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DEI ET APOSTOLICÆ SEDIS GRATIA
ARCHIEPISCOPUS
S. ANDREÆ ET EDIMBURGENSIS**

DECREE

Promulgation of the Instruction on Safeguarding

“In God’s Image”

Whereas preventing and dealing with the abuse of children and vulnerable adults at risk within the Church in Scotland requires comprehensive provision by the Church’s competent authorities in full collaboration with the relevant civil statutory authorities;

Whereas in 2018 I sought to do this by adopting the Instruction “In God’s Image” *ad experimentum*;

Whereas various amendments were proposed to that Instruction in the light of the period *ad experimentum* and subsequent developments in law and policy by both the Church and State;

Whereas, meeting in assembly on 6 JULY 2021, the Bishops of Scotland examined and approved the amended version of the Instruction;

Whereas, at the same meeting, each diocesan Ordinary solemnly undertook to promulgate the amended Instruction by Decree on 8 SEPTEMBER 2021 for observance in his own territory;

Mindful of can. 34 §§1-3

I HEREBY DECREE

1. That the amended Instruction, “In God’s Image” is duly adopted as the normative framework for safeguarding in the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh;
2. That the amended Instruction enters into force on 8 SEPTEMBER 2021, all and any previous instructions being abrogated;

3. That the text of the Instruction be made available immediately to everyone in the Archdiocese with safeguarding responsibilities and;
4. That the text of this Decree be transmitted to those to whom the text of the Instruction is sent and be published on the Archdiocesan website.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh

[Handwritten Signature]

The Very Reverend S. Depley
Chancellor

Edinburgh, 6 July 2021, the Memorial of St Maria Goretti

