



## Registered Sex Offender Policy

This registered Sex Offender Policy has the weight of policy, that it mandates an action or standard of behavior on the part of specified persons or offices, parishes, schools, agencies or institutions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This Policy is particular law of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as defined by the *Code of Canon Law*. This Policy will take effect November 9, 2011. This policy is to be followed when a pastor, principal, administrator, director (hereafter called "supervisor") or his/her delegate becomes aware of someone who is a registered sex offender.

This policy does not restrict a Registered Sex Offender from attending Mass or the Sacrament of Penance in any Church (defined in canon 1214).


The Archdiocese of Cincinnati prohibits Registered Sex Offenders from coming into a building, upon the property, or from attending any sponsored event of any parish, school, office, agency or institution which operates under the administrative authority of the Archbishop unless there is advance written permission from the supervisor or his/her delegate.


The supervisor or his/her delegate must not provide advance written permission for any Registered Sex Offender to come into a building, upon the property, or to attend any sponsored event of any parish, school, agency or institution which operates under the administrative authority of the Archbishop unless the following three conditions are met:

- 1) the person offers a grave cause for the parish, school, office, agency, or institution to grant such permission; and
- 2) the supervisor or his/her delegate determines that permission can be granted without adversely impacting the safety of others, particularly children and young people, and
- 3) the supervisor or his/her delegate has written documentation of any restrictions that have been placed on the Registered Sex Offender through a court order and/or his/her probation or parole officer.

The supervisor or his/her delegate will make this decision after consulting with the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, or in the Chancellor's absence, the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The duration of the permission must be stated in writing.

Given this 9th day of November, 2011  
At the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

  
Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

  
Notary

