Memo

Date: October 7, 2019

To: Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Principals, Parish and Chancery Staff

From: Tatiana Villa, Media and Communications Specialist, Office of Communications

Re: Georgia Department of Law's Consumer Protection Division Cybercrime Resource

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Cybercrime is getting more serious by the month. Hackers are getting smarter about tricking people into clicking on fraudulent links or opening up malicious attachments in emails.

Increasing our organization's security awareness is imperative to us. Last year, the Archdiocese of Atlanta partnered with KnowBe4, a security awareness training organization, to help us create a "human firewall" against malicious emails that land in our employees' inboxes. In addition, our Office of Archives and Records offers [information](#) on how to dispose records securely.

A couple of months ago, we [switched](#) our marketing/communications tool from Constact Contact to MailChimp since it has better information security, including two-factor authentications.

As part of these efforts, we would like to share with you a brand new [cybersecurity resource](#) designed for small-to-medium sized businesses, non-profits and religious organizations. This tool, develop by the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, is intended to raise awareness of cyber issues and provide practical information you can use to ensure you are protecting your data and your parishioners' data.

We know all our pastors and principals are on top of this threat given the regular news headlines, and we appreciate everything you do to keep us and your community informed. The Consumer Protection Division encourages us to review the material in this guide and continue communicating with those in our network about the importance of cybersecurity and ways to reduce the likelihood and impact of cyber threats.

Thank you.