

AUGUST SEC NEWSLETTER

Virginia Out of the Office or not available:

- Aug. 1, 8, 14, 15, 28 afternoon

Safe Environment Local Designee and Agreement to Curriculum – Past Due July 31, 2019.

Each year the Pastor and/or Principal needs to designate the local safe environment coordinator for each of their locations. This person is responsible for local confidential record keeping, your compliance to the Diocese, Stonebridge Audit, and any questions I might. I will also add this person to our email list serve so they get all the up-to-date information and requirements as well as to having rights in VIRTUS to do their job effectively.

This form is also letting us know that you are aware and will implement the required Safe Environment Curriculum for K-12 youth in your entities. We use the “Empowering God’s Children” Curriculum from VIRTUS. This year we are on Lesson 2.

New sheet:

I can only accept our Excel spreadsheet of those in active and inactive ministry for Audit 2019-2020. I have attached the form to this email. You can start recording your people on this list. This will help you throughout the year.

Updated on Website:

- Safe Environment Local Designee Handbook
- Bishop Letters
- SE Requirements
- How to instructions

Upcoming Webinars lead by Virginia:

I have set up the following training webinars. These trainings are for yourself and your Safe Environment Person. They need be attending Session 1 and 2 and the Children’s Safe Environment Training.

We will be reviewing the Diocesan requirements, Stonebridge audit results, polices, and procedures of the Safe Environment Program. Some topics covered will be: who is required to do Safe Environment, scenarios on how to handle certain situations, what do you do when someone wants to be an employee or volunteer at your location, using free resources to get more information, Empowering God’s Children Curriculum and helpful tools for tracking for the next audit period. Do you know there is a policy and procedure if a parent or family member is on the sex offender registry? How do you handle this? Liability situations when someone uses your facilities. 3rd party businesses: what do you require from them to meet our Safe Environment Requirements. If you have questions prior to any of these sessions please submit them to trujillo@davenportdiocese.org and they will be addressed during the next webinar session. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to Virginia to RSVP as such.

- **Safe Environment Requirements/Policies/Parameters: Option 2 on Aug 01, 2019 8:30 AM CDT at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9114510889750463234>
- **Safe Environment Requirements/Policies/Parameters: Option 3 on Sep 17, 2019 8:30 AM CDT at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6783957456214200834>

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This will be on managing the VIRTUS database, compliance, tracking and reports. How do you run reports? How do you know if someone is compliant in VIRTUS? What numbers do you report on the Stonebridge Audit? What if I have a person that is active in Sept. but no longer active for our location, what do I do? Questions and demonstrations will be reviewed during these sessions. If you have questions prior to any of these sessions please submit them to trujillo@davenportdiocese.org and they will be addressed during the next webinar session. If you prefer to attend in person you are welcome to do so. Please send an email to Virginia to RSVP as such.

- **Safe Environment Virtus Program Database: Option 2 on Aug 01, 2019 12:30 PM CDT at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3755813372876876802>
- **Safe Environment Virtus Program Database: Option 3 on Sep 17, 2019 12:30 PM CDT at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8441662550109412866>

This session is for: Clergy, Faith Formation leaders, Principals, Catholic School Teachers and Safe Environment Coordinators. We will be using Empowering God's Children Lesson 2 for 2019-2020. I will be training everyone on how the program works and how to record training in VIRTUS. I will then answer any questions you might have after the training session.

- **Children's Safe Environment Training: Option 1 on Aug 15, 2019 8:30 AM CDT at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7252434072041830658>
- **Children's Safe Environment Training: Option 2 on Aug 15, 2019 12:30 PM CDT at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4254273670794313218>

Webinar Recordings:

These are on the private side of our website. Please use the link and the password is: SafeENV

Session 1: Safe Environment Requirements Policies Parameters <https://youtu.be/LeEzdCuTIY>

Session 2 : Safe Environment Virtus Program Database <https://youtu.be/P-7mU2pgAQ>

Empowering God's Children Curr: coming soon

Background checks:

- I have assigned the background check link to those roles I have listed on my Chancery report. If a person is due for a background check between July 1 – Dec 30, I assigned them the link on July 19, 2019. I asked this to be completed by July 31st. This includes but not limited to: clergy, DRE's, host parents, etc.
- You should be running your report to see who is due at your location and I can assign the link for them.

VIRTUS:

- Run your reports to see who is on it, are they compliant, do they need to be made inactive.
- All people that are not in ministry should be made inactive by December 13, 2019.
- New Video will be assigned to every active person in VIRTUS as of Jan. 2, 2020. All are required to complete this training within 2 weeks.
- Anyone that is due for background check between July 1 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019 you can send me their name and I will force the link so they can get it done before school and programs start.

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- Anyone that is due for a background check between Jan 1 2020 – June 30, 2020 you can send me their name and I will force the link so they can get it done in Jan at the same time as the training video. This way they should be compliant by the time we work on audit.
- Audit 2020 – will be an onsite audit by the Stonebridge Auditors, you could be added to the list to have a site visit from them. Please make sure all people are compliant and registered as they should be in VIRTUS.

Resources:

- Protect Young Eyes – Pornhub is on Snapchat and parents have no idea
https://protectyouneyes.com/warning-pornhub-is-on-snapchat-and-parents-have-no-idea/?mc_cid=0e1b49aa71&mc_eid=f22f8159a8
- Protect Young Eyes – Social Media, Gaming, Photo and Video Apps Explained:
<https://protectyouneyes.com/apps/>
- Protect Young Eyes – 3 reasons internet risk is higher during the summer:
https://protectyouneyes.com/three-reasons-internet-risk-higher-during-summer/?mc_cid=6617865339&mc_eid=f22f8159a8
- Protect Young Eyes – Privacy on Phones https://protectyouneyes.com/how-to-protect-privacy-iphone/?mc_cid=1b8a903e53&mc_eid=f22f8159a8
- Protect Young Eyes – Parental Control Apps recommended -
https://protectyouneyes.com/content/covenant-eyes/?mc_cid=38c4a21823&mc_eid=f22f8159a8
- Protect Young Eyes – My State to the Senate Judiciary Committee -
https://www.facebook.com/protectyouneyes/?mc_cid=38c4a21823&mc_eid=f22f8159a8
- Protect Young Eyes – Do violent video games cause violent behavior in kids?
https://protectyouneyes.com/do-violent-video-games-cause-violent-behavior-in-kids/?mc_cid=38c4a21823&mc_eid=f22f8159a8