

LAY MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO CHAPERONE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE FOR DIOCESAN-SPONSORED EVENTS

This procedure is intended to provide safety and security for youth and young adults who travel outside the Diocese and/or outside the country for parish, school, or other diocesan-sponsored ministries or events.

Consistent with child and youth protection mandates, lay ministers and volunteers are required to adhere to this procedure for all events that the Diocese and/or parishes, schools, and others ministries sponsor, support, or promote.

Procedure

All lay ministers, paid or unpaid and all volunteers (including chaperones and parents) must:

1. provide proof of a national background check within the last five years or sign the Background Check Consent form (303) and pass a background check through Selection.com.
2. provide proof of participation in safe environment training consistent with Article 12, USSCB Charter, or participate in the Diocese's Protecting God's Children training
3. read the Catholic Mutual "CARES" Guidelines/Standards of Behavior and Youth Trips Involving Overnight Stay (Catholic Mutual) on the Protecting God's Children webpage

Parishes, Newman Centers, schools, or other diocesan ministries that plan to sponsor out-of-Diocese or out-of- country trips, events, or retreats for youth and young contact [Dr. Duane Schafer](#), Director, Office of Child and Youth Protection (509) 358-4283 to confirm these requirements have been met before travelling.

Effective September 1, 2019, the Diocese's Office of Child and Youth Protection oversees this process.

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