/Y not trained were RE students and the majority of the parents pointed out that the C/Y received training under the Michigan Model training. It did not appear that you have approved the Michigan Model for C/Y in the Diocese as being in accord with Catholic moral principles. It is suggested that the Diocese conduct a survey to determine if the Michigan Model is taught in the public schools in the Diocese and if so that it is reviewed by you to determine if this program is in accord with Catholic moral principles. Such a process if favorable could serve to confirm that the C/Y in public schools are receiving S/E training.

The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your Diocese with the *Charter* for the *Protection of Children and Young People* are based on the completeness and accuracy of the information furnished by the Diocese to The Gavin Group, Inc. during the course of this audit.

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William A. Gavin

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