

DIOCESE OF CANTON CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

September 15, 2003

The Diocese of Canton recognizes that criminal background checks help to ensure the protection of children. For this reason, all clergy (bishops, priests and deacons), religious, employees and volunteers who come into contact with children while working or volunteering in any diocesan or parish institution and/or program will have a criminal background check.

Parish/school/religious education employees/volunteers who have not previously had a criminal background check will be required to do so through their State Police Department at a cost ranging from \$7.00-\$15.00 depending of the state.

Any parish, school or religious education program currently using another resource for criminal background checks of employees or volunteers may continue to do so.

Criminal background checks are to be completed within a reasonable period of time, which will vary, depending upon the size of the parish. All checks should be completed by October 15, 2003.

The pastor/administrator will receive results of criminal background checks conducted by the State Police. It will be his responsibility to keep the information on file.

For more information or assistance, contact:

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