

Attention ALL Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Detroit has given **new directives** regarding our Safe Environments Policies. Please know that, along with Unleashing the Gospel, Safe Environments is one of the top priorities of our Parishes. The Safe Environment Program requires all volunteers to complete both a Background Check and a Protecting God's Children Workshop. Please see below for more information:

ALL Volunteers – Background Checks

If you volunteer in any capacity, you are required to complete an annual Background Check. Forms are available at the entrances of all the parishes. Please complete as soon as possible and return in the weekly collection basket. "Attn: Deanna White."

Volunteers who have NEVER taken a Protecting God's Children Workshop

For those who have never attended a Protecting God's Children Workshop, you must register for an upcoming workshop as soon as possible. Please visit www.virtusonline.org to register today. You will register as a "First Time Registrant" to begin the registration process. From the drop-down list of organizations, select Detroit, MI(Archdiocese). You can register for an in-person session **OR** a live ZOOM session. The sessions are approximately 3 hours in length.

Volunteers who HAVE taken a Protecting God's Children Workshop

For those who have already taken a Protecting God's Children Workshop, you are required to complete an online Protecting God's Children Workshop Recertification by Dec. 15,2023. Please go to www.virtusonline.org to complete this online module. You will need to login to your existing account which was used to register for your original workshop. If you are unable to login or do not remember your login, a button (Need Login Information) is available on the Virtus website to help you recover your login and password information. **PLEASE DO NOT RE-CREATE an account.** If you are unable to recover your information, please contact the VIRTUS toll-free phone number 1-888-847-8870 or email helpdesk@virtus.org. This program takes approximately 2.5 hours to complete. If you are unable to do the training in one sitting, a registrant can pause, save, and resume their position in the training as needed in a 48-hour period.

NOTE: For those without internet/computer/email address, please be patient with us, as we are working on possible solutions to help you comply with training updates. We are aware that internet/computer issues may inhibit the completion of this online training.

Thank you for supporting Safe Environments at our parishes!

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