

Protecting God's Children

Sample Bulletin Announcements

We can't be with our children at all times, but we can learn ways to help keep them safe when we're not there. All employee and those volunteers who have unsupervised, ongoing access to minors or vulnerable adults are required to attend. This 3 hour program will teach you how to help prevent child sexual abuse. *Protecting God's Children* was written and developed by Virtus a program developed by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group.

You'll learn:

- Facts and myths about child sexual abuse;
- How offenders gain access to children;
- Warning signs to look for in children, or adults;
- Actions to take when you notice warning signs.

The details of when this course will be hosted are as followed:

Date:

Time:

Location:

Length of Session: 3 hours

You will **NEED** register online by visiting virtusonline.org, and clicking on the Registration tab located on the right hand of the page.

If you need assistance with your registration or have any questions, contact the parish office at:

Abuse statistics are startling. But, abuse doesn't have to happen.

As an employee, volunteer or parent, you are the primary protector of our children. Their safety is up to you. As a Church, we are committed to helping you fulfill this tremendous responsibility. **<Parish/school>** invites you to attend *Protecting God's Children* which teaches employees, volunteers, and parents how to help prevent child sexual abuse.

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You'll learn very specific actions you can take to protect our children, the children of our parish and the children in the community.

We value your presence, and we know that you will conclude your time was well spent. Join us in the fight to end child abuse.

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When a child of God is abused, everyone suffers. Healing from abuse is a long, painful journey. Victims of sexual abuse are three times more likely to suffer from depression, six times more likely to suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol.

Together, we can protect our children. <Parish/school> is presenting *Protecting God's Children* **required of all employees and those volunteer with unsupervised, ongoing access to minors and vulnerable adults.**

Join us for *Protecting God's Children*, where you will learn:

- › How to separate the facts about child sexual abuse from the myths;
- › How sexual offenders gain access to children;
- › What to do when you see warning signs in children or adults;
- › Why it is important to teach your children boundaries.

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