Dear Fathers

Dear Deacons

In an important and encouraging finding from the recent safeguarding audit of the Archdiocese, the Catholic Standards Safeguarding Agency (CSSA) said: “there is a culture of safeguarding within the Archdiocese of Birmingham”.

In order to embed and develop that culture, dates have now been arranged for the first series of one-day safeguarding training, to be delivered by the CSSA.

The dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 23April** – **Grimshaw Room, Cathedral House, Birmingham, 9.30am-4pm**

**Tuesday 25 June** – **JP2 Centre at Immaculate Conception Parish, Bicester 9.30am-4pm**

**Wednesday 13 November** – **Grimshaw Room, Cathedral House, Birmingham 9.30am-4pm**

**Thursday 14 November** – **Holy Trinity Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme, 9.30am-4pm**

**The above safeguarding training is mandatory and I would therefore ask you to make sure that one of the above dates is firmly fixed in your diary.**

This training is for all priests and deacons of the Archdiocese and priests and deacons who are working or resident within the Archdiocese, including priests and deacons who are retired but still undertaking supply ministry, and those serving in the Ethnic Chaplaincies. All other priests and deacons are very welcome to attend the safeguarding training.

In order to book on one of the training dates, please use the electronic form available via the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/e/kMKcBuHCRn](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fe%2FkMKcBuHCRn&data=05%7C02%7Cadmin.ethnic.chaplaincy%40rcaob.org.uk%7Cced1176c930d4aa89d7b08dc4410847a%7Cf594e61c4546432cb248cacae233b935%7C0%7C0%7C638460084926106579%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oAf6UgOz0ZCClpwPb%2F694GgkNYzygm9Ly%2BaYjRdOk4k%3D&reserved=0)

If you have any difficulty accessing the form, **please email the safeguarding team directly**, who will ensure that you are booked on one of the training days – (email: safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk).

The safeguarding team look forward to meeting all our priests and deacons on one of the training days.

With the assurance of my prayers for Laetare Sunday and every kind wish.

Yours devotedly in Christ

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