

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL ADULTS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS



Praesidium's "Called to Protect"™ is a second generation multi-media training program focused on matters of personal safety, abuse prevention and the creation of safe environments for children in Grades K-12.

It does not replace the VIRTUS training for employees and volunteers, but is supplementary to that. This first-ever program designed specifically for Catholic elementary, middle and high school aged youth is based upon the latest child development research on how children and youth can best protect themselves.

Lessons will be woven into the current health curriculum in the day school, and made part of our faith formation and youth offerings. A yearly parent meeting will be offered covering topics such as how offenders gain access to children, warning signs to look for in children and adults, and actions to take when noticed.

Parent Session:



QUESTIONS:

For questions regarding VIRTUS™ or Called to Protect™, contact Anna Lee at leeabrianna156@gmail.com or call 440.477.1875 or the St. Gabriel Parish Office at 440-354-7856

Visit our website at www.st-gabriel.org for copies of specific forms, handbooks and other important information.

If you suspect child abuse, you MUST call civic authorities. In Lake County, call Lake County Department of Job and Family Services 440.350.4000.

If you suspect child sexual abuse in the Diocese of Cleveland, call the 24 hour response line AFTER you call civil authorities 216-334-2999.

For victim assistance call 216-334.2999



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SAFETY FIRST!



- **VIRTUS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS**
- **FINGERPRINTING**
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INFORMATION FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children"™ remains the primary child abuse training and education prevention program required by the Diocese of Cleveland for all employees and volunteers. A volunteer requiring VIRTUS training is defined as anyone who works with children without any express or implied promise of remuneration, more than 4 hours a month, or who works with children more frequently than once a month. Examples include, but are not limited to, a catechist, coach, choir director, altar server, coordinator, youth leader, intern, student teacher and others in similar capacities. The training consists of a three-hour training and the completion of 24 online VIRTUS education bulletins over a two-year period.

VIRTUS TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. GABRIEL PARISH ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:*

- * April 6, 2019– 9:00am-12:00pm
- * May 11, 2019– 9:00am--12:00pm
- * July 24, 2019-6:00pm-9:00pm
- * August 21, 2019- 6:00pm-9:00pm
- * September 14, 2019– 9:00am-12:00pm
- * October 19, 2019– 9:00am-12:00pm
- All Classes will take place in the Community Room of the church

Visit www.virtus.org to register for an above class or to see what is offered in our area.

The following paperwork needs to be completed by an Employee/Volunteer:

1. [Employee/Volunteer Application](#) (complete both sides including references).
2. Read [The Policy for the Safety of Children In Matters of Sexual Abuse](#) and sign Page 57.
3. Read [Standards of Conduct for Ministry](#) and sign back page.
4. Read the [Safety First Handbook](#) and sign back page.
5. Provide a copy of your driver license.

Paperwork can be printed from st-gabriel.org under important info and links ; then safety first.

ALL PAPERWORK SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ANNA LEE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

FINGERPRINTING:

1. All employees/volunteers are required to be fingerprinted through BCI&I. If employee/ volunteer has not lived in the state of Ohio for the previous five years, they are required to have a FBI check.

2. The cost for BCI&I Check is \$24.00. This fee is due at the time of fingerprinting. (Drivers license is required at this time) Cash or checks made payable to St. Gabriel Church

3. The cost for a FBI Check is \$28.00. This fee is due at the time of fingerprinting. (Drivers license is required at this time) Cash or checks made payable to St. Gabriel Church.

4. Volunteers 14-17 years of age are required to be fingerprinted; the parish will cover this cost. (Minors will need their social security number) Finger Printing Permission Slip needs to be signed by a parent /guardian for all minors.

Fingerprinting will take place at St. Gabriel Parish on the following dates:

- * July 21, 2019 9am-12pm
- * August 18, 2019 9am-12pm
- * September 15, 2019 9am-12pm
- * October 20, 2019 9am-12pm

Or you may call to schedule an appointment (440-477-1875). Please see Anna Lee in the office across from the Chapel in the Church office



