

2. The Diocese of Rockford, its parishes, schools, departments, ministries, and facilities will, at all times, act toward and refer to a person in accordance with his or her biological sex at birth. In all cases we will act in accord with all Christian charity.

3. At all times, employees, volunteers, students, and children and youth participating in parish, school, or Diocesan activities, as well as their parents or guardians, will conduct themselves in accord with their biological sex at birth.

We must continue to commit ourselves to love all our brothers and sisters with whom we share the earth. And we must do so by reminding ourselves and them of the truth that encompasses every human person. In this case, it is that, as part of God's plan, we are gifted in the identity given each of us by God at birth as being male or female. Because, as the Book of Genesis tells us, "God has looked on all that He made and saw that it was good" (Gn 1:31).