

S-2 Code of Conduct

Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

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## For clergy, employees and volunteers in “high risk” ministry situations

1. The preparation of children for the celebration of the sacraments of first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation is to be done in a group format with at least two unrelated adults present. One-on-one instruction is never permitted.
2. The celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation with children is to be done in an open space that allows the penitent and the priest to be in full view of others, or in a traditional confessional.
3. The location of reconciliation rooms is to be in a high traffic area of the church building. Any new construction or renovation of reconciliation rooms is to provide for clear glass openings.
4. Two unrelated adults are to be present for all recreational and catechetical programs.
5. One-on-one counseling is to be conducted in a space with clear glass openings.
6. Access to a priest’s living quarters is to be restricted. A priest is not to be alone with a child, an adolescent or a vulnerable adult in his living quarters or motor vehicle.
7. A priest is not to take a person under 19 on personal trips or vacations.
8. Expensive gifts are not to be given to or accepted from a child, an adolescent or a vulnerable adult by a priest, an employee, or a volunteer.
9. The priest will set appropriate boundaries in his relationships with others.
10. Signs of affection are to be discreet and culturally appropriate, preferably in view of others. A deacon or priest is not to kiss a parishioner who is not his wife or a family member.