

Safe Environment/VIRTUS Training

Volunteer Safe Environment Requirements

The Archdiocese of Atlanta requires that all adult volunteers (18 years old or older) working with children, youth, and/or vulnerable individuals must complete the Safe Environment training (VIRTUS) and undergo a background screening before they start volunteering. For more information for volunteers, [CLICK HERE](#).

In addition, volunteers must be familiar with the Reporting Child Abuse Guidelines. To view these guidelines, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Guyden (770-939-3501 ext. 226)

VIRTUS Training

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Program incorporates proven best practice standards for the prevention of child sexual abuse by clergy, staff, volunteers, and others who interact with children within the Catholic Church and School environments.

Participants are made aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and are presented with five easy steps to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training. Facilitators incorporate Archdiocesan policies and procedures into the training, defining child sexual abuse and addressing the legal requirements of reporting child sexual abuse. Click [here](#) to learn about training and other information.