

Safe Environment Program— Protecting God’s Children

Moms, dads, grandparents, parishioners...

If you have children or grandchildren, have an interest in helping with our various children’s programs, and you are considering working or volunteering with children at St. Mary at any time, it is mandated by the diocese, prior to volunteering, that you must attend a PGC program and be fingerprinted. Please explore the VIRTUS website and we believe you will find it very educational. Please don’t wait to be asked to become involved, please be ready to help with your children! Please be proactive and register now. Also, please keep in mind St. Mary offers only one program in the fall of each year, but many sessions are available throughout the diocese year round.

Specific guidelines are available through the diocesan website www.coldsdioc.org and click on “Protecting our Children”.

**St. Mary’s only session for the 2009-2010 school year will be offered..
Thursday, September 10, 2009**

**Registration 6:00-6:30 pm Session begins promptly @ 6:30 pm in the school commons,
66 E. William St.**

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ON-LINE.

REGISTER NOW space is limited!

- † To register for a session in the diocese, go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow “Registration” button located just below the login.
- † For those who do not have access to the internet, please contact Regina Quinn (Columbus Diocese) at 614-241-2565 to register or contact our parish office for assistance.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Janet Conroy at the parish office 740-363-4641 ext. 101 or email jconroy@delawarestmary.org.

Electronic fingerprinting is available in the **school office the second Friday of each month during the school year, 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There is a fee of \$25 & you must provide a valid drivers license. We strongly recommend you call the school office to ensure the machine is on-site.**

Protecting God’s Children™ is a three-hour introductory workshop designed to raise awareness about the reality of child sexual abuse. Through videos and facilitated group discussion format, the session helps participants become more familiar with the issues and myths surrounding child sexual abuse; signs of sexual abuse in children; behavioral patterns of perpetrators; steps the Church is taking to prevent future abuse; and a plan of action for adults to remain watchful for would be perpetrators.