

# ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 1, 2022

## **Important information about VIRTUS**

Please be aware the Archdiocese *strongly recommends* everyone in the Parish be VIRTUS certified with a background check. We understand in new situations a parent may want to be in the classroom, Children's Liturgy of the Word, stay for VBS, or be present during Youth Group events. Any time other children, besides your own, are involved we are required to have the parents/volunteers/observers to have Virtus and a background check. St. Anna's is offering a Virtus Session on August 13, 2023, from 10 AM – 1 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up, at the end of the message is the directions of how to sign up on line.

The Safe Environment training for adults of the Archdiocese of Atlanta includes training in how to recognize, prevent and report abuse. All employees, and volunteers who regularly work with minors receive this initial training, as well as ongoing training and background screening. The Standards of Conduct, which include *The Code of Conduct, Sexual Abuse Policy, Ministerial Standards for Clergy, Educators and all Working with Children and Vulnerable Individuals*, as well as the *Social Media Policy* and the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* are available in the Safe Environment section of the Archdiocese of Atlanta website at <https://archatl.com/ministries-services/safe-environment/>

For more information on the VIRTUS program *Teaching Safety – Empowering God's Children*, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/touchingsafetyprogram.cfm> or visit the Safe Environment section of the Archdiocese of Atlanta website at <https://archatl.com/ministries-services/safe-environment/grades-k-12/>.

We thank you for partnering with us in working to keep all children safe.

For more training dates around the archdiocese please visit:

### **HOW DO I PRE-REGISTER FOR VIRTUS PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION?**

Please follow the instructions on how to create an account and to pre-register by clicking below.

A Summarized version of registration steps are listed below: Go to [virtusonline.org](https://virtusonline.org).

1. Click on Registration
2. Select Begin the Registration Process
3. Select Atlanta, GA Archdiocese from the drop down
4. Create User ID and password-Do not use a shared email address
5. Complete personal information
6. Select primary Location, role, and title (IF you are an EMPLOYEE of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, please select your employer as the primary location)
7. Let us know if you are involved with more than one location 8. Select a Protecting God's Children session from the list