

Diocese of Evansville 2013 Social Media Overview

The following page, which contains important highlights from the [2013 Social Media Policy for the Diocese of Evansville](#), is intended as an overview. It should NOT be viewed as a substitute for reading and understanding the full policy.

- The Diocese of Evansville views social media as an important communication and evangelization tool and encourages administrators, pastors and school officials to support responsible social media use and to give employees and volunteers the necessary training and tools to interact safely and responsibly online.
- All diocesan employees and volunteers are expected to adhere to the [2013 Social Media Policy for the Diocese of Evansville](#) regarding the use of both personal and work-related websites and Internet tools, including social networks and blogs.
- The [2013 Social Media Policy for the Diocese of Evansville](#) applies to all priests and deacons incardinated in the Diocese of Evansville, other priests and deacons who have the faculties of the Diocese of Evansville, seminarians of the diocese, members of institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life (religious), lay persons who are employed full-time or part-time in the parishes, schools, agencies and other institutions of the Diocese of Evansville. All diocesan volunteers are also expected to adhere to the policy.
- Any use of the Diocese of Evansville's name or logo for branding or titling pages, blogs or other similar elements of social media must be approved in writing by the Director of Communications for the Diocese of Evansville.
- When utilizing social media, employees and volunteers of the Diocese of Evansville and its affiliates will comply with all aspects of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.
- The Diocese of Evansville and its affiliates will not tolerate employees, volunteers or other users posting obscene, harassing, offensive, derogatory, defamatory or other comments, links and/or images that could in any way discredit or cause embarrassment to the Diocese of Evansville or its affiliates, employees, vendors, partners, agencies, schools and others.
- The obligation to maintain a safe environment in social media is the same as in face-to-face communications and interactions.
- The Diocese of Evansville reserves the right to periodically monitor any employee or volunteer's personal social media presence.
- Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the [2013 Social Media Policy for the Diocese of Evansville](#) will be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination or removal from position.

I acknowledge that I have read this overview AND I have read and agree to comply with the full version of the [2013 Social Media Policy for the Diocese of Evansville](#).

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