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Memo

To: Priests, Deacons, Diocesan and Parish Staff

From: Uli Schmitt, Director, Office of Clergy Coordination and Formation

Date: February 8, 2021

Subject: Diocese of Sacramento Guidelines for Selecting Outside Speakers

In October 2020 the Diocese of Sacramento Guidelines for Selecting Outside Speakers were updated. The revised Guidelines can be found on the diocesan website, together with new sample letters of good standing in both English and Spanish. The web address is:

 $\underline{https://www.scd.org/diocese-sacramento/diocese-sacramento-guidelines-selecting-outside-speakers}$

The revised Guidelines incorporate language about the protection of "vulnerable adults" along with minors. The letters have been edited for clarity and ease of use.

The Guidelines apply whether the speaker presents in-person or online. Approval is required before publicity begins. To keep the process streamlined, it is always helpful to provide the speaker with the applicable sample letter of good standing which they may send to the office of their bishop.

For more information, please contact Deacon Greg McAvoy-Jensen, Associate Director of Deacon Formation. Deacon Greg can be reached at GMcAvoy-Jensen@scd.org or by phone at (916) 733-0211.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.