## **Head of School FAQs and Links**

## 1. What is my responsibility for Safeguarding in my school?

- Heads of Schools are responsible for implementation of <u>all</u> safeguarding policies to protect your students and staff.
- Develop a <u>Safeguarding Team</u>. The team does the work of implementation. Support them with encouragement and gratitude. Ask them what kind of support they need from you!
- Make Safeguarding a part of your school DNA...a safe place is a healthy place! Every teacher, parent, and volunteer should be a proactive participant in following Safeguarding policies.
- Set an example by making sure your own Safeguarding certifications are current.

## 2. Where do I find information about policies for specific issues, such as Field Trips, or Parent Volunteers?

The <u>Safeguarding God's Children Policy with Appendix and FAQs</u> will answer most of your questions. If you are uncertain, connect with the Safeguarding staff; we are here to help you keep your school safe!

## 3. What is my responsibility to the Diocesan Safeguarding Ministry?

- Ensure that all policies are carefully followed.
- Report any incidences of sexual abuse or misconduct, including troubling interactions between students, to the Safeguarding Minister, who will help you sort through the issues relating to the incident.
- By October 1 of each year, review with your team and submit the School Safeguarding Status Report to the Safeguarding Office.
- Be familiar with all aspects of School Safeguarding.