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## **IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED**

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Participants' Indemnity Plan (PIPIT), together with Catholic Mutual Group, are instituting **mandatory** training utilizing CMGConnect:

## **Cyber Security Training**

**Effective immediately**, but no later than December 31, 2022, all new and existing employees and those volunteers who have access to parish/school/agency computers, tablets and other electronic devices, cell phones, email and websites are required to complete this training.

Individuals should utilize their existing <u>CMGConnect</u> user name and password and also confirm that their email address in the system is current. (<u>Do not</u> create a new CMGConnect user account.) See <u>End User Instructions</u>.

This training must be included in the onboarding process for all new employees and volunteers.

Parish, school, or agency failure to institute these mandatory trainings may result in a surcharge on your PIPIT statement.

## **Cyber Security Training**

This training must be completed each year and is a 50-minute video comprised of six topic-specific segments. A certificate of completion will be issued by CMGConnect when the entire video series has been viewed.

Now more than ever, training employees on how to avoid common cyber-attacks is critical in preventing a cyber-breach at your organization. Parishes, schools, and other non-profit organizations are not immune from cyber-attacks. While most cyber threats are initiated from parties external to the organization, it's usually an employee who unwittingly "lets them in."

The most significant weaknesses in workplaces are generally the people on the payroll, the employees. Three-quarters of breaches occur due to human error or negligence on the part of employees through email or suspicious websites. The bad actors can trick some smart people into doing the wrong thing. The impact of a cyber-security breach on an organization can be devastating; both the costs and time to recover can be significant.