

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The undersigned agree to enter into a memorandum of understanding related to the response of the undersigned Tulsa County civil authorities and the Diocese of Tulsa to allegations of child abuse by an employee of the Church.

### **PURPOSE**

Civil authorities are legislatively mandated to investigate reported allegations of child abuse and provide the District Attorney's Office with recommendations concerning the safety of the child and whether abuse has occurred. The Diocese of Tulsa Review Board, as directed by The National Norms of the Church, is charged with making recommendations to the Bishop concerning the continuing or future assignment and employment of employees and volunteers who are accused of child abuse.

Both civil authorities and the Diocese of Tulsa agree that it is imperative that recommendations regarding the protection of children and removal of perpetrators against children are made with comprehensive information that is gathered in a manner that is non-duplicative and minimizes additional trauma to children and their families.


By their signature on this document, the parties agree and pledge to cooperate and coordinate their efforts in:

1. promoting child abuse investigations by civil authorities that are timely and accurate;
2. promoting the providing of appropriate information, as allowed by law, to the Review Board of the Diocese of Tulsa;
3. facilitating the prompt assistance and support for alleged victims and their families.

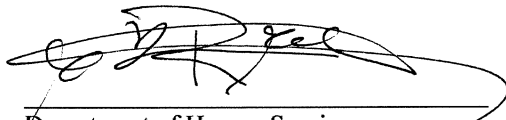
### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. It is understood that each of the undersigned will work within its own mandates and policies. Nothing contained herein supersedes the statutes, rules, bylaws, policies, or regulations governing each party. To the extent that this Memorandum is inconsistent with them, the statute, rule, bylaw, policy or regulation shall prevail.
2. No information or data gathered will be revealed in any manner to anyone except otherwise set out by statute or rule, without final order from a court of competent jurisdiction, except as needed for a child's treatment or care.
3. Any of the undersigned may withdraw from the agreement at any time. Withdrawal by one of the parties does not negate the Memorandum on behalf of the remaining parties. Withdrawing parties will have a continuing duty of confidentiality with respect to information or data obtained during their participation as a party to the Memorandum.

**District Attorney's Task Force on Crimes Against Children**

  
Tulsa County District Attorney's Office

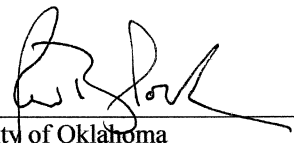
  
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Department of Human Services  
Tulsa County Child Welfare


  
Tulsa County Sheriff's Office

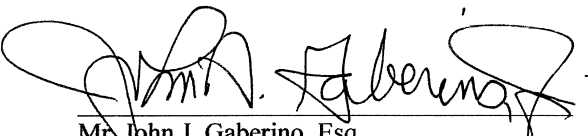
  
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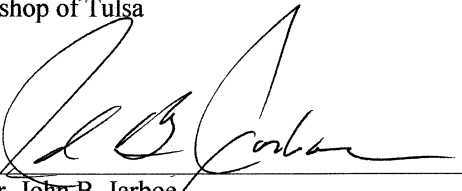
  
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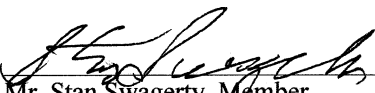
  
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Department of Pediatrics

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Diocese of Tulsa Review Board

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.