



## Keeping Children & Youth Safe Safe Environment Program

**The Diocese of Fort Worth is utilizing an online Safe Environment training program for its employees and volunteers in ministry. To access this online training, login onto the internet and enter [www.safeandsacred-fwdioc.org](http://www.safeandsacred-fwdioc.org) and follow the online instructions to create a new account.**

Creating a safe environment for children and youth is a diocesan priority. All employees (priests, deacons, religious and laity) and parish volunteers are required to participate in the Safe Environment Program. Ministers, employees and volunteers are required to do online retraining every three (3) years.

### **The Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Fort Worth requires:**

- Completion of online training modules regarding the dynamics of child abuse and abuse-prevention strategies (required every three years).
- Review and agreement with the Code of Conduct and Behavior Standards Document. *(You will be prompted to complete this form within the online training module.)*
- Review and signing of the Authorization for Release of Information Document. *(You will be prompted to complete this form within the online training module.)*
- Criminal Background Check Clearance.
- Volunteer Ministry Application (available at the church or online at the diocesan website [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org))

For more information, please contact Ann Geasland, Safe Environment Coordinator, at [ageasland2@aol.com](mailto:ageasland2@aol.com) or Dorothy Tyler, the Associate Director of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Fort Worth at [dt Tyler@fwdioc.org](mailto:dt Tyler@fwdioc.org) . To report suspected child abuse, please contact Fr. Reehan or Dorothy Tyler.