

## **Weapons Policy**

*(also found in Clergy Manual, Section 3.6)*

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas does not permit any person, including clergy, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors, to carry a weapon in our churches or schools. This prohibition applies even if the person is licensed to carry a concealed weapon under Texas law. Law enforcement officers are the only exception to this policy.

According to the Diocesan Chancellor, there are three ways to legally give notice that the church is a gun free zone: (1) signs posted at entrances, (2) a printed card or other written communication and (3) oral communications.

If you choose to print your own notice, below are several options: a sign (posted at entrances), postcard- and business card-size versions. Please be aware, posted signs at entrances must use 1" lettering in English and Spanish.

Notification details can be found here: <http://www.epicenter.org/gun-law-and-policy>