

Safe Environment Training

Volunteers —Protecting God’s Children for Adults. Attend within 40 days of volunteer service.

Parents —attend awareness training scheduled at the local parish.

Children — attend age appropriate training on personal protection in respective classes using Virtus resources. Opt out material to and from parents.

Local Admin/Facilitator in consultation with DRE/organization directors arrange Virtus training for PGC for Adults and post the training www.Virtusonline.org

Record all Children’s training at Virtus

Facilitators and Local Admin are required to attend 3-days training at the diocese to become Certified.



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St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago will deal with any issue of sexual abuse by clergy, staff, and volunteers in an open and straightforward manner. We must respond with compassion to those who have been harmed, take action to redress the wrongs, extend God’s healing love to all those injured, and protect and promote the safety of children. We must strengthen the education program for all clergy and religious, staff, and volunteers on maintaining appropriate boundaries and on the issue of sexual abuse of children

Direct Number for Complaints:

630-474-5172



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Safe Environment Brochure for Parish and Missions

**Planning
Screening
Training**

**Volunteers
Parents
Children**

Safe Environment for Children and Youth

**PROMISE TO PROTECT
AND PLEDGE TO HEAL**



Screening

Background Check: Through Austin Computing Solutions and Integrated Screening Partners. Individual application is submitted on-line at www.eAppsDb.com

Processing fee (approximately \$7.00 per person), application fee \$1.00 person, and 70 cents for data keeping per year. A background check will be done automatically in every three years. Parish/Mission will get an invoice from Austin Computing Solutions and Integrated Screening Partners for services.

A Facilitator is to be knowledgeable of defining child sexual abuse, administering training for employees, volunteers, parents, and children.

Facilitator is certified after completing three days training authorized by the diocese. The purpose of the facilitator training is to prepare designated people to conduct Virtus training for employees, volunteers, teachers, parents, and children in their own parish/Mission Centers. These facilitators will become VIRTUS CERTIFIED on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy. The facilitators are supplied with resources and accessories for conducting the training. This person should be able to prepare and schedule training at the parish/mission and document them accurately.

Local Site Administrator of a parish/mission sustains a significant role in launching and supporting the Safe Environment Program in his/her faith community. The local site administrator will handle all confidential documents related to background checks and training records of the employees, volunteers, parents, and children. It will be the responsibility of this person to ensure compliance of Safe Environment program for their respective parish/mission and preparing all documents needed for the annual audit and perform all duties as requested by the diocesan office. Each parish/mission needs a Local Site Administrator. Training for Site Admin is included in the Virtus Facilitator and Site Administrator training for three days.

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