

WE PREVENT SEXUAL ABUSE THROUGH EDUCATION AND SCREENING

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

10,774 CHILDREN
Received *Circle of Grace* safety curriculum

1,220 YOUTH
Received Praesidium *Called to Protect*[®] safety curriculum

2,220 ADULTS
Participated in VIRTUS[®] *Protecting God's Children* workshops

31,007 ADULTS
Trained since 2002



SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of VIRTUS[®] *Protecting God's Children* workshop
2. Commitment to Diocesan Ethics Code – *Ethics and Integrity in Ministry*
3. Successful background screening

2,296 BACKGROUND SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

STRENGTHENING OUR SAFETY NET OF PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN

- Improved background screening process
- Updated VIRTUS[®] *Protecting God's Children* program
- Certified 16 new VIRTUS[®] workshop facilitators
- Created Safe Environment Training Council
- Required ALL Diocesan employees to meet safe environment screening requirements

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Develop loving and appropriate relationships with your children.
2. Teach your children safety.
3. Know who has access to your children.
4. Learn the warning signs of abuse.
5. Trust your instincts.



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WE PROMISE TO PROTECT AND PLEDGE TO HEAL

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OMBUDSMAN'S PROMISE

*Report all credible abuse allegations to proper civil authorities, whether current or decades ago.
Conduct a full and fair investigation. Notify Independent Review Board. No exceptions.*

RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ABUSE – 18 REPORTS

The credibly accused is immediately placed on a precautionary suspension from all duties within the Church.



- 6** Pending Investigation - 6 Reports Naming 4 Persons
Each is under investigation by authorities and suspended from volunteer service.
- 4** Substantiated – 4 Reports Naming 4 Persons
None of these individuals remains in any form of ministry.
- 4** Cleared
- 3** Unsubstantiated – 3 Reports Naming Deceased Clerics
- 1** Referred to Religious Community

25 TOTAL PERSONS
REPORTS OF ABUSE,
BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS

- 13** Clergy
- 6** Employee
- 5** Volunteer
- 1** Religious Order

ADDRESSING BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS

A PROACTIVE APPROACH

These reports stem from an adult who violates established boundaries with a child. Some situations originate from a lack of understanding while others indicate predator behavior.

- 6** Persons Educated and Returned with Supervision to Service
- 1** Person Separated from Employment
- 1** Person Cleared
- 1** Situation Under Investigation

114 TOTAL REPORTS

- 18** Sexual Abuse
- 9** Boundary Violations
- 79** Referrals
- 8** Safety Plans

SAFETY PLANS – 16 PLANS

Safety plans are developed when the Church becomes aware that a member may pose a risk.

- 8** Originated from Ombudsman investigation process (included in statistics above)
- 8** Identified from a history of suspicious or criminal behavior

HEALING AND OUTREACH



- Continued long standing commitment to provide counseling to victims and their families
- Developed network of 28 credentialed, licensed counselors across the U.S.
- Established Healing Advisory Group
- Formulated plan for Healing Services in our diocese
- Offered support group

JOIN THE PLEDGE TO HEAL

Pray for victims of sexual abuse and their families.
Attend a Healing Service in our diocese.