Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Charter for the
Parish Ministry for a Safe Environment

July 7, 2020

1. Purpose: To establish a charter for the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church parish ministry for a safe environment. This charter will establish, organize, and direct this new parish ministry.

2. Background: In accordance with the Diocese of Richmond Safe Environment Regulation, all parishes are required to have a safe environment committee. In October of 2018 OLP appointed the Call-To-Action Committee (CTAC) to develop a parish position statement and action plan to address sexual abuse of children and young people by the clergy, religious, and lay members of the church. CTAC fulfilled the diocesan regulatory requirement for a safe environment committee. In February 2020, the CTAC completed its mission. At that time, the parish council asked the committee to remain active in order to serve as a parish ministry and to develop a new mission statement. This parish ministry will continue to fulfill the requirement for a safe environment committee.

3. Charter Title: Committee for Education and Action on Sexual Abuse. This committee is chartered as a parish ministry for Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

4. Short Form: CEASA

5. Chartered: July 14, 2020

6. Mission: The OLP Parish Ministry for a Safe Environment, henceforth referred to by the short form CEASA, will serve as a ministry reporting to the parish council to oversee the execution and annual review of the Our Lady of Peace (OLP) action plan to prevent sexual abuse of children, young people, and the most vulnerable. Additionally, this committee will ensure compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Regulation.

7. Committee Membership, as of July 7, 2020, as follows:
    a. Elizabeth Gilliam
    b. Andrew Brown
    c. Mary Graf
    d. Charles Graf
    e. Todd Craft
    f. Scott West, Chairperson
    g. Father Jim Gallagher, Committee Advisor

8. Submitted: Jul 7, 2020 by Scott West

9. Approved: July 14, 2020 by the OLP Parish Council, Chene Heady, chairperson.