

# OCTOBER SEC NEWSLETTER

## **New diocesan policies and acknowledgement:**

- The link was reset in July 17, 2018 to all active people in the Diocese to reflect the revised policies
- If your people have not received this link or have not acknowledged the new policies from May 2018 please let me know. I can set this for them.
- If you want to check to see if they are compliant with the policies, run a Master Report for your location, then go all the way to the bottom and click on "Safe Environment Policy", then Run Report to Screen. If the date is older than July 17 2018 they will need to have the link reset so they can acknowledge the new updated Diocesan Policies Relating to Sexuality and Personnel Behavior. This should be for all active employees and volunteers for your entity. They will need to log in to complete this process. No email was sent by VIRTUS in regards to this unfortunately.

## **Sign off sheet for new children curriculum and Who is your new SEC for this year? Past Due September 1st.**

I am missing sign off sheets from these locations:

- Bloomfield
- Centerville
- Colfax
- Columbus Junction
- Cosgrove
- St. Anthony – Davenport
- Grand Mound/Lost Nation/Toronto
- St. Patrick – Iowa City
- Mt Pleasant
- St Mary of the Visitation – Ottumwa
- Richland/E. Pleasant Plain
- Victor
- St James Parish - Washington
- St James School - Washington
- West Liberty

## **ESR – Background/Credit Checks:**

- A person has to either enter their FULL ss# or click the button that says NO SS#. The system will not accept partials anymore.

## **Secure Diocesan Website Pages:**

- Mid October I will be working on putting our webinars on the secure side of our website which requires a password. It was brought to my attention this would be a good idea since I talk about scenarios that happen in our diocese and I also show parish/school info when doing the webinars. In order for someone not to use this information against us, I have decided it would be better suited to be on our secure password protected website page. When this is completed I will send you instructions and password to access this.

## **VIRTUS**

### ***Master Report:***

- If you use this, you can now run a report and select more than one location at a time. Ex: cluster parishes can choose all 2-3 locations and run one report. I am working on getting this option for the “compliance” report as well.

### ***Summary Tab:***

- I talked about this in the webinar, this will be a new tab that you will see on everyone’s account. You can click on it and it will show you the training, background/credit checks, and policies acknowledged.
- When this is available I will send out instructions

### ***Training for Minors:***

- Healthy Relationship Module will be assigned to someone that registers with VIRTUS and selects they are a minor. This module is better fitted to this age group.
- If they happen to complete the PGC 3.2 that is still fine.

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## Compliance Reports:

- You should be running reports before school and parish programs start.
- Those that are not compliant have to be compliant before they start.
- Roles: It is very important you fix a person's roles related to your parish/school.
- Incorrect roles will result in people either getting training or not getting the proper training and or credit checks. It will also affect your "compliance report."
- If you have volunteers, make sure they are recorded as a volunteer working or not working with minors; same for vulnerable adults. This triggers training and also the compliance report.
- New- 3 extra columns; Training Exp. / BGC Exp. / Docs Exp.
  - These new columns will show you when that particular requirement expires. Ex: BGC 10-1-13 BGC Expr. 10-1-18.
  - The Training Exp. Is not working yet so you won't see anything. We have to work on this one. But the other columns are.
  - Remember if you see **RED** you need to see what a person is not compliant with.

## Charter from USCCB – new changes coming

## Emails from VIRTUS

- Remember when you get an email from VIRTUS saying a new person has registered, please go into their account right away to fix their roles.
- Make sure they have the correct training or background and or credit check. If not please contact me.

Training Webinars: These are uploaded on the diocesan website. <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/se-library>

## VIRTUS Training Conference:

- Internet Safety – educate adults on setting restrictions on phones, ipads, computers, gaming systems, etc. Porn is the most thing tweens, teens, adults google and view.
- Sexting is the new "flirting" method
- Where the kids are is "where the predators are"
- Technology is rewiring the children's brains.
- We are allowing our children to be exposed.
- "Create In Me A Clean Heart" Book – A Pastoral Response to Pornography.
- Increased level of awareness regarding abuse and boundaries.
- Abuse is not limited to minors
- Survivors are feeling more empowered to speak out.
- Recognizing Stress/Trauma and how to deal with it.
  - Flee, Flight, Freeze
  - 6 Key Principals of Trauma Informed Safety
    - Trustworthiness & Transparency
    - Peer Support
    - Collaboration & Mutuality
    - Empowerment, Voice, and Choice
    - Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues
- If you can't say it, it isn't real. Ex: saying I am sorry
- "If you see something, Say something"
- Child Sexual Abuse is an old Crime
  - Computers, tablets, smart phones, apps
  - Another technique for molesters to gain access to children

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- New tools
- New evidence
- But it is still the same crime!
- Kids with cell phones:
  - How young is too young?
  - Adults should know the passcodes
  - Parental permission required to download a mobile device app
  - One in four under eight has a phone or iPad
  - Naturally curious and trusting
  - Easily led by adults
  - Need love, attention, and affection
  - Often from a single parent family
- Third of child abuse images are now SELFIES as number of illegal pics skyrockets by 37% - The Sun Newspaper April 2018

### **How To Instructions:**

- I will be updating the instructions to reflect the new ESR change, the new changes to VIRTUS, Healthy Relationships for Minors and hopefully the Charter new requirements. When these are done I will send them out and they will be uploaded to the diocesan website.

### **Website:**

- This newsletter will be put on the diocesan website under the Safe Environment Library page under Local Designees: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/se-library>

### **Resources:**

Iowa Courts Online <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/ESAWebApp/TrialSimpFrame>

National Sex Offender Registry <https://www.nsopw.gov>

Iowa Sex Offender Registry <http://www.iowasexoffender.com/search>

Illinois Sex Offender Registry <https://www.isp.state.il.us/sor>