

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children Awareness Session

Como fue anunciado, todos los voluntarios y ministros tienen que asistir al taller de Virtus y tienen que completar el Background Check, si no lo han hecho todavía. Si Ud. asistió Virtus y ha cumplido el Background Check, entonces, no es necesario volver a hacerlo. Además, individuos quienes son voluntarios solamente para el Festival del Verano, no es necesario asistir Virtus, pero, debe hacer el Background Check. Si, Ud. Es voluntario para el Festival del Verano y en otra capacidad, DEBE CUMPLIR AMBOS. Si tiene cualquier pregunta debe llamar la oficina de la Rectoría. Es IMPORTANTISIMO que nuestra comunidad cumpla estos requisitos de La Diócesis.

Schedule of Training at Saint Mary of the Isle

English: Thursday, May 22 - 10 AM or 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 24 - 10 AM
Spanish: Sunday, May 25 - After 10 AM Mass
Sunday, June 29 - After 10 AM Mass

All adults working in ministries are required by the Diocese to attend one of these sessions. **VIRTUS** is the brand name that identifies best practices designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "right doing" within religious organizations.

The **VIRTUS** programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of those interact with the Church. The Protecting God's Children Program is the **VIRTUS** program for protecting children from child sexual abuse by making every adult employee and volunteers aware of the issues surrounding child sexual abuse. The awareness session also helps adults learn to recognize the warning signs of abuse, and shows them the appropriate way to respond to suspicious behavior. Finally, the awareness session empowers each person with five steps to help prevent child sexual abuse.

You need to register online to attend one of these sessions. Go to <http://www.virtusonline.org> and click the yellow link labeled registration. If you do not have internet access, call Maryann Specht at 432-1320 ext 15.