



Catholic Diocese of Green Bay

Department of Education

# THE TITUS

Titus ..Latin for Safety

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## Did You Know?

Often the most vulnerable area in a locked church are ground level windows. Burglars will easily break the window to gain entrance. If the church is an older building and contains large window wells, these wells can assist in facilitating the crime by providing an area of concealment for the perpetrator.

Alarms can be costly; secure the windows with bars on the inside or padlock the grates above window wells so they cannot be removed.

**Want a security assessment of your church property?**

**Contact John Flannery.**

### **\*ALERT\***

*Kewaunee County authorities are investigating the recent break-ins of two parish buildings. A break-in to the Stangelville site of St. Therese Parish was reported February 26th.*

*The perpetrators were not successful in removing a secured donation box.*

*A break-in to the Pilsen site of St. Therese Parish was reported also that morning. A secured donation box and brass table were stolen.*

Contact the Kewaunee Co. Sheriff with information

## PROTECTION ORDERS

How familiar are you and your staff with what is commonly referred to as "protection orders"? What do they mean?

Protection Orders come in three categories:

1. NO CONTACT ORDER—By state law, when an individual is arrested for domestic violence and wishes to post bail at the jail before appearing in court, a NO CONTACT ORDER is issued. As a condition of the bond and release from jail, the individual is advised to not have any contact with the victim in the case; no contact by phone, email or through a third person (i.e. friend). This is in effect until the perpetrator makes the first court appearance. Failure to abide by this results in immediate arrest and forfeiture of the bond (with additional charges).

2. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING

ORDER (Both Domestic or Harassment). Anyone can obtain a TRO by simply going down to the Clerk of Courts, filing out the order and paying the appropriate fee. The TRO must be served on the RESPONDENT (person who is having the order taken out against) before it becomes valid. The PETITIONER (person taking out the order) must describe in detail why the TRO is needed (acts of violence, stalking, etc).

3. ORDER OF INJUNCTION. The TRO sets in motion a timeline for ordering both parties to court for an INJUNCTION hearing. At the hearing the court takes testimony from both sides and believing a threat exists, may grant a PROTECTION ORDER for 3-5 years. Both the TRO

and this document orders the RESPONDENT to stay away and have no contact with the PETITIONER. The RESPONDENT may have to give up firearms in their possession and the INJUNCTION is valid anywhere in the United States or territories.

We all know that simply obtaining PROTECTION ORDERS does not guarantee that the person is safe. If your church is dealing with a case such as this and you need guidance please contact John Flannery

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**Note:** Given the numerous inquires, future newsletters will also include suggestions on safety and security for churches and staff.....

## RESOURCE FOR CHURCHES....

**DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT THAT YOU BELIEVE MAY NEED SECURITY? HOW ABOUT A CHURCH PICNIC OR A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT COULD USE THE PRESENCE OF SECURITY TO PATROL, DIRECT TRAFFIC OR CHECK THE PROPERTY?**

**PRESENTLY, WE HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDENTS FROM NWTc THAT NEED TO FULFILL SERVICE LEARNING HOURS FOR THEIR DEGREE. STUDENTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING TRAINED IN POLICING OR CORRECTIONS AND COULD USE THE EXPERIENCE TO FULFILL THIS LEARNING REQUIREMENT. EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO WEAR DESIGNATED CLOTHES CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THEM AS L.E. STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE. RADIOS AND VESTS ARE PROVIDED. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE. CONTACT JOHN FLANNERY FOR INFORMATION.**