

Saint Brigid of Kildare Safe Environment Program ***Protecting God's Children and Civilian Background Checks***

In 2003, Saint Brigid of Kildare Parish was asked to respond to Ohio House Bill 187, as well as, the suggested practices stated in the United States Conference of Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Best Practices for the parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, and the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Policy 4110.0, by establishing policy to provide a safe environment for the children of our parish.

One of those policies was the creation of a ***Safe Environment Program*** designed to protect children while they are in the "care, custody or control" of any person working or volunteering on behalf of the Church or School. The protection of all children within Saint Brigid of Kildare Parish is paramount. With that in mind, **ALL VOLUNTEERS** (Athletics, Nursery, School, Scouts, Religious Education, and Youth Ministry and all other programs involving children) must complete the following procedures prior to the first day of volunteering:

- * Complete a Protecting God's Children awareness session offered throughout the Diocese of Columbus.***
- * Undergo a Civilian Criminal Background/ fingerprint check (BCI&I) completed by our WebCheck System and if needed, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).***
- * Complete a Volunteer Application Form and Signed Code of Conduct***

Completion of Protecting God's Children Awareness Session

Registration can only be completed online at www.virtus.org. Select "Registration" on the green bar, left side of screen. Complete the registration process. Print the confirmation form received by e-mail and bring it to the PGC session.

If attendance occurs at a location other than Saint Brigid, a **Certificate of Attendance** must be obtained by you at the end of the session and forwarded to Saint Brigid Parish Office to the attention of Stacey Nerone before compliance can be recorded in our parish records.

Fingerprinting Background Check

Saint Brigid requires that any volunteer complete a Civilian Criminal Background Check through the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation by being fingerprinted electronically by our National WebCheck System. This is required regardless of previous fingerprinting. Please schedule an appointment with Stacey Nerone, Safe Environment Program Coordinator at snerone@midohio.twcbc.com . Individuals must provide a valid Ohio driver's license and will be asked to provide their social security number.