

KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

Child and Youth Protection



FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH AN ACTIVE VIRTUS® ACCOUNT

Dear Volunteer:

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to providing a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph requires all volunteers who will be in contact with children/youth 3 or more times in a calendar year, or who will be supervising minors or vulnerable adults, to comply with our safe environment program requirements. These requirements include the following and are documented in a VIRTUS® account:

1. Attendance at a VIRTUS® *Protecting God's Children* workshop within 60 days of beginning service
2. Reading and acknowledging commitment to the Diocesan Code of Ethics – *Ethics and Integrity in Ministry* (EIM)
3. Providing consent to a background screening every 5 years with service contingent upon screening results
4. Completion of the Volunteer Application found on pages 27 & 28 of the EIM if you are new to your parish or school.

Since you have already attended a *Protecting God's Children* workshop and have an active VIRTUS® account, please ensure that you have also completed steps #2 and #3 listed above. Your service is contingent upon your screening results. Instructions for doing both are as follows. **Please use a laptop or PC as the process is not fully supported by using a smart phone or tablet such as an iPad.** Note: If your VIRTUS® account is in another diocese, please email ocyp@diocesekcsj.org to request an account transfer.

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)

1. Log in to your account at www.virtus.org.
2. Click on your "Toobox" tab.
3. Click on the link for "Ethics and Integrity in Ministry" and complete the 4-part module.
4. Please allow 10-15 minutes for completion.

Background Screening

1. Log in to your account at www.virtus.org.
2. Click on your "Toolbox" tab.
3. Click on the link for "Background Check" to get started.
4. Please allow 5-10 minutes to enter your data and provide your online consent.

Forgotten Password

1. Go to www.virtus.org.
2. Click on "Forgot your Password? Click here."
3. This will prompt the national VIRTUS® office to provide assistance to you.

The Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) is available to assist you if you should have questions or concerns as you complete this safe environment screening process. You may email us at ocyp@diocesekcsj.org or contact one of us directly. Thank you for being a part of our safety net of protection for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.