

# ***Protecting God's Children for Adults***

## **Safe Environment Program initial training sessions**

### **Sample Bulletin Announcement**

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We can't be with our children at all times, but we can learn ways to help keep them safe when we're not there. Employees and those volunteers who have contact with minors or vulnerable adults are required to have initial training at the start of their work if they have never taken it before.

Our Safe Environment Program requirements are met through our Virtus database, and when you create your profile you'll be prompted to register for an initial training session. We have two formats available for initial training: an in-person group session at a parish or school which takes about 3 hours; OR an internet-based personal session which you can do from your home computer in about 90 minutes. Either format fulfills the requirement for initial training. *Protecting God's Children for Adults* was written and developed by *Virtus*, a program developed by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group.

You'll learn:

- Facts and myths about child sexual abuse;
- How offenders gain access to children;
- Warning signs to look for in children, or adults;
- Actions to take when you notice warning signs.

If you prefer an ***in-person group session for initial training*** please register for an upcoming 3-hour session. We'll be hosting our next Safe Environment initial training in-person session:

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Length of Session:** 3 hours

If you prefer an ***internet-based personal session for initial training*** please register when you create your profile.

**IMPORTANT:** Initial training is intended for people who have *never* had Safe Environment training before. If you need to meet this requirement, please register for either format online by visiting [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and logging in as an existing user with your User ID and password. If you are a new user, please click "first time registrant" and follow the instructions.

If you need assistance with your registration or have any questions please contact the parish office at:

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