Catholic Diocese of Memphis

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Safety & Security Newsletter

Protecting Our Children

Protecting children is a shared responsibility. Our Catholic faith calls us to create environments where children are safe, respected, supported, and able to grow in faith.

This Month's Safety Message

Creating safe Catholic communities requires all of us—parents, teachers, clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners, and students—to work together. Our commitment to protecting children is more than a policy or procedure. It is an expression of our Catholic responsibility to care for the vulnerable and to create communities where every child is treated with dignity, compassion, and respect.

This Month's Safety Checklist

- ✓ Follow diocesan policies governing interactions between adults and minors.
- ✓ Ensure all volunteers and employees complete VIRTUS training and screening.
- ✓ Use appropriate, observable, and interruptible settings for ministry with children.
- ✓ Maintain appropriate physical and emotional boundaries.
- ✓ Use approved communication methods when communicating with minors.
- ✓ Never ignore behavior that violates established boundaries.



"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." — Matthew 18:5