

# Appendix 2

## **Diocesan Ethical Policy for Investments – first adopted approx. 1992. (from the Diocesan annual accounts)**

The portfolio avoids investment in tobacco, arms, alcohol, gambling and pornography. Investment is also to be avoided in companies which support oppressive regimes, or trade in products which are produced by child labour or in forced labour camps, or companies which have been involved in the exploitation or unjust treatment of employees.

We have also asked our investment managers, Sarasins and Partners LLP, to bring to our attention any investments made by their Alpha CIF in companies which generate any revenue from the direct or indirect manufacture of pharmaceutical products, the use of which would contravene the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of life.

*Since 2020, in conversation with our investment managers, the Diocese is already committed to a portfolio based on the Sarasins Climate Active Endowment Fund, designed to "drive positive change by pressing boards of directors to take steps towards strategic and operational alignment with the goals of the Paris Accord." (Sarasins website statement) Where companies do not take such steps, Sarasins divests from them within 3 years.*

*Further to this, we have established (July 2021) that we are no longer part of any investment funds which hold any shares in in companies where 10% or more of their business is trading or producing fossil fuels. We do not seek to be part of any such investment in the future.*

