

Requirements for All Volunteers with Access to Minors

VIRTUS Training and Background Screening

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is committed to ensuring that diocesan institutions and ministries provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The mission of the diocese *Safe Environment Program* is to create a safe environment incorporating the standards as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

According to the background screening policies in the Diocese of Richmond, “All school volunteers as well as parish and on-school volunteers, who work with or have regular access to children/youth, must have completed the VIRTUS training program, “Protecting God’s Children for Adults”, and read the monthly training bulletins.”

In addition to the VIRTUS class, you must have a background screening completed. You will complete the background screening as you go through the VIRTUS sign-up process online. The background screening must be renewed every 5 years.

To complete the process go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>