

## **Safe Environment Reminder**

St. Matthew is blessed to have numerous ministries that work with children to educate, provide faith formation, offer service opportunities, and just have fun. Our commitment to provide protection to the children and youth in our care necessitates that we comply with the archdiocese's safe environment regulations. Therefore, all volunteers working in our children's ministries are required to do the following:

1. Register on the database - [cmgconnect.org](http://cmgconnect.org) (this is a new database; information from the old one has been imported into this database);
2. Complete archdiocesan safe environment training **prior to and within three years of service**; (first time, in-person; renewals, online);
3. Undergo a background check through the archdiocese **prior to & within three years of service**.

**Ministry coordinators are responsible for ensuring that their volunteers have been approved to work with minors – please send me a list of your volunteers prior to the beginning of the school/ ministry year and/or for each ministry event involving volunteers so we can check that they are in compliance.** This includes volunteers for any virtual activities where volunteers interact with children.

When inquiring regarding volunteer compliance for an event, please be sure to do so at least two weeks in advance to ensure sufficient time for training renewal, updated background checks, and/or receiving and inputting the information in the system.

Volunteers may also contact the rectory office directly to confirm compliance, 737-4537 or [smabusiness@arch-no.org](mailto:smabusiness@arch-no.org).

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Your service to this parish and our children is invaluable and greatly appreciated!

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