

Safe Environment for Children and Youth

Fingerprinting

The Archdiocese, in an effort to help ensure the safety of our children while attending parish sponsored events, requires that all volunteers and paid employees, who work with children, complete a fingerprint background check. A form titled *Archdiocese of Cincinnati Background Check Release Form* needs to be signed by a Parish Office staff person, or a VAC Representative, dependent upon the area in which you will be working with children.

Virtus Child Protection Training

Effective June 18, 2012, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has substantially changed the way it conducts training for its *Decree on Child Protection*. In our continuing effort to maintain a safe environment for all children at our parish activities, all volunteers and employees who work with children must attend an Archdiocesan scheduled Virtus training session. These are available at many different locations. That information can be found online by registering at: http://www.virtus.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm

This is in conjunction with the already in place Child Protection Decree Program that the Archdiocese has sponsored for the past several years. ***Even if you have already completed the Child Protection Decree Program, you must now attend an Archdiocese of Cincinnati sponsored Virtus program to validly work in any capacity with the children of our parish.***

All training sessions on the *Decree* will now be known as VIRTUS® Child Awareness Sessions. Each Child Awareness Session will last 3½ – 4 hours. Thank you in advance for your efforts in helping St. Leo the Great have a safe environment in which our children can worship, work and play.